

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gathering Rite: "Come, Emmanuel"

Solo on verses; response from Community: "Come, O come, Emmanuel" (4x)

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Psalm Response: (5 p.m. & 12:30 p.m.): "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to You, I lift my soul."

(10:30 a.m.): "To You, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God."

Reading I

Jer 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.
In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot ;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
In those days Judah shall be safe
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her:
"The LORD our justice."

The word of the Lord.

Reading II

1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters:
May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all,
just as we have for you,
so as to strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters,
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that,
as you received from us
how you should conduct yourselves to please God
and as you are conducting yourselves
you do so even more.
For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:
"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on earth nations will be in dismay,
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.
People will die of fright
in anticipation of what is coming upon the world,

for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy
from carousing and drunkenness
and the anxieties of daily life,
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.
For that day will assault everyone
who lives on the face of the earth.
Be vigilant at all times
and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Preparation and Presentation of the Gifts: “The King Shall Come”

Verse 1: The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant break,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
Not as of old, a little child, to bear and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

Verse 2: O brighter than the rising morn when He, victorious, rose,
And left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes,
O brighter than that glorious morn shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes, and we His face shall see.

Verse 3: The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty springs.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray: Come quickly, King of kings.
Come quickly, King of kings.

Communion: “Jesus, Come to Us”

Refrain: Jesus, come to us, lead us to Your light.
Jesus, be with us, for we need You.

Verse 1: Lord, we come before You, listen to our prayer.
Fill us all with hope and Your love.

Refrain: Jesus, come to us, lead us to Your light.
Jesus, be with us, for we need You.

Verse 2: Lord, we come to praise You for Your faithfulness through night.
You will be with us, this we know.

Refrain: Jesus, come to us, lead us to Your light.
Jesus, be with us, for we need You.

Verse 3: Lord, You give us wonders, Your glory to all.
We believe in You. Come to us!

Refrain: Jesus, come to us, lead us to Your light.

Jesus, be with us, for we need You.

Recessional: "People, Look East"

Verse 1: People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look East and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Verse 2: Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare. One more seed is planted there:

Give up your strength the see to nourish, that in course the flow'r may flourish.

People look East and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Verse 3: Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings ae frozen He for fledging time has chosen.

People, look East and sing today: Love, the Bird, is on the way.

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