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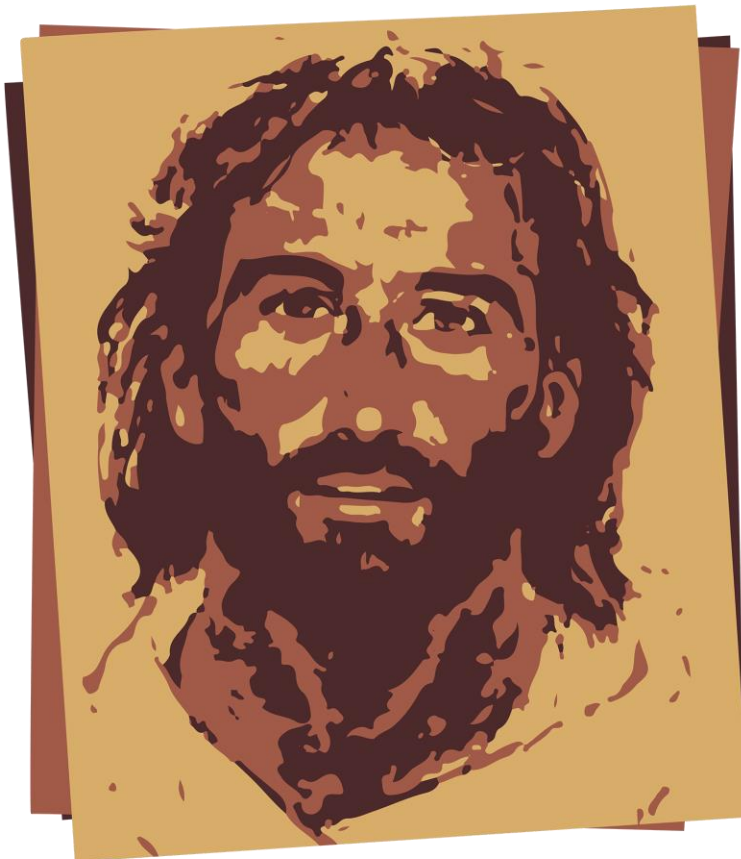
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**Advent Midweek 2**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 2020 7:00 pm**

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**

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*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

**We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star. *Refrain***

*Refrain:*

*O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.*

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. *Refrain***

## Opening Sentences

*Genesis 12:3; Romans 4:22, 24; John 8:56*

- P** The Lord promised Abram, "I will bless those who bless you,  
**C** **and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."**
- P** Paul reminds us that Abraham's faith was "counted to him as righteousness."  
**C** **"It will be counted to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus."**
- P** Jesus said, "Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day.  
**C** **He saw it and was glad."**

## Psalm

*Psalm 105:1–11, 42–45; antiphon: v. 42*

- P** This psalm rejoices that God kept His promise to give Abraham the land—and that He remembers His everlasting covenants.

He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;  
make known His deeds among the peoples!

- C** **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;  
tell of all His wondrous works!**
- P** Glory in His holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- C** **Seek the LORD and His strength;  
seek His presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that He has done,  
His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,
- C** **O offspring of Abraham, His servant,  
children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**
- P** He is the LORD our God;  
His judgments are in all the earth.
- C** **He remembers His covenant forever,  
the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations,**
- P** the covenant that He made with Abraham,  
His sworn promise to Isaac,

**C** which He confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

**P** saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."

**C** For He remembered his holy promise,  
and Abraham, His servant.

**P** So He brought His people out with joy,  
His chosen ones with singing.

**C** And He gave them the lands of the nations,  
and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,

**P** that they might keep His statutes  
and observe His laws.

**C** Praise the LORD!

**He remembered His holy promise,  
and Abraham, His servant.**

## Song of Praise

## Go Tell It on the Mountain

LSB #388 v. 3

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

**Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain**

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## O Key of David

**P** 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:

**C** Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

## Reading

Isaiah 22:22

<sup>22</sup>And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Meditation

## Prayer

### O Antiphon Song

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**LSB # 357 v. 5**

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**O come, Thou 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. Refrain**

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## Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## O Dayspring

**P** O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting:

**G** **Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

## Reading

Isaiah 60:1–5

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Meditation

## Prayer

### O Antiphon Song

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**LSB #357 v. 6**

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain***

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## Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## O King

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

**G** **Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay.**

## Reading

*Psalms 24:7–10*

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Meditation

## Prayer

### O Antiphon Song

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**LSB #357 v. 7**

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain**

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## Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## O Emmanuel

**P** O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior:

**G** **Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

## Reading

*Exodus 13:17–22*

<sup>17</sup>When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." <sup>18</sup>But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt

equipped for battle. <sup>19</sup>Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here." <sup>20</sup>And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup>The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Meditation

## Prayer

### O Antiphon Song

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**LSB #357 v. 1**

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain***

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## Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Collects

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, guide and protect clergy and lay leaders of Your Church. Enable them to lift people's hearts and minds to look beyond global pandemics, natural disasters, and political upheavals to see the eternal Kingdom, which You have graciously opened to all people who trust in You for life and health and peace. Bless those who till the soil, manage farms, transport supplies, and distribute food and clothing where they are needed. Son of David,

**G** **hear our prayer.**



**P** Almighty Lord, give wisdom and courage to those who lead governments, command armed forces, and maintain order in society. Give them hearts to seek peace so that warfare with neighbor states and civil strife within them give way to prosperity, health, and cooperation. Increase our faith to depend on Your eternal promises of the better country that awaits us by grace. Son of Abraham,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Jesus, Light of the world, open the hearts of all who are burdened by their scandals and other past sins. Surround them with faithful people to tell them about Your coming in human history to give Yourself for them. Protect and guide all law enforcement personnel, first responders, health care workers, and counselors. Help them balance justice, mercy, and compassionate care so that many may have their lives repaired and hope restored. Son of scandal,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, cared for by Your adopted human father, Joseph, remember people like him, those who have been forgotten, whether dispossessed, incarcerated, or isolated for any reason. Remember not their sins and iniquities but give them a sense of Your abiding presence. Nurture in us all a love for Your will so that we obediently do whatever You ask. Son of Joseph,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Servant Savior, born in a stable to a lowly Virgin, remind us again that You turn the world's ways upside down. Give strength to the weak, lift up the downtrodden, provide hope for the despairing, announce peace to the distraught, and proclaim eternal forgiveness to all burdened by their sin. Son of Mary,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

### **Collect for Today**

**P** Lord Jesus, You promised Your ancestor Abraham that through him all the families of the earth would be blessed.

**C** **Strengthen the faith we share with him in Your gracious promises. Grant that during our sojourn on this earth we ever look toward the better country You have prepared for us.**

**P** Son of Abraham,

**C** **hear our prayer. Amen.**

## Luther's Evening Prayer

- ©** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## 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 Medley

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

LSB #366 v. 1,4

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days have come to pass  
By prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years

**Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth  
God's ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear  
The song the angels sing.**

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*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**LSB #367 v.1,4**

**Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth. *Refrain***

*Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

**Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain***

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