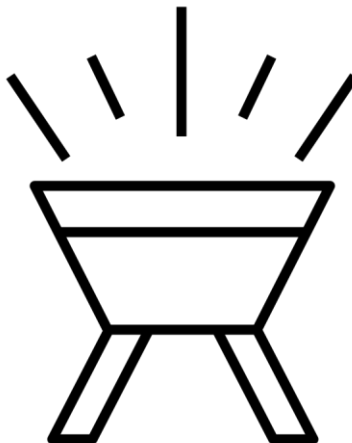


THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Worship Focus

Come Lord Jesus! – As Immanuel



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Order of Service for FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Order of Service

The Service: Setting Two

✠ Gathering ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP

Played by violin

*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!*

OPENING HYMN

322 – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

The choir will lead. The congregation is invited to join in singing as they feel comfortable.



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in



set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and
all the earth thou art, dear de - sire of
child and yet a king, born to reign in
all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -



sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

STAND

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

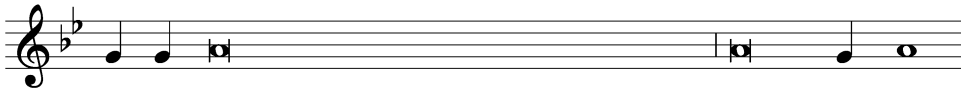
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the t Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

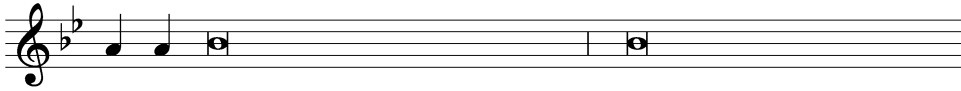
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For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



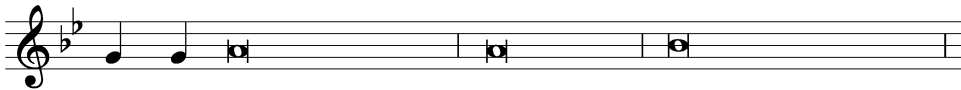
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



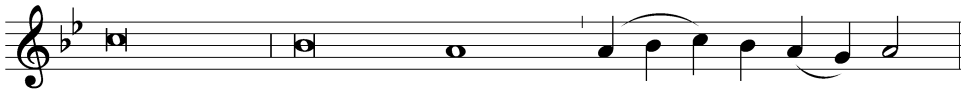
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

BE SEATED

SONG OF PRAISE

Sung by the worship team

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

*What hope we hold this starlit night:
A King is born in Bethlehem.
Our journey long, we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger ground.*

*What fear we felt in the silent age,
Four-hundred years can He be found?
But broken by a baby's cry;
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground.*

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Praise His name Emmanuel.*

*The son of God, here born to bleed;
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow.
And we beheld this offering,
Exalted now, the King of kings,
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground.*

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God incarnate, here to dwell
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Praise His name Emmanuel
Praise His name Emmanuel
O, praise His name, Emmanuel*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins, and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord promised that deliverance would come through the gift of Immanuel... born of a virgin.

¹⁰ISAIAH 7:10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

¹³Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Sung by the worship team

*Love will be our song forever, faithful love from ages past:
Love enshrined within a promise made by you and sure to last;
Human tongues and angel voices join in rev'rence and delight,
Praising your unrivaled splendor, loving Lord, the God of might.*

*Heav'n and earth alike affirm it: Lord, you are magnificent!
Evil pow'rs and hidden forces you have rendered impotent.
At your throne of love and justice we extol you, faithful King:
Blest are those who learn to trust you – they have ample cause to sing.*

*Once, when Israel lacked a leader, David was the man you chose;
An exalted throne you gave him, and relief from all his foes;
Even when your rebel people scorned your ways and spurned your law,
Still your promise shaped the future: love enduring evermore.*

*Now, though, we have felt your anger; now we find disaster near.
Shame is ours instead of triumph; neighbors see our plight and sneer.
How much longer till you hear us? Life is short, so swift our days!
Lord, renew the love you promised – fill your people's hearts with praise.*

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

*After thousands of years of God's promises, St. Paul sees them all fulfilled in Christ.
Jesus is Immanuel, true God and true man.*

^{ROMANS 1:1}Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—
²the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³regarding his Son,
who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴and who through the Spirit of holiness was
appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵Through
him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith
for his name's sake. ⁶And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND FOR THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 24:42



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:18-25

*In faith, Joseph accepted that within the womb of his bride-to-be was Immanuel—
the very Son of God, the promised Savior from sin.*

MATTHEW 1:18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

330 – Peace Came to Earth

The choir will sing verses 1-2. The congregation is invited to join on verses 3-4.



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho-sen night when an - gels
2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held the in - fant
3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen, in flesh and
4 How else could I have known you, O my God! How else could



clove the sky with song and light and God em - bod - ied
in their arms and lat - er felt the wound - ed hands and
blood you bore our griefs and pain, in bread and wine you
I have loved you, O my God! How else could I em -



love and sheathed his might— Who could but gasp: Im - man - u - el!
side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but sigh: Im - man - u - el!
vis - it us a - gain— Who could but see: Im - man - u - el!
brace you, O my God! Who could but pray: Im - man - u - el!



Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

✠ Sermon ✠

Matthew 1:18-25

Listen to the Story the Names Tell Us

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of
God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

Offerings can be given in any of four ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord Jesus, Lord almighty, you are strong and mighty in battle. We lift up our heads and open our hearts to you, our King of glory. You are our glory and strength. **You are the Holy One of Israel.**

Jesus, you are Immanuel, God with us. Drive away our doubts and fears with your gospel that tells us you became flesh, dwelled among us, and that you know our needs and our weakness. You are our glory and strength. **You are the Holy One of Israel.**

Your gospel was promised beforehand through the prophets in the Holy Scripture. Let this same Word call the nations near and far to your obedience that comes from faith, that people everywhere might believe in you, the Word made flesh. You are our glory and strength. **You are the Holy One of Israel.**

Just as Gabriel was sent to announce your coming birth to Joseph, you also send your messengers to us with your Word. Bless all pastors and teachers, and those who are preparing for the public ministry in your church. Keep your Word in their hearts and on their lips. You are our glory and strength. **You are the Holy One of Israel.**

When we are afraid, lead us to trust that nothing is impossible with you. We pray for all who deal with hardships, illnesses and losses [especially...]. Show them your favor. Uphold them in all their troubles, supply what they need for wholeness or healing, and strengthen their faith in your goodness with your Word of peace. You are our glory and strength. **You are the Holy One of Israel.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

O Lord, stir up your power and come. Mercifully fulfill all you have promised your Church to the end of the world; you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

✠ The Sacrament ✠

PREFACE



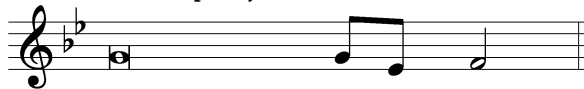
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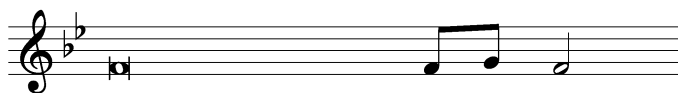
And al - so with you.



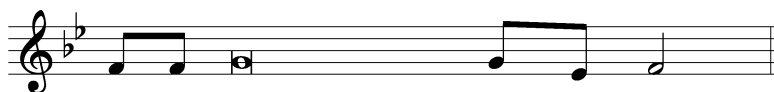
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Santus*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,

God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD *(Agnus Dei)*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

320 – As Angels Joyed with One Accord



1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord up - on the
2 He came, not clothed in maj - es - ty nor pow'r that
3 This done, he soared to God's right hand, yet or - phaned
4 In ev - 'ry age— let praise a - bound— he comes; we



ad - vent of our Lord, so let us glad - ly
suits his de - i - ty. In low - ly state he
not his cho - sen band, for he, not bound in
hear his voice re - sound. His glo - rious gos - pel



praise the name of him who from the Fa - ther came.
walked till he in dy - ing set us cap - tives free.
grace and pow'r, at - tends his own each day and hour.
does not cease to bring us com - fort, joy, and peace.

- 5 He comes in water to the child
and cleanses it, from birth defiled.
This washing seals his pard'ning grace
and shows the Father's kindly face.
- 6 He comes to us in bread and wine
to give himself and gifts divine.
O praise him for this sacrament,
redeeming love's great testament!
- 7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain
shall vanish when he comes again.
Where we shall see him face to face,
there joy alone shall have a place.

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

541 – How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, my



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, my Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
 how cold my warmest thought,
 but when I see you as you are,
 I'll praise you as I ought!

6 Till then I would your love proclaim
 with ev'ry fleeting breath;
 and may the music of your name
 refresh my soul in death.

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