

# ADVENT VESPERS

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Northfield, Minnesota

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## \*Prayer

☞ Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

## \*Hymn — “O God, We Call” (ACS #1075)

Linnea Good

O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from

deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn for you.

Text and Music: Linnea Good © 1994 Borealis Music

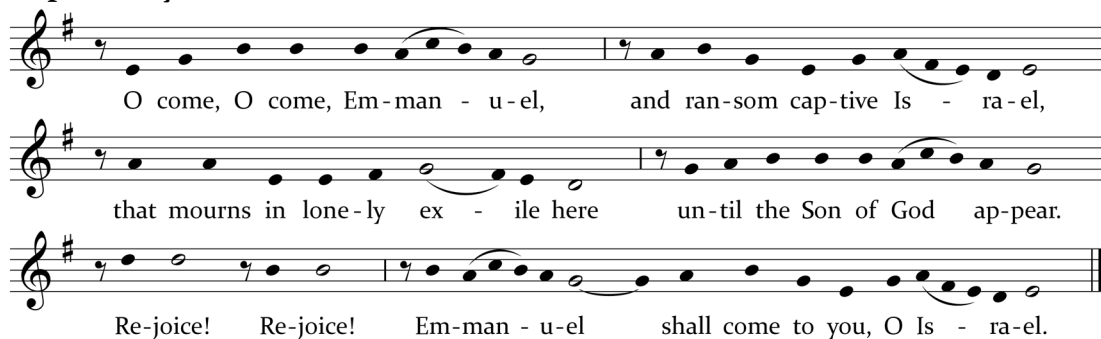
*Sung three times.*

## \*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

📖 We praise you, Redeeming One.  
As we light two candles on this wreath,  
kindle in us your Spirit's fire, that we might  
welcome others as you have welcomed us.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming  
is certain, and whose day draws near.

📖 Amen.

## \*Response Hymn — “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *stanza 1* VENI, EMMANUEL



O come, O come, Em-man - u-el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra-el,  
that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un-til the Son of God ap-pear.  
Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u-el shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, 1710, tr. composite; Music: French processional, 15th cent.

## Gospel Reading — Luke 2:1-7

## Homily

Hymn — ELW No. 279

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”



## Advent Prayer

- P** Holy God,  
the Beginning and the Ending, our Hope as we wait,  
we praise you for joining us to your people of old.  
We bless you for your prophets who call us to righteousness  
and promise a new earth with peace for all.  
For the Word of your covenant,
- C** **we thank you, O God.**
- P** We praise you for the coming of Jesus our Lord,  
who lifts up the lowly, heals the suffering world,  
and proclaims your way of mercy and truth.  
For your Word who is Christ,
- C** **we magnify you, O God.**
- P** Send your Spirit on all who receive your Word.  
Nurture our faith with your grace,  
accompany us with your might,  
and empower our zeal for your justice and joy.  
For your Word through the church,
- C** **we praise you, O God.**
- P** All praise to you, holy God,  
today, tomorrow, and forever.
- C** **Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Stanzas 1–3*

**\*Blessing**

☐ The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

☑ Amen.

**\*Peace**

*You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you.*

**Postlude**



**Worship Leaders:**

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Organ: David Sims

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