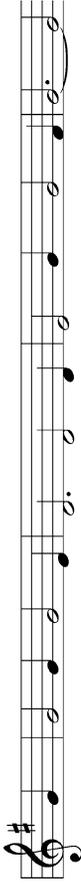
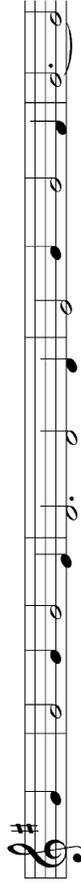


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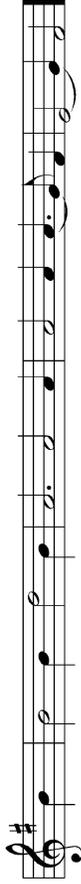
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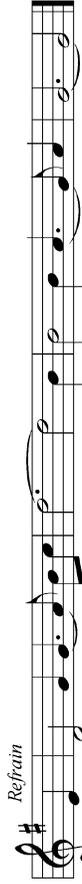
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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## Announcements & Offering

*If you are attending the online service, please mail your offerings to Beautiful Savior. Online donations are also welcome through the Tithe.ly portal on our website under the 'Connect' tab. Thank you for your donations. God bless you!*

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## + FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT + + DECEMBER 20, 2020 +

### Live Streaming

The 8:00 am worship service will be live-streamed through the Service of the Word. After that time, the live-streaming will end, and those gathered will continue by celebrating Holy Communion.

### Welcome

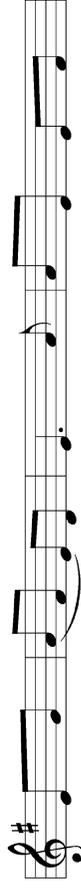
We are glad you are here. May the Lord grant you wholeness and peace in Christ Jesus!

### Prelude "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Handbell soloist, Randi Judy

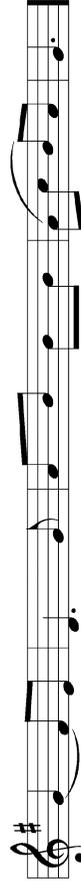
### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us  
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

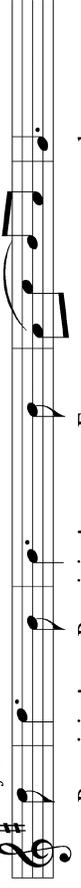


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
by Thy draw - ing night; Dis - perse the gloom - y  
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad - di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

### Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Stand

## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

*The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## 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.**

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**
- Sit*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

*Sit*

**Savior of the Nations, Come**

LSB 332

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and  
 Δ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 king - ly hall; God yet ful - ly man,  
 Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

*The cantor will sing the introit. The congregation will speak the bold parts.*

**Introit**

Show, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down  
 | righteousness;<sup>\*</sup>  
 let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may |  
 bear fruit.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above  
 proclaims his | handiwork.<sup>\*</sup>

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,  
 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,<sup>\*</sup>  
 and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.  
 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the |  
 end of them,<sup>\*</sup>

and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son<sup>\*</sup>**  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,<sup>\*</sup>**  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Show, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down  
 | righteousness;<sup>\*</sup>  
 let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may |  
 bear fruit.

**Kyrie**

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**Sermon**

*Mystery Revealed*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

- A** 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.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading:** *Please follow along in your Bible at home*  
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music** "Evening Prayer" *Handbell soloist, Randi Judy*

**Epistle:**

*Please follow along in your Bible at home*

**Romans 16:25-27**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

- C** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel:**

*Please follow along in your Bible at home*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Luke 1:26-38**

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Profession of Faith**

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*

- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?
- R** *Yes, I believe.*