

**Order of Worship**  
December 19th 2021 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Jesus, May the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you Jesus. Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.  
Sing praises to the ends of the earth.  
Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,  
for great is the Holy One in our midst,  
blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us. **Amen.**

**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

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**Opening Prayer**

God of birth, God of light, in this time of song and prayer and silence, reawaken in us the awe of Christmas. As we hear again the story of a young woman and a surprising visitor, remind us that we are called to respond to you in unexpected ways. And when we leave this place, may we be willing to sing praises for a young woman who said YES and the birth that we prepare to celebrate. **Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

Anna Kate Belinski, reader

*Luke 2:1-7*

NRSV

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Children's Christmas Pageant

*Cantique de Noel (Oh Holy Night)*

*Away in a Manger*

*The First Noel*

*We Three Kings*

*Silent Night*

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

## Offertory & Presentation of the Gifts

### 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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## Blessing of the Bread & Wine

### 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

### Closing Hymn

*Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Regent Square)*

#### Verse 1

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

#### Chorus

Come and worship come and  
worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

#### Verse 2

Shepherds in the field abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with us is now residing

Yonder shines the infant light

#### Chorus

Come and worship come and  
worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

#### Verse 3

Sages leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great Desire of nations  
Ye have seen His natal star

#### Chorus

Come and worship come and  
worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

#### Verse 6

Though an infant now we view Him  
He shall fill His Father's throne  
Gather all nations to Him  
Every knee shall then bow down

#### Chorus

Come and worship come and  
worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

### Closing Prayer

When does an ordinary life become extraordinary, a mundane day become revolutionary, a moment in time change history?  
When God enters in, forgives sin, allows us to begin again;  
When we repeat those words of Mary,  
'May it be to me as You say.'  
Lord God, You choose the very least and raise us up to greatness.  
You take the weak, the poor and blind and raise us out of darkness.  
Teach us obedience, Lord, in every part of our lives:  
Ears to hear Your word, hands to do Your work, feet to walk Your path, a heart for all Your people, a mouth to shout Your praise, a childlike faith, humility, and confidence that says to the possible and to the impossible:  
for great is the Holy One in our midst,  
blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us. **Amen.**

### Blessing

### Postlude

**Our love in action now begins...**

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This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by  
Michael Schoepe.

*Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!*

Worship Coordinator: Rebecca Paschal  
9:00am Scripture Reader: Anna Kate Belinski  
Altar setting: Sue de Campo  
Coffee Service: Mark Breen

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