

*Advent Dulcimer Evening Prayer December 20, 2022*

Prelude: with Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**O Come, O Come Emanuel**, new words by S. B. Eulberg (2004)

Week 4:           Em                           Am Em  
**O, Come, O come, Emmanuel,**  
                  Em                   D Em  
**And ransom captive Israel,**  
Am   D  
**That mourns in lonely exile here**  
Em                   Am           G  
**Until the son of God appear** *refrain*

G D Em Bm Am Em  
**Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel**  
          Em                   D Em  
**Shall come to you O Israel**

**The darkness grows and daylight fades**  
**and hope appears as dry, unwanted leaves**  
**We long for you, but fear you'll not come**  
**Yet still we yearn to welcome you home.** *refrain*

**O Come, Believers, come and prepare**  
**for our Beloved Christ to reappear**  
**He promised, as he left on the height,**  
**to come and take us to the Light.** *refrain*

**“Where two or three are gathered in my name**  
**Among them you will find me again**  
**And in the face of those called ‘the least’**  
**You’ll see me longing for the victory feast.”** *refrain*

Service of Light: (*Congregation answers by repeating the Leader*)

          Em                   D                   Em  
**Jesus Christ is the light of the world** (repeat)  
                  G                   D                   Em  
**The light no darkness can over come** (repeat)

**Stay with us Lord, for it is evening** (repeat)  
**And the day is almost over** (repeat)

**Let your light scatter the darkness** (repeat)  
**And illumine your church.** (repeat)

Hymnody: **The Day You Gave Us** (ST. CLEMENT) John Ellerton, Clement Scholefield

- D A7 Bn G  
1. **The day you gave— us Lord,— has ended,**  
D Bm E A  
**The darkness falls— at your behest**  
D A Bm G  
**To you— our morning hymns— ascended;**  
D G Em A7 D Em A7 (D)  
**Your praise— shall hal—low now— our rest.**
2. **We thank— you that— your Church,— unsleeping  
while earth rolls on—ward into light,  
through all— the world— its watch— is keeping,  
and nev—er rests— by day— or night.**
3. **As to— each con—tinent— and island  
the dawn leads on— another day,  
the voice— of prayer— is nev—er silent,  
nor dies— the strain— of praise— away.**
4. **The sun,— here hav—ing set,— is waking  
your children un—der western skies,  
and hour— by hour,— as day— is breaking,  
fresh hymns— of thank—ful praise— arise.**
5. **So be— it, Lord;— your realm— shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
But stand— and grow— and rule— forever,  
till all— your crea—tures own— your sway.**

*Silence*

Psalmody: **I Lift Up My Eyes** Psalm 121 (UNTO THE HILLS)

*refrain:*

- A7 D  
L: I lift up my eyes C: I lift up my eyes  
G  
L: unto the hills C: unto the hills  
A7 D A7  
**All: from where will my help come to me?**  
D  
L: my help comes from C: my help comes from  
G  
L: the Lord, my God C: the Lord, my God  
A7 D  
**All: who made heaven and earth.**



Hymnody: **Our God Is Love** (LAMBETH) Wilhelm Schultes & Thomas Cotterill

D            G    A            D  
**Our God is love, and all the saints**  
D                            D    A7  
**God's image bear below;**  
D                            G    A            Bm  
**The heart with love to God inspired**  
E7            G    D    A    D  
**With love to all will glow.**

Teach us to love each other, Lord.  
As we are loved by thee;  
None who are tru--ly born of God  
Can live in enmity.

Heirs of the same immortal bliss,  
Our hopes and fears the same,  
With bonds of love our hearts unite,  
With mutual love inflame.

So may the un-believing world  
See how true Christians love;  
And glorify our Saviour's grace,  
And seek that grace to prove.

Prayer Responses *The leader invites prayer petitions from the Congregation (via the Chat in zoom).  
The musicians quietly play through the responses behind each petition. After each petition, the leader  
will sing:*

D            A7    D  
Leader: In peace we pray to God  
G            D    A7 D

**Congregation: Cradle us in tender mercy**

The Prayer of Jesus

Leader: Remember us in your reign of justice and mercy, and teach us to pray:

**Congregation: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**  
**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is 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**

Benediction (Martin Luther's Evening Prayer)

Leader: We give thanks to you, Holy God, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrongs which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night.

**Congregation: Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. AMEN**

Hymn: **Comfort, Comfort Now My People** (FREU DICH SEHR) Johann G. Olearious & Fr. Folk Song

D G  
"Comfort, comfort now my people;  
D A D  
Tell of Peace!" So says our God.  
D G  
Comfort those who sit in darkness  
D A D  
mourning under sorrow's load  
D A D  
To God's people now proclaim  
D G Em A7  
that God's pardon waits for them!  
D G D  
Tell them that their war is over;  
D G Em A7 D  
God will reign in peace forever!

2. For the herald's voice is crying  
In the desert far and near  
Calling us to true repentance,  
Since the Kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry o-bey!  
Now prepare for God a way!  
Let the valleys rise to meet him,  
And the hills bow down to greet him.
  
3. Straight shall be what long was crooked  
And the rougher places plain!  
Let your hearts be true and humble  
As befits his holy reign!  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now on earth is shed a-broad  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That God's word is never brok-en.

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**NOTE:**

**To PLAY ALONG with the service, you can use this bulletin and play the chord shapes you already know, changing chords at the underlined syllables of the lyrics.**

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***The page numbers for these are below for your reference if you'd like to playalong with the tablature.***

**O Come...Emanuel: V1, p. 25 (in DAC Tuning) DAd with Capo 1 is attached**

***(The first set of pages refers to DAA tuning, the second set of pages refers to DAd tuning.)***

**Service of Light: V2-DAA, p. 1; DAd p.17**

**The Day You Gave Us: V2-DAA, p. 4; DAd p. 20**

**I Lift Up My Eyes: V2-DAA, p. 9; DAd p. 25**

**Come, Bless the Lord: V2-DAA, p. 11; DAd p. 27**

**Our God Is Love: V2-DAA, p. 13; DAd p. 29**

**Prayer Responses: V2-DAA, p. 14; DAd p. 30**

**Comfort, Comfort Now My People: V1-DAA, pp. 9-11; DAd pp. 9-11**