

TRINITY

Lutheran Church & Christian School



Advent Midweek

“With Eyes Wide Open”

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Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

In the Old Testament we find many references to the coming of a Savior into the world, as God boldly renews His promises to send One, “who would forgive the people of their sins.”

In the 8th century, a number of these titles became the basis for what are called the “O Antiphons.” These are verses that contain a spoken petition for Christ to come, thus fulfilling a Scriptural promise or prophecy. We know them as the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” [LSB 357].

These Antiphons are traditionally sung, beginning on December 17, during the final week of Advent [December 17-23], as we make the final preparations for the “Word made flesh” to come and dwell among us.

Tonight, we reflect on each of these antiphons, using the Order of Compline, punctuated by various reflections. A blessed Advent to you as we await the final coming of our Savior. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

PRESERVICE SONG *“Take My Life” (Words & Music by Scott Underwood © 1994
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1. Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.
2. Faithfulness ...

*Chorus: So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.
 Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord.*

3. Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for.
Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness is what You give to me.
(Chorus and repeat)

To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

WELCOME

+ Stand +

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

LSB 253

CONFESSION *(Left column)*

LSB 254

PSALM *Psalm 80:1-7 (Antiphon v. 7)*

Pastor: Restore us, O God of hosts;

Congregation: **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

Congregation: **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

Pastor: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might

Congregation: **and come to save us!**

Pastor: Restore us, O God;

Congregation: **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Pastor: O LORD God of hosts,

Congregation: **how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

Pastor: You have fed them with the bread of tears

Congregation: **and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

Pastor: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

Congregation: **and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

Pastor: Restore us, O God of hosts;

Congregation: **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Restore us, O God of hosts;

Congregation: **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

+ Sit +

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fear and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev’ry nation, joy of ev’ry longing heart.
2. Born Thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The “O Antiphons”

O Sapientia (Wisdom)

Proverbs 2:6, 9-10

Lector: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High,
pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all
things:

Congregation: **Come and teach us the way of prudence. Amen.**

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357:2

O Adonai (Lord)

Exodus 19:16-19

Lector: O Lord and Ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses
in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai:

Congregation: **Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.**

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357:3

O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)

Isaiah 11:1-3

Lector: O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples,
before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do
homage:

Congregation: Come quickly to deliver us. Amen.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357:4

O Clavis David (Key of David)

Isaiah 22:22

Lector: O Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel, You open and
no one can close, You close and no one can open:

**Congregation: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the
shadow of death. Amen.**

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357:5

O Oriens (Morning Star)

Malachi 4:2

Lector: O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting:

**Congregation: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the
shadow of death. Amen.**

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357:6

O Rex Gentium (King of the Nations)

Isaiah 9:6-7

Lector: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:

Congregation: Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay. Amen.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357:7

O Emmanuel (God with Us)

Isaiah 7:14

Lector: O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior:

Congregation: Come and save us, O Lord our God. Amen.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

LSB 357:1

MUSICAL OFFERING

+ Stand +

PRAYER

LSB 256

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 257

SONG OF SIMEON

LSB 258

BENEDICTION

LSB 259

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Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve

“Lessons & Carols”

4:00 p.m.

(Candlelight)

9:00 p.m.

(With Holy Communion & Candlelight)

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m.

(With Holy Communion)

Please call or e-mail the Church Office to indicate which service you will be attending!