

Order of Worship
November 29th 2020 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,

Thank You!

The hills and valleys are filled with colour, and we say,

Thank You!

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,

Thank You!

Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,

Thank You!

Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,

Thank You!

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,

Thank You!

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to You, O God,
as enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.

Amen.

– written by Carol Penner

Hymn of Praise

[O Come O Come Emmanuel \(Veni Emmanuel\)](#)

Verse 1

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

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 2

O come Thou Dayspring come and
cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here

Disperse the gloomy clouds of
night
And death's dark shadows put to
flight

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 3

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 4

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's
peace

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, help us this day to focus on You and who You want to be in our lives.
May challenges cause us to seek You, know You, and place our trust in You.
Strengthen us with Your Word and Your Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Special Music

The Prayer

Alberto Testa, Tony Renis, Carole Bayer Sager & David Foster

Scripture Reading

Anna Kate Belinski, reader

Luke 4:1-13 (The Message)

4 1-2 Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up he was hungry.

3 The Devil, playing on his hunger, gave the first test: "Since you're God's Son, command this stone to turn into a loaf of bread."

4 Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to really live."

5-7 For the second test he led him up and spread out all the kingdoms of the earth on display at once. Then the Devil said, "They're yours in all their splendor to serve your pleasure. I'm in charge of them all and can turn them over to whomever I wish. Worship me and they're yours, the whole works."

8 Jesus refused, again backing his refusal with Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God and only the Lord your God. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness."

9-11 For the third test the Devil took him to Jerusalem and put him on top of the Temple. He said, "If you are God's Son, jump. It's written, isn't it, that 'he has placed you in the care of angels to protect you; they will catch you; you won't so much as stub your toe on a stone'?"

12 "Yes," said Jesus, "and it's also written, 'Don't you dare tempt the Lord your God.'"

13 That completed the testing. The Devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Resilience – Part 1 of 2

Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Peter de Wetter, reader

Offertory

Thankful

Carole Bayer Sager, David Foster & Richard Page

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

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Communion

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

[Advent Hymn \(Watching Waiting Longing\)](#)

Verse 1

Heaven sent a child to save us light
for all to see
Helpless baby mighty Savior holy
mystery
Unto us a son is given born in
Bethlehem
Lamb of God the Light of nations
God in flesh became

Verse 2

For the joy that lay before Him
chose our agony
Jesus bore the wrath of Calv'ry
Washing sinners clean
Our Messiah Christ our brother word
of God in flesh
Loosed the chains that held us
captive
Broke the bonds of death

Verse 3

So we wait with expectation for His
Advent here
Bride of Christ His word proclaimed
For all the world to hear
He will come in clouds descending
At the trumpet sound
In the light of Christ our Savior
Ev'ry knee will bow

Chorus 1

Watching waiting longing for the day
When His people would glorify
The Name above all names

Chorus 1

Watching waiting longing for the day
When His people would glorify
The Name above all names

Chorus 2

Born in a manger dying on a tree
Rising Easter morning to set His
people free
We're watching waiting longing for
the day
When all nations will glorify
The Name above all names

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Rick Lee James | Ted Rastatter

Back Talk

Closing Prayer

Gracious loving God, we know that our ability to be resilient comes from You. We thank You that You are our help in all circumstances, yes even these times of unprecedented circumstance You are an ever present help. As the world changes around us, help us to embrace the change. As we are stretched to our limits and beyond, be our elasticity to snap back better than before. May our guide be empathy as we journey together as one humanity through these uncertain times toward recovery and Your new creation. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

adapted from Rev. Babette Chatman

Blessing

Postlude

I Will Praise Him Still
Fernando Ortega

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...