

C: Hear God's promises, witness God's faithfulness,

L: sing with Mary, rejoice with Elizabeth.

C: Prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

+OPENING PRAYER (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: O Lord our God, you break into our world with messages of comfort, peace, and joy. Renew our strength as we wait for your coming. Shine your light for those who live in darkness. Establish your peace throughout the earth. Prepare our hearts for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of us all.

C: Amen.

LESSONS AND CAROLS



ANTIPHON {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

O wisdom, preceding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

HYMN STANZA

“O Come, O Wisdom”

ELW #257

Verse 2

O Come, O Wisdom from on high,
Embracing all things far and nigh:
In strength and beauty come and stay;
Teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

LESSON {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

Isaiah 40:3-5

HYMN

“Holy God, Holy and Glorious”
Verse 1, Choir, Verses 4 & 5 – All

ELW #637



ANTIPHON (*Beth Angerhofer*)

O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

HYMN STANZA

“O Come, O Lord”

ELW #257

Verse 3

O Come, O come, O Lord of might,
As to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times you gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

CAROL

“Lost in the Night”
Verses 1 & 3

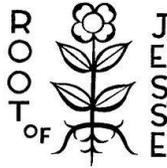
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Verse 1

Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively sighing with hearts full of anguish.
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?

Verse 3

Sorrowing wand’rers, in darkness yet dwelling,
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death’s deepest shadows forever dispelling,
Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!

ANTIPHON {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly to deliver us.

HYMN STANZA

“O Come, O Branch of Jesse”

ELW #257

Verse 4

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save,
And give them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

LESSON (*Pastor Rob*)

Isaiah 11:1-10

CAROL

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
Verses 1, 2 & 4 – All; Verse 3 – Choir

ELW #272

Verse 1

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming
As seers of old have sung,
It came, a flow’r so bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Verse 3

This flow’r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev’rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death he save us
And lightens ev’ry load.

Verse 2

Isaiah had foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

Verse 4

O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And into endless day.



ANTIPHON (*Beth Angerhofer*)

O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

HYMN STANZA

“O Come, O Key of David”

ELW #257

Verse 5

O Come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

LESSON (*Beth Angerhofer*)

Isaiah 42:5-9

CAROL

“Hark, the Glad Sound”

ELW #239

Verses 1 & 4 – All; Verse 2 - Choir

Verse 1

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And eve'ry voice a song.

The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

Verse 2

He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.

Verse 4

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.



ANTIPHON {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

HYMN STANZA

“O Come, O Dayspring”

ELW #257

Verse 6

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

LESSON (*Pastor Rob*)

Luke 1:46b-55

SONG

“Come Light of Lights”
St. Luke's Choir

Ruth Cunningham



ANTIPHON (*Beth Angerhofer*)

O King of nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people: Come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

HYMN STANZA

“O Come, O King”

ELW #257

Verse 7

O Come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
Refresh the hearts that long for you;
Restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

LESSON (*Beth Angerhofer*)

Luke 1:68-79

CAROL

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Verses 1 & 3 – All; Verse 2 – Choir

ELW #270

Verse 1

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
Join th etriump of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Veiled in flesh the God-head see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Verse 3

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.

Refrain



ANTIPHON {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the anointed of the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, Lord our God.

HYMN STANZA

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW #257

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

+RESPONSIVE PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

L: O Lord our God, be gracious to us;
C: **we wait for you.**
L: Dispel the darkness,
C: **that all nations may come to your light.**
L: Establish your peace on the earth;
C: **join our voices to sing your praise.**
L: Comfort the sick and weary;
C: **renew their strength and power.**
L: O Lord, our God, come to us,
C: **that the earth may behold your glory.**

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED (*Beth Angerhofer*)

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+THE PRAYERS (*Beth Angerhofer*)

After each petition:

L: God of love,
C: **we wait in hope.**

+THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

L: Be people of love. Let love live in your heart and share the love of Christ with all you meet. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

+SENDING HYMN

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

ELW #242

+DISMISSAL (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Hark, the Glad Sound”
Lori Murray

Paul Manz