

Sunday 10:00 am Order of Service

Advent One | 30 November 2025

Service Guide

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Candle-lighter: Thumeka Mgwigwi

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Prelude Fantasia on "Veni Emmanuel" (A.Rowley)

Opening Sentence

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. — Luke 21:28

Processional CP 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel v 1,2,6,7

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in its ways to go. *Refrain*

6 O come, O Dayspring from on high and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace. *Refrain*

Advent Candle-Lighting Thumeka

Introduction Maria+

The first candle of the Advent wreath is lit while the song "A Candle Is Burning" v 1 is sung.

All **A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.**

Gathering of the Community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Trisagion CP 688

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy on us. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy on us. Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy on us.

Collect

Celebrant Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility, that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen**

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Cathy

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah:

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The word of the Lord;

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

Refrain: **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good." **R**

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14 Rebecca

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The word of the Lord;

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation CP 95 O Come, Divine Messiah v 1

O come, divine Messiah; the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

Refrain

Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.

Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. *Repeat v 1*

Gospel Reading Matthew 24:36-44 Dianne

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader Jesus said, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field;

one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Reader The Gospel of Christ *All* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon Maria+ *After the sermon, a silence is kept*

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

Prayers of the People Cassandra

Leader In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God,
trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations,
and the whole creation. *A brief silence.*

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction.
Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops.
Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,

All **hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation.
Empower us to care for forests and oceans,
as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

All **hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators.
Cast out words of hate
and transform them into words for building up community.
Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,

All **hear our prayer.**

Leader God of healing, bring comfort and strength.
We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing,
especially Ralph & Lillian Addison, Suzanne Barwell, Jean Glionna, Cleo Simpson, Irva Smith, Ray
Downer, Kaynaz Zaehh, A.J., Debbie, Lucas, Danielle, Sheila, Evelyn, Shahhin, Léandra, Avil and
those whom we name in our hearts. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace,

All **hear our prayer.**

Leader God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down,
and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another.
Nurture therapists, counsellors, and sponsors in their care for others.
God of grace,

All **hear our prayer.**

Leader God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace.
At the last, bring us with all the saints, especially Bobby Lowe, to your holy city where peace and
goodness make a home. God of grace,

All **hear our prayer.**

Leader Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

All **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *Silence is kept*
Most merciful God,

All **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offering CP 112 Behold! The Mountain of the Lord v 1-3,6

1 Behold! the mountain of the Lord in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills, and draw the wondering eyes.

2 The beam that shines from Zion hill shall lighten every land;
the king who reigns in Salem's towers shall all the world command.

3 Among the nations he shall judge, with judgements true shall guide;
his sceptre shall protect the just, and quell the sinner's pride.

6 Come then, O come from every land to worship at God's shrine;
and, walking in the radiant light, with holy beauties shine.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new, and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

An Act of Spiritual Communion for Those in the Virtual Chapel

We worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,

present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit.

In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart;

may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul;

may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace and heavenly blessing.

Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase,

that I may, empowered by your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn CP 115 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death v 1-4

Anthem Excerpt from "A Thrill of Hope" (P.Choplin)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant 14

All **Whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Leader Go now and walk in the light of the Lord.
Stay alert for the Lord is near.
Put on the armour of light and live openly and honourably.
Pray for peace for all God's people.

And may God clothe you in the light of Christ;
may Christ Jesus teach you his ways;
and may the Holy Spirit keep you alert and prepared
for the coming day of the Lord.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

All **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional CP 108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding v 1-3,5

1 Hark! a herald voice is sounding! "Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
"Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!"

2 Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us all, with deep repentance, pray that we may be forgiven;

5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth into the world, rejoicing as you wait for the coming of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Come Now, Saviour of the Nations (J.Pachelbel)