

The Season of Advent

These liturgical texts, based primarily on the Scriptures of the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C, are appropriate for use throughout the Season of Advent and may be repeated from week to week.

CALL TO CONFESSION

At the baptismal font:

Surely God is our salvation.
Have faith, and do not be afraid.
Isaiah 12:2

Trusting in God's grace,
let us confess our sin.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Lifting water from the baptismal font:

With joy, let us draw water
from the springs of salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord!
Call on God's name.
Isaiah 12:3–4

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

At the lectern or pulpit:

God of truth and wisdom,
as we listen for your living Word,
send your Spirit to teach us your way,
and lead us in the path
of your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Amen.

Before the readings:

As God has spoken through the prophets,
God speaks now to us.
Hear the word of the Lord.
Luke 1:70

After the readings:

This is the promise of God
to our ancestors and to us.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:72

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

After the sermon:

Blessed be the Lord. **Amen.**

Luke 1:68

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Season of Advent (and Christmas)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.

We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

INVITATION TO OFFERING

At the communion table:

God calls us to be a living body,
not a burnt offering.

In the name of Christ,

let us offer our lives to the Lord
and seek to do God's will.

Hebrews 10:5-7

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

At the communion table:

Giver of all that is good,
may the gifts that we bring today—
gifts of money, energy, and commitment—
be gathered up into your great love,
and through us, may your love
overflow more and more
into all the world. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the communion table:

Mighty God, holy is your name.

We thank you for gathering us at your table
and feeding us with the bread of life.

As we leave this table

to go to the many places where you call us,
send your Spirit to accompany us,

so that we may share in your magnificent work:
lifting up those who are laid low,

showing mercy to all in need of human kindness,
and feeding the bodies and hearts

of all those who are hungry. **Amen.**

BLESSING AND CHARGE

At the doors of the church:

May the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
guard your hearts and minds

in Christ Jesus. **Alleluia!**

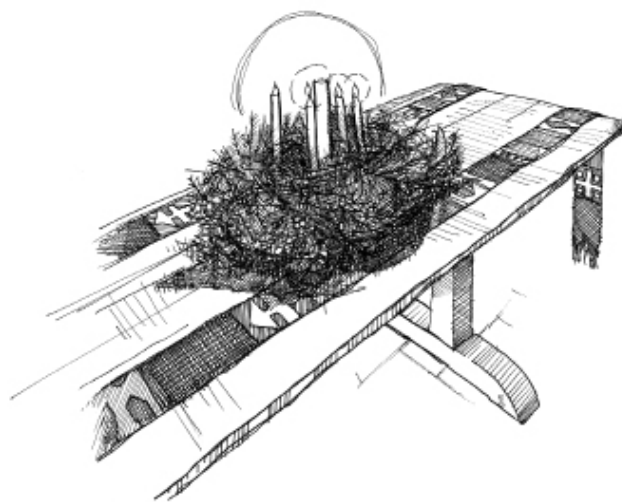
Philippians 4:7

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Again I say, Rejoice!

The Lord is near. **Amen.**

Philippians 4:4-5



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The Season of Advent

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GATHERING

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL; GTG 88 (PH 9)
Lift Up the Gates Eternal GILU HAGALILIM; GTG 364 (PH 177)
Freedom Is Coming FREEDOM IS COMING; GTG 359 (STF 2192)
Come, Come Emmanuel COME, COME EMMANUEL; GTG 91
While We Are Waiting, Come WAITING (Cason); GTG 92
Prepare the Way of the Lord PREPARE THE WAY; GTG 95

CANDLE LIGHTING

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah TIF IN VELDELE; GTG 85
He Came Down HE CAME DOWN; GTG 137 (STF 2085)
For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS; GTG 89
Light the Advent Candle ADVENT CANDLE SONG; STF 2090
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning KEEP YOUR LAMPS; GTG 350
There's a Song HANSON; STF 2141

CALL TO CONFESSION

Comfort, Comfort Now My People (stanza 1) GENEVAN 42; GTG 87 (PH 3)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (stanza 1) STUTTGART; GTG 83 (PH 1)
Come Now, O Prince of Peace O-SO-SO; GTG 103 (STF 2232)
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN; GTG 104 (PH 11)
Change My Heart, O God CHANGE MY HEART; GTG 695 (STF 2152)

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (stanza 2 or 3) VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN; GTG 104 (PH 11)
Love Has Come (any stanza) BRING A TORCH; GTG 110
Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain) GLORIA; GTG 113 (PH 23)
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (stanza 4) SOLID ROCK; GTG 353 (PH 379)

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain) GLORIA; GTG 113 (PH 23)
My Soul Gives Glory to My God (stanza 1) MORNING SONG; GTG 99
Glory to God GLORIA (Taizé); GTG 583 (PH 576)
Glory to God MACHU-PICHU; GTG 585 (STF 2033)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Creator of the Stars of Night (stanza 3) CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM; GTG 84 (PH 4)
 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary ANNUNCIATION; GTG 98 (PH 19)
 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; GTG 100
 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn REJOICE, REJOICE; GTG 107

BAPTISM OR REAFFIRMATION

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates TRURO; GTG 93 (PH 8)
 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry WINCHESTER NEW; GTG 96 (PH 10)
 No Wind at the Window COLUMCILLE; GTG 101
 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory BATTLE HYMN; GTG 354
 Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord TALLIS' ORDINAL; GTG 477 (PH 186)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wait for the Lord WAIT FOR THE LORD; GTG 90
 O Day of Peace JERUSALEM; GTG 373 (PH 450)
 O Hear Our Cry, O Lord VINEYARD HAVEN; GTG 355 (PH 206)
 There Is a Longing in Our Hearts LONGING; GTG 470
 For You, My God, I Wait SPRINGTIME; GTG 791

OFFERING

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (stanza 5) CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT; GTG 314
 Golden Breaks the Dawn (stanza 3) LE P'ING; GTG 668
 We Fall Down WE FALL DOWN; GTG 368

DOXOLOGY

Creator of the Stars of Night (stanza 4) CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM; GTG 84 (PH 4)
 Savior of the Nations, Come (stanza 4) NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND; GTG 102 (PH 14)
 Womb of Life and Source of Being (stanza 4) RAQUEL; GTG 3 (STF 2046)
 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow PRAISE GOD (Hopson); GTG 608
 O Lord, Our Lord HOW MAJESTIC; GTG 613 (STF 2023)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY; GTG 347 (PH 5)
 We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom MERLE'S TUNE; GTG 378
 The Rice of Life BÍ-NÎU; GTG 524
 Let Us Break Bread Together LET US BREAK BREAD; GTG 525 (PH 513)

SENDING

Soon and Very Soon SOON AND VERY SOON; GTG 384
 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (stanza 3) HELMSLEY; GTG 348 (PH 6)
 The People Who Walked in Darkness ISAIAH 9; GTG 86
 Christ Is Coming! UNSER HERRSCHER; GTG 360
 Steal Away STEAL AWAY; GTG 358

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 33:14–16	The days are coming; God's promise of salvation will be fulfilled.
Psalm 25:1–10	O Lord, teach me your paths; you are the God of my salvation.
1 Thessalonians 3:9–13	May God strengthen your heart until the coming of the Lord Jesus.
Luke 21:25–36	Signs in the heavens show that the kingdom of God is near; be alert.

CALL TO WORSHIP

May accompany the lighting of Advent candles

The days are coming, says the Lord,
when the promise will be fulfilled.
Heaven and earth will pass away,
but God's word will stand forever.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, earth and heaven may pass away
but your realm is eternal
and your promise is sure.
Enlighten our hearts with hope
as our Redeemer draws near.
Help us to heed the signs of the times,
so that we may be ready to stand
before Christ, our Judge and Savior,
in whose glorious name we pray.
Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess
that we resist your holy realm.
You seek justice and righteousness,
but we pursue selfish agendas.
You promise us salvation,
but we trust in our own strength.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Lead us in your way of truth
so that we may be ready
to see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the steadfast love of the Lord,
let us pray for the fulfillment of God's promises,
saying: Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for the church . . .
Restore what is lacking in our faith.
Help us to increase and abound in love
for one another and for you, our God.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for the world . . .
Teach us to interpret the signs around us,
warnings of disaster and destruction.
Bring peace and healing to this planet.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for this community . . .
Bless our houses and neighborhoods
with your justice and righteousness,
so that all may live in safety, without fear.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for loved ones . . .
Remember those who lift their souls to you.
Surround them with your steadfast love
and preserve them from their troubles.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

Come quickly, Emmanuel, in power and glory,
to establish your realm of justice and peace;
and make us ready, on the day of redemption,
to stand before you, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

1. We give thanks, O Lord, that the days are surely coming
when all the world will see the fulfillment of your promise of salvation.
You alone are our righteousness, our only hope for justice and peace.
2. In Christ, the tree of life, we have seen the first fruits of your holy realm.
Though heaven and earth may pass away, Christ's word stands secure.
Even now, we look for the day of his coming in power and great glory.
3. Teach us to pray night and day that we may see you face to face.
Strengthen us in holiness, faithfulness, joy, and love,
so that we may be ready at the coming of the Lord.

Hymns for the Day

	GTG	PH/STF	LUYH	ELW	NCH	UMH	AAHH	EH
Gathering								
[OG] O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL	88	9	61	257	116	211	188	56
[OG] For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS	89		63					
[G] My Lord! What a Morning MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING	352	449	481	438			195	
The Word								
[OG] The Days Are Surely Coming LIANGLOFFAN	357							
[G] Now the Heavens Start to Whisper JEFFERSON	94							
[G] Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending HELMSLEY	348	6		435		718		57, 58
Eucharist								
[OEG] Come, Come Emmanuel COME, COME EMMANUEL	91							
[O] Wait for the Lord WAIT FOR THE LORD	90		480	262				
[G] Steal Away STEAL AWAY	358				599			
Sending								
[OEG] Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL, STUTTIGART	82, 83	1, 2	56	254	122	196		66
[E] Lord, Make Us More Holy LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY	313	536			75		632	
[EG] Christ Is Coming! UNSER HERRSCHER	360							

Psalm Settings

Psalm 25:1–10

Metrical

Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted GENEVAN 25; GTG 420,
PH 178, PAS 25D

Lord, I Gladly Trust REDHEAD 76; PAS 25B

To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul; PAS 25C

To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul MORNING SONG, MARTYRDOM,
IRISH; PCW 25

Responsorial

Lord, you are my strength; PSA 23

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; PAS 25A

Lord, in your mercy; PEO 46–47

Anthems for Larger Choirs

- “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying,” J. S. Bach,
Bach for All Seasons, SATB, AF 080065854X
- “Keep Your Lamps,” André Thomas, SATB, cga,
HIN HMC-577
- “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” Pamela M.
Robertson, SATB, pno, opt hb, vln, HOPE C-5964

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

- “Lift Up Your Eyes: A Candle Lighting Ceremony
for Advent,” Joel Raney, 2 pt, opt hb, cong,
HOPE C-5978
- “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” *Two Advent Hymns*,
John L. Bell, SAT(B), solo, fl, GIA G-5493
- “Advent Prayer,” Hal H. Hopson, 2 pt, keybd,
AF 0800658469

Anthems for Children’s Choirs

- “Come, Lord Jesus,” Luigi Cherubini, arr.
Michael Burkhardt, uni or 2 pt, SATB,
keybd, MSM 50-0403
- “Come, Come Emmanuel,” Lynn Shaw Bailey
and Becki Slagle Mayo, uni, pno, opt hb, hc,
CGA 1031

Handbell Music

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

- “My Lord, What a Morning,” John A. Behnke,
3–5 oct, AGA 1877, level 3

VENI EMMANUEL

- “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” Cynthia Dobrinski,
3–5 oct, HOPE 1399, level 3
- “O Come, O Come, Immanuel,” Martha Lynn
Thompson, 3–5 oct, opt 3 oct hc, solo inst,
CGA CGB355, level 2

Organ Music

HELMSLEY

- Four Advent Hymns: Set 1*, Wilbur Held, MSM (M)

HYFRYDOL

- “Partita on Hyfrydol,” Charles Callahan, MSM (E/M)

LLANGLOFFAN

- “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers,” *Augsburg Organ
Library: Advent*, Paul Manz AF (M)

VENI EMMANUEL

- “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” *Hymn Preludes for
the Liturgical Year: Vol. 1*, Flor Peeters, CFP (E)
- “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” *Wondrous Love*,
Craig Phillips FB (E)

December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Malachi 3:1-4	The Lord is like a refining fire; God's messenger will prepare the way.
Luke 1:68-79	Zechariah's song: Blessed is the Lord God, who has come to save us.
Philippians 1:3-11	The work that God has begun will be completed at Christ's coming.
Luke 3:1-6	In the wilderness John cries out: Prepare the way of the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

May accompany the lighting of Advent candles

I am sending a messenger, says the Lord,

to prepare the way before me.

Even now, a voice is crying out:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through Isaiah and John
you sent your word into the wilderness,
crying out: Repent, seek forgiveness,
and prepare the way of the Lord!

Now prepare the way in us and in our world
for the coming of your living Word,
so that all flesh may know your saving grace;
through Jesus Christ who is coming to reign.

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess
that we resist your holy realm.
You come with fire to cleanse us,
yet we remain in our corruption.
You come with water to save us,
yet we persist in our sin.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Prepare the way in us
to greet the one who is coming,
so that we may see your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the steadfast love of the Lord,
let us pray for the fulfillment of God's promises,
saying: Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for the church . . .
Keep us faithful in the gospel we share,
giving thanks for the gift of your grace
and praying always that your will be done.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for the world . . .
Make a way in the wilderness of this world:
bring justice and equality to every land
and let all creatures know your saving love.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for this community . . .
Send messengers of your way among us
to kindle in us a passion for what is right
and cleanse us from all corruption.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for loved ones . . .
Let your tender mercy shine on them.
Give light to those who wait in darkness
and guide their feet to the path of peace.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

Come quickly, Emmanuel, in power and glory,
to establish your realm of justice and peace;
and make us ready, on the day of redemption,
to stand before you, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

1. Your glory is a consuming fire; who can stand in your presence?
Yet you have prepared the way for us, with a messenger of grace.
You receive the humble offering of our lives as a precious gift.
2. Jesus Christ is our way in the wilderness:
at his word, every valley is lifted and every mountain made low;
in his body, all flesh shall see your saving power.
3. Through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ that we share,
bring to completion the good work that you began in us,
and let our love for you and for one another overflow in abundance.

Hymns for the Day

	GTG	PH/STF	LUYH	ELW	NCH	UMH	AAHH	EH
Gathering								
[G] Comfort, Comfort Now My People GENEVAN 42	87	3	59	256	101			67
[O] Come Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY	282	313	234	804	289	475		516
[E] Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'	407	325	617					509
The Word								
[OG] Prepare the Way, O Zion BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN	106	13						65
[OE] Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart LOE DE ÍSÁ	427							
[G] On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry WINCHESTER NEW	96	10	70	249				76
Eucharist								
[OEG] Lord, Prepare Me SANCTUARY	701	2164					462	
[OG] Prepare the Way of the Lord PREPARE THE WAY	95		58			207		
[EG] While We Are Waiting, Come WAITING	92						190	
Sending								
[OEG] Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL	366	376	351	631	43	384	440	657
[E] Come Now, O Prince of Peace O-SO-SO	103	2232	905	247				
[E] Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR	367	551	473	693	422	694	194	290

Psalm Settings

Luke 1:68–79

Metrical

Blest Be the God of Israel MERLE'S TUNE; GTG 109,
PH 602

Blest Be the God of Israel KINGSFOLD; PH 601

Our God and Father Bless PELAW WOOD; PAS 1016

Responsorial

You have come to your people; PSA 158, PAS 1013

Blessed are you, Lord; PSA 159

The rising sun will visit us; PSA 160

In the tender compassion of our God;

PAS 1014–1015

Anthems for Larger Choirs

- “And He Shall Purify,” *Messiah*, G. F. Handel, SATB, keybd, opt orch, various editions
 “Prepare the Way of the Lord,” Michael Larkin, SATB, pno MSM 50-0435
 “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness,” Joel Raney, SATB, pno, opt fl or C inst, HOPE C-5974

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

- “We Are Convinced,” Mark Hayes, SATB, pno, HOPE C-5955
 “Herald, Sound the Note of Gladness!” *Giving Thanks in Song and Prayer*, Sally Ann Morris, SATB or uni, GIA G-4930
 “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry,” Donald Busarow, SAB, org, cong, ob or C inst, CON 98-2639

Anthems for Children’s Choirs

- “Advent Joy,” Hal H. Hopson, uni, keybd, CGA 870
 “A Waiting Carol,” Helen Kemp, uni, keybd, perc, opt rec or fl, CGA 555

Handbell Music

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

- “Prepare the Royal Highway,” Lee Afdahl, 3–5 oct, AF 080065577X, level 2+

GENEVAN 42

- “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People,” Cynthia Dobrinski, 3–5 oct, opt fl and hd, AGA 1861, level 3–4

SANCTUARY

- “Sanctuary,” Patricia Sanders Cota, 3–5 oct, AGA 2097, level 3

Organ Music

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

- “Prepare the Royal Highway,” *Eleven Compositions for Organ: Set V*, Charles Ore, CON (M)

GENEVAN 42

Ten Chorale Improvisations, Paul Manz, CON (M)

- “Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People,” *Hymn Preludes for the Liturgical Year: Vol. 1*, Flor Peeters, CFP (E)

HYFRYDOL

A Wesley Organbook: Eight Hymn Tune Preludes, Alfred V. Fedak, MSM (E/M)

- “Prelude on Hyfrydol,” *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ: Hymn Preludes for Organ*, Mark Sedio, AF (E)

December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Zephaniah 3:14–20 Rejoice and sing; God will redeem you and restore your fortunes.
Isaiah 12:2–6 Surely God is my salvation; trust in the Lord and give thanks.
Philippians 4:4–7 Rejoice in the Lord, who is near; pray and receive God's peace.
Luke 3:7–18 John warns of God's wrath and proclaims the good news.

CALL TO WORSHIP

May accompany the lighting of Advent candles
Sing praise and shout for joy!

The Lord God is in our midst.

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Again, rejoice! The Lord is near.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you sent John into the wilderness
to baptize and proclaim good news to all.
Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit
so that we may repent and bear good fruit,
while we await the promised coming
of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess
that we resist your holy realm.
You deliver us from judgment
but we continue to judge one another.
You seek to restore our lives
but we fail to bear good fruit.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Baptize us with Spirit and fire
so that we may be ready to meet you
when you come again in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the steadfast love of the Lord,
let us pray for the fulfillment of God's promises,
saying: Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for the church . . .
Help us to bear fruit worthy of repentance,
seeking what is true, fair, and right,
and proclaiming your good news to all.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for the world . . .
Remove all distaster and destruction from us;
bring oppressors and enemies to justice
and restore the fortunes of the poor.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for this community . . .
Enable those who live in fear and danger
to trust in you and not be afraid.
Be near to all who call on your name.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for loved ones . . .
Guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus
so that they may know your peace, O God,
the peace that passes understanding.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

Come quickly, Emmanuel, in power and glory,
to establish your realm of justice and peace;
and make us ready, on the day of redemption,
to stand before you, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

1. You are our song! We rejoice and sing to you with gladness,
for you have renewed us by your love, restoring the fortunes of the lost,
gathering up the broken and despised, and giving them a home in glory.
2. Through Jesus Christ, and by the gift of the Holy Spirit,
you have made us children of Abraham and Sarah,
calling us to live with faithfulness, justice, and compassion.
3. Guard our hearts and minds by the power of Christ Jesus.
Speak to our anxieties with the peace that passes understanding
and let our gentleness and joy be a sign of Christ's gracious presence.

Hymns for the Day

	GTG	PH/STF	LUYH	ELW	NCH	UMH	AAHH	EH
Gathering								
[OEG] Joy to the World ANTIOCH, RICHMOND	134, 266	40	92	267	132	246	197	100
[OEG] Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn REJOICE, REJOICE	107			242	107			
[O] Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT FREUDEN ZART	645	483	572			126		408
The Word								
[OG] Do Not Be Afraid ISAIAH 43	76							
[G] Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice ABERYSTWYTH	163	409, 2089						
[G] O Christ, the Great Foundation AURELIA	361							
Eucharist								
[OG] O Sing to the Lord CANTAI AO SENHOR	637	472	493	822				
[E] In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL	654	2195	357					
[E] Peace of God Be with You AS-SALAAMU LAKUM	448							
Sending								
[OE] Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers LLANGLOFFAN	362	15	477	244				68
[OE] Rejoice, the Lord Is King! DARWALL'S 148TH	363	155	224		303	715		481
[EG] We Will Go Out with Joy WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY	539							

Psalm Settings

Isaiah 12:2-6

Metrical

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me (The First Song
of Isaiah) FIRST SONG; GTG 71, STF 2030

Responsorial

Surely, it is God who saves me; PSA 175

Anthems for Larger Choirs

- “And the Father Will Dance,” Mark Hayes, SATB, keybd, HIN HMC-637
 “Gaudete,” Michael Burkhardt, uni treble choir, SATB, perc, MSM 50-1126
 “First Song of Isaiah,” Jack Noble White, SATB, keybd, cong, JWP CMR-3347

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

- “An Advent Prayer,” Allen Pote, 2 pt, keybd, HIN HMC-765
 “Soon and Very Soon,” Andraé Crouch, arr. Jack Schrader, SAB, keybd, HOPE GC-984
 “Prepare Thyself, Zion,” J. S. Bach, arr. Michael Burkhardt, uni, keybd, C inst, opt vc or bsn, MSM 50-0415

Anthems for Children’s Choirs

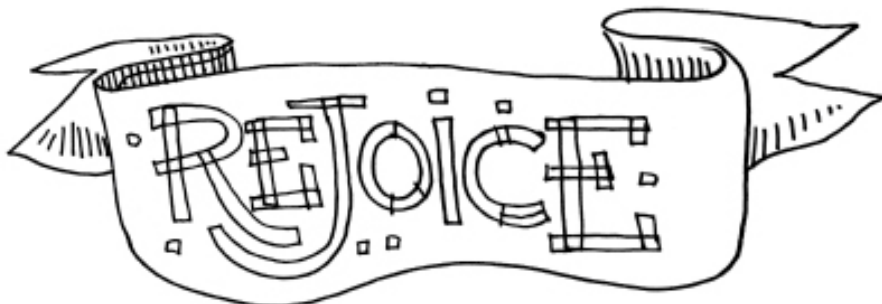
- “Emmanuel Will Come,” Becki Slagle Mayo, uni or 2 pt, pno, opt hb, fc, tamb, CGA 1227
 “Sing a Song of Advent,” Hal H. Hopson, uni or 2 pt, keybd, cong, opt fl, hb, CGA 1040

Handbell Music

- ANTIOCH
 “Joy to the World,” Arnold B. Sherman, 3-6 oct, CON 97-6448, level 3
 CANTAI AO SENHOR
 “Cantad al Señor,” Susan Geschke, 3-5 oct, AGA 2335, level 2
 LLANGLOFFAN
 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers,” Anna Laura Page, 3-5 oct, CGA CGB642, level 2

Organ Music

- ABERYSTWYTH
Organ Preludes on Folk Songs, Aaron David Miller, AF (M/D)
Augsburg Organ Library: Lent, Gerald Near, AF (E)
 ANTIOCH
Join to Sing, Albert Travis, MSM (M)
 CANTAI AO SENHOR
Gospel, Jazz, Blues, and Soul: 18 Chorale Preludes for the Liturgical Year, Johannes Matthias Michel, CON (M)
 LLANGLOFFAN
 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers,” *Hymns of Joy: Three Improvisations for Advent and Christmas*, Michael Burkhardt, MSM (M)



Paul Soupiset

December 20, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Color: Purple or Blue

Lectionary Readings

Micah 5:2–5a	A ruler will come from Bethlehem; he will be the one of peace.
Luke 1:46b–55	My soul magnifies the Lord, who has done great things.
or Psalm 80:1–7	Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel; let your face shine, and save us.
Hebrews 10:5–10	God does not desire burnt offerings; Christ came to do God's will.
Luke 1:39–45 (46–55)	Mary visits Elizabeth; the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy.

CALL TO WORSHIP

May accompany the lighting of Advent candles

Let us magnify the Lord together!

Let us rejoice in God our Savior.

For a child will come from Bethlehem

to redeem the people of God.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, with Elizabeth we wonder:
How can this be, that the Lord has come?
Fill us with the life of your Holy Spirit
so that we may greet your promise of grace
with hearts that leap for joy;
through Jesus Christ, your word fulfilled.

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess
that we resist your holy realm.
You look with favor on the poor
while we treat the lowly with disdain.
You scatter the plans of the proud
while we aspire to power and privilege.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us what you desire,
so that our hearts may leap with joy
at the coming of our Savior;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the steadfast love of the Lord,
let us pray for the fulfillment of God's promises,
saying: Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for the church . . .
Teach us to follow Christ our Lord,
who offered himself as a sacrifice of praise
and sought to do your will in all things.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for the world . . .
Lift up those who are poor and vulnerable;
cast down those who are mighty and proud.
Show us all the power of your saving grace.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for this community . . .
Help us to stand with those who are in trouble,
feeding the hungry and strengthening the weak,
so that all may live in peace and safety.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

We pray for loved ones . . .
Look with love on all who need your care.
Dry the tears of those who mourn
and fill the empty with your blessing.
Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

Come quickly, Emmanuel, in power and glory,
to establish your realm of justice and peace;
and make us ready, on the day of redemption,
to stand before you, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

1. As you promised long ago, you have revealed the majesty of your name
in a little child, born in Bethlehem; he is our joy and our peace.
He is our shepherd, feeding us with mercy and leading us in safety.
2. Born of Mary, Jesus Christ is our salvation and strength,
the fulfillment of your word and the hope of generations.
Christ lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.
3. In Jesus Christ, help us to live according to your will.
Sanctify and shape us into the image of Christ's own body,
so that our lives may be a holy offering of love and praise.

Hymns for the Day

	GTG	PH/STF	LUYH	ELW	NCH	UMH	AAHH	EH
Gathering								
[OEG] O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS	121	43, 44	88	279	133	230	204	78, 79
[OG] From Heaven Above VOM HIMMEL HOCH	111	54		268	130			80
[OG] Great Are You, Lord GREAT IS THE LORD	614	2022						
The Word								
[OEG] To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary ANNUNCIATION	98	19				215		
[EG] O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN	104	11		241	102			
[G] No Wind at the Window COLUMCILLE	101							
Eucharist								
[OG] Creator of the Stars of Night CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM	84	4	71	245		692		60
[EG] Come to the Table COME TO THE TABLE	508							
[G] Give Thanks GIVE THANKS	647		358					
Sending								
[OEG] Love Has Come BRING A TORCH	110			292				
[OG] Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY	187	387	330	789	252	381	424	708
[OG] Savior of the Nations, Come NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND	102	14		263		214		54

Psalm Settings

Luke 1:46b–55

Metrical

My Soul Gives Glory to My God (Song of Mary)

MORNING SONG; GTG 99, PH 600, PAS 1042

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; GTG 100, PAS 75B

My Spirit Glorifies the Lord PENTECOST; PAS 1019

My Soul Is Filled with Joy (Holy Is Your Name)

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME; PAS 1020–1021

Responsorial

My soul glorifies the Lord (Canticle of Mary);

PSA 161

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

(Canticle of Mary); PSA 162

Sing out, my soul; GTG 646, PAS 1018

My soul rejoices in the Lord; PAS 1022

Psalm 80: 1–7

Metrical

O Hear Our Cry, O Lord VINEYARD HAVEN; GTG 355,
PH 206, PAS 80B

O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock ST. LOUIS,
FOREST GREEN, KINGSFOLD; PAS 80C, PCW 80

Responsorial

Lord, come soon; PSA 70, PEO 145–147

Lord, make us turn to you; PSA 71

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts; PAS 80A

Anthems for Larger Choirs

“Song of Mary,” Richard Shephard, SATB, org,
opt brass quin, OUP 978-0-19-343248-2

“A New Magnificat,” Carolyn Jennings, SATB, org,
solos, AF 080065255X

“Gabriel’s Message,” Nancy Grundahl, SATB div,
keybd, MSM 50-0102

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout,” Mark
Hayes, SATB, pno, opt fl, perc HOPE C-5975

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

“O Day of Peace,” Hal H. Hopson, SAB, keybd,
opt hb, AF 0800653750

“My Soul Proclaims with Wonder,” *Giving Thanks
in Song and Prayer*, Sally Ann Morris, uni,
keybd, cong, GIA G-4930

“Advent Lullaby: God Comes Tomorrow,” John L.
Bell, SATB acap, GIA G-5427

Anthems for Children’s Choirs

“Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis,” Helen Kemp, uni,
pno, C inst, hc, hb, CGA 954

“Come, Messiah, Come,” Lynn Shaw Bailey and
Becki Slagle Mayo, uni or 2 pt, pno, opt fl or
C inst, CGA 1189

Handbell Music

BRADBURY

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us,” Arnold B.
Sherman, 3–6 oct, HOPE MHP2721, level 3

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

“Creator of the Stars of Night,” Cathy Moglebust,
2–3 oct, CGA CGB268, level 1+

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

“Processional on ‘All Glory Laud and Honor,’”
Cynthia Dobrinski, 3–5 oct, opt org, tpt,
AGA 1230, level 3-

Organ Music

BRING A TORCH

*The Bethlehem Collection: Six Preludes and
Postludes for Christmas*, David Cherwien,
MSM (E/M)

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Augsburg Organ Library: Advent, Richard Warner,
AF (E/M)

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

“Savior of the Nations, Come,” *Road to Bethlehem*,
John A. Behnke, CON (E)

VOM HIMMEL HOCH

“From Heaven Above,” *Augsburg Organ Library:
Christmas*, Walter Pelz, AF (M)

A New Liturgical Year, Ernst Pepping, AF (M)