



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

○ COME, ○ COME, EMMANUEL

Verse 1

○ come, ○ come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, ○
Israel.

Verse 2

○ come Thou Wisdom from on high
Who orderest all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, ○
Israel.

Verse 3

○ come ○ come great Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, ○
Israel.

Verse 4

○ come Thou Branch of Jesse's tree
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, ○
Israel.

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Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon,
People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.*

Matthew 22:37-40

Lighting of the Advent Candles

At this time, children ages three through fifth grade are invited to come forward for the lighting of the Advent candles before being dismissed for their own time of worship.



Mark Peterson arr. E. Stewart

Leader: Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of hope.

People of God: awake!

The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face.

Remember the ways and the works of God.

God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.

You are God's children.

People: Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ in hope today and for ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

PREPARE THE WAY

Refrain

O blest is Christ that came
In God's most holy name

Verse 1

Prepare the way O Zion
Your Christ is drawing near
Let every hill and valley
A level way appear
Greet One who comes in glory
Foretold in sacred story

Verse 2

He brings God's rule O Zion
He comes from heaven above
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice truth and love
Lift high your praise resounding
For grace and joy abounding

Verse 3

Fling wide your gates O Zion
Your Savior's rule embrace
And tidings of salvation
Proclaim in every place
All lands will bow before Him
Their voices will adore Him

Text: Franz Mikael Franzen

Music: Fernando Ortega and Bernard Chadwick

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in 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. Amen.

ZECARIAH 14:1-9

- ¹ Behold, a day is coming for the Lord, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. ² For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. ⁴ On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. ⁵ And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. ⁶ On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost. ⁷ And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light. ⁸ On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter. ⁹ And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6

- ¹ The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

- ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
- ³ Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.
- ⁴ He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- ⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!

The Holy Bible, ESV

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—⁷ for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. ⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. ⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Come to me all ye that labor and are heavy laden.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Enter my rest. Enter my rest.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

LUKE 21:25-33

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

Rev. Paul Calvin

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/> using this QR code:



Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your
table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have
mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his
blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, Lamb of God
You take away, You take away, You take away,
All of our sin
Have mercy on us

This is the good news
This is the gift of life
This is the the body and blood of Christ for the life of the world

Sing Hallelujah (3X)

Ben Kyle
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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the rear of the sanctuary to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. If others are being prayed for, you may wait in a nearby pew. This time of prayer is considered private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

A NEW JERUSALEM

Verse 1

A new Jerusalem coming down from heaven
Like a bride adorned in all her splendor
And God will dwell with us, he will live among us
We will be his people, he will be our God

Verse 2

He will wipe away every tear from our eyes
There'll be no more death, no more mourning
No more crying there, there'll be no more pain
When God shall make his home with us again

For God will make all things new
These are his words, trustworthy and true
A promise made on which we can depend
He's the Beginning and the End

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JESUS STRONG AND KIND

Verse 1

Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Verse 2

Jesus said if I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind

Verse 3

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

Verse 4

Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

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1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks. When beau - ty gilds the
suf - fer and to die, But crowned with glo - ry
earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
of that morn Whose day shall ev - er last.
o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious body and blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!



MORE DEEPLY ROOTED – BUILDING TEAM UPDATE

The building team has drafted a letter to churches in St. Paul and its nearby suburbs that briefly describes Church of the Redeemer and our desire to find a permanent place of worship. We have compiled a list of more than 130 churches to whom we would like to hand-deliver or mail copies of the letter. If you would like to deliver letters to churches in your neighborhood, please contact the building team at seekinghome@oftheredeemer.org or reach out directly to Dan Leafblad, Jordan Schroeder, or Holly Willmarth.

GOOD NEIGHBOR TEAM

Our Good Neighbor Team is providing friendship and practical support to the Almahamid family as they adapt to life in the United States. As the weather turns colder, the team has collected warm clothing, socks, shoes, and boots for the family.

Church of the Redeemer will use benevolence funds to provide the Almahamids with gift cards so that they can purchase any remaining clothing and shoes that they need. To give towards the benevolence fund, please use the giving link on page nine and select “benevolence fund.”

WOMEN OF REDEEMER BIBLE STUDIES

This year we will study the book of Acts, a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. As we study this narrative of the early Church, we will also be reading New Testament letters as they are relevant to the life of the first century body of Christ. Meeting plans will be sensitive to public health guidelines.

- Mondays at 7 pm. Contact Barbie Anderson, bwanderson70@comcast.net, 651-491-3536.
- Thursdays at 9:30am. Contact Cindy Calvin, cindycalvin@me.com, 612-889-9963.

MORNING PRAYER – WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 A.M.

Morning Prayer meets via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available using this QR code:



kidCONNECT

Nursery and Preschool - 4:15 p.m.

Nursery and preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Sonia with questions.

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

4:15 p.m.

Children in these grades will engage with biblical stories and the liturgy of the church using the Godly Play approach. This curriculum uses storytelling and open-ended response to encourage a deep and intrinsically-motivated faith in children.

Contact Sonia or Rachel with questions.

4th - 5th Grade

4:15 p.m.

This year we will base our teaching on a curriculum called Echo the Story, which presents the big picture of God's story through chronological Bible narrative.

This will be the first in a two-year sequence, Old Testament this year and New Testament next year.

Contact Sara or Steffie with questions.

Kids' Listening Prayer, for K-5th grades, on Fourth Sundays, 3:45-4:15 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP

Weekly on Sundays, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Youth in 6th-12th grades will meet on Sunday afternoons in the Activity Center at Calvary for large group activities and small group discipleship. Small group leaders are Caleb Dahl, Courtney Hubers, Caleb Mostad, Katie Pitchford, and Colten Wilson. Please be in touch with them with any questions or encouragements as they minister to and with our youth.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING WITH REV. JEFF AND KRISTIN J

Jeff and Kristin have been passionate about sharing the Good News and helping the persecuted church among Muslims ever since their calling more than fifteen years ago. They met in 2012 while serving in Morocco for two years, after which Jeff quickly proposed to this Twin Cities native. After 7 years in South Carolina, the Jacobs family is gearing up to move back to the Diocese of North Africa next year. If you're interested in hearing more about their ministry to Muslims, expats, and refugees, you may meet them after the service today.

They will also be hosting a meet-and-greet tomorrow, Monday night (11/29) at Restoration Anglican Church at 7 pm for anyone who would like to support this ministry. Come hear the fun story about a bishop's prophecy at Fr. Jeff's ordination which has led them to this moment!



SEEKING VESTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Vestry of Church of the Redeemer is a lay leadership team that partners with our rector, Fr. Paul, in oversight of the church. Each year, new members are needed to serve on the vestry as current members transition out. In keeping with our bylaws, a nominating team has been formed to identify potential new vestry members.

As part of this process, we welcome your written recommendations for new vestry members. We will consider all recommendations made to the committee, and from those recommendations will formally nominate new members for the vestry. Those nominees will then be put forward for a vote by the congregation at the annual meeting in the new year. Written recommendations can be submitted at the page linked in the QR code below; if you would prefer, you can instead submit a hard copy recommendation to any nominating committee member.

Fr. Paul provides answers to FAQs about the vestry and vestry service in the linked QR code. We encourage you to read through those as you prayerfully consider who you might recommend to the committee! Please contact any member of the nominating committee with questions: Ross Anderson, Sara Bramsen, Molly Niehls, or Eric Watkins.



GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY

As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
Nov. 21, 2021	\$131,963	\$126,000

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