

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations, you have seen His natal star.

Chorus:

4. All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.

Chorus:

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Welcome & Announcements:

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“We Wait In Hope”

1. O come to us O Holy Child, bestow on us Your peace.
We long for You this wintertime, we wait in hope.
Come lead us to Your banquet Lord, so we may all renew.
Our lives are longing for Your love. Come, O Lord.
2. In cold and damp, our presence here we wait for You to come.
Hearts are beating anxiously; we wait in hope.
Emmanuel, the promised one, come show to us Your face.
Our hearts are crying out to you. Come, O Lord.
3. Confusion lurks within our world; the siren sounds alarm.
Our troubled hearts are insecure, we wait in hope.
O child to come and save us all from turmoil and from strife.
Your people seek your wisdom now. Come O Lord.

Candle Lighting

P: During Advent, we wait for the presence of the one promised in scripture.

C: **The One whose name is Immanuel!**

P: We wait for the one whose power has no limits and whose strength knows no end.

C: **The One whose name is Mighty God.**

P: We wait for the one who promises to hear us!

C: **The One whose name is Wonderful Counselor.**

P: We wait for the One who promises to end all war and conflict.

C: The One whose name is Prince of Peace.

Today we light three candles. The first candle reminds us of the flame of God's presence in our world. As we light the second candle, we reflect on an eternity with our life-giving God. The third candle reminds us of God's continual presence, the One who is always with us, Immanuel. We continue our Advent journey, we joyfully celebrate a Savior who is present with us at every turn and whose power and strength have no limits.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

**Opening Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" ELW, # 634
Vss. 1, 2, 3 & 6**

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all

2. O seed of Israel's chosen race Now ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.
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3. Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all
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6. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

“This Child of Light”

Choir

1st Reading: Exodus 3:13-17

2nd Reading: Romans 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 1:26-33, 59-66

Hymn of the Day: “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

1. Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.
2. Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God.
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe,
Light of the world.
3. Praise him, Lord above all lords, King above all kings God's only Son;
The Prince of Peace, who by his Spirit, comes to live in us,
Master and Friend.

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Thanksgiving for Bethel Members:

Judy Arfmann

Johnnie & Susan Armor

Joshua

Erin Baschal

Communion:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us Give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer:

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

Closing Song:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW, # 257

Vss. 1, 4, 5 & 8

1. O come O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.
4. O come, O branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from debts of Hell your people save, and give them victory over the grave.
Rejoice! rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.
5. O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

8. O come O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

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P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord! **C:** **Thanks be to God!**

Worship Team for today

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