



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 27, 2022

Order of Service for the Worship of God

First Sunday in Advent

Gathering Music Becky Cain, Accompanist
Bethany Bevier, Guitar

Welcome Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel

Candle Lighting Liturgy: "What gives you hope?"

John C, Liturgist

Ministry Team members:

Faith Formation, Building and Grounds, Worship Logistics

Sung Response *Light the Advent Candle vs. 1*

Prayer for Transformation

(responsive)

God of today and God of tomorrow,
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.

Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

There's room for every story. Amen.

Words of Grace

Opening Song #116, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 1 & 2* (music after order of service)

Scripture Readings **Isaiah 2:1-5, NRSV**

Sung Response Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Sung Response Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

Many peoples shall come and say,
Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Sung Response Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

Sung Response Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Sung Response Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

Scripture

Matthew 1:1-17, The Message

The family tree of Jesus Christ, David’s son, Abraham’s son:

Abraham had Isaac,
Isaac had Jacob,
Jacob had Judah and his brothers,
Judah had Perez and Zerah (the mother was Tamar),
Perez had Hezron,
Hezron had Aram,
Aram had Amminadab,
Amminadab had Nahshon,
Nahshon had Salmon,
Salmon had Boaz (his mother was Rahab),
Boaz had Obed (Ruth was the mother),
Obed had Jesse,
Jesse had David,
and David became king.
David had Solomon (Uriah’s wife was the mother),
Solomon had Rehoboam,
Rehoboam had Abijah,
Abijah had Asa,
Asa had Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat had Joram,
Joram had Uzziah,

Uzziah had Jotham,
Jotham had Ahaz,
Ahaz had Hezekiah,
Hezekiah had Manasseh,
Manasseh had Amon,
Amon had Josiah,
Josiah had Jehoiachin and his brothers,
and then the people were taken into the Babylonian exile.
When the Babylonian exile ended,
Jeconiah had Shealtiel,
Shealtiel had Zerubbabel,
Zerubbabel had Abiud,
Abiud had Eliakim,
Eliakim had Azor,
Azor had Zadok,
Zadok had Achim,
Achim had Eliud,
Eliud had Eleazar,
Eleazar had Matthan,
Matthan had Jacob,
Jacob had Joseph, Mary's husband,
the Mary who gave birth to Jesus,
the Jesus who was called Christ.

There were fourteen generations from Abraham to David,
another fourteen from David to the Babylonian exile,
and yet another fourteen from the Babylonian exile to Christ.

Sermon "There's Room for Every Story"

Quiet Meditation

Song #109, *With Joy Draw Water*

Prayers of the People: Following the prayers, you are invited to come forward to write a single word prayer on a leaf and attach it to the wreath.

Testimony of Faith (unison)

**We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob,
who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba,
who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary.
We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming,
and challenging us from generation to generation.
And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying,
"Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen.**

Time, Talent and Treasure

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Announcements

Offering Invitation

Musical Offering

Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Song

#117, *Lift Up Your Heads*

Benediction

Sending Song

Advent Candle (refrain)

Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Hospitality Hour

Order of Worship Subject to Change; Music Covered by One License.net #A-7 10529

Liturgy from A Sanctified Art? "Prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org."

Image: Genealogy of Christ by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Isa. 11:1-12; Exod. 19-20:17

*Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710
Based on ancient antiphons from Advent Vespers
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851, and others; alt.
St. 2, 7, transl. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; alt.*

Unison

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, and
3 O come, O come, O A - do - nai, who
4 O come, O shoot of Jes - se, free your
5 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and

ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly
or - der all things far and nigh; To us the path of
came to all on Si - nai high, And from its peak a
own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny, From depths of hell your
o - pen wide your heaven - ly home; Make safe the path to

ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, and help us in that way to go.
sin - gle law pro - claimed in maj - es - ty and awe.
peo - ple save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
end - less day, to hell's de - struc - tion close the way.

Refrain next page ...

Refrain



Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

6 O come, O Day-spring, come and cheer
our spir-its by your ad-vent here;
Love stir with-in the womb of night,
and death's own shad-ows put to flight.
(Refrain)

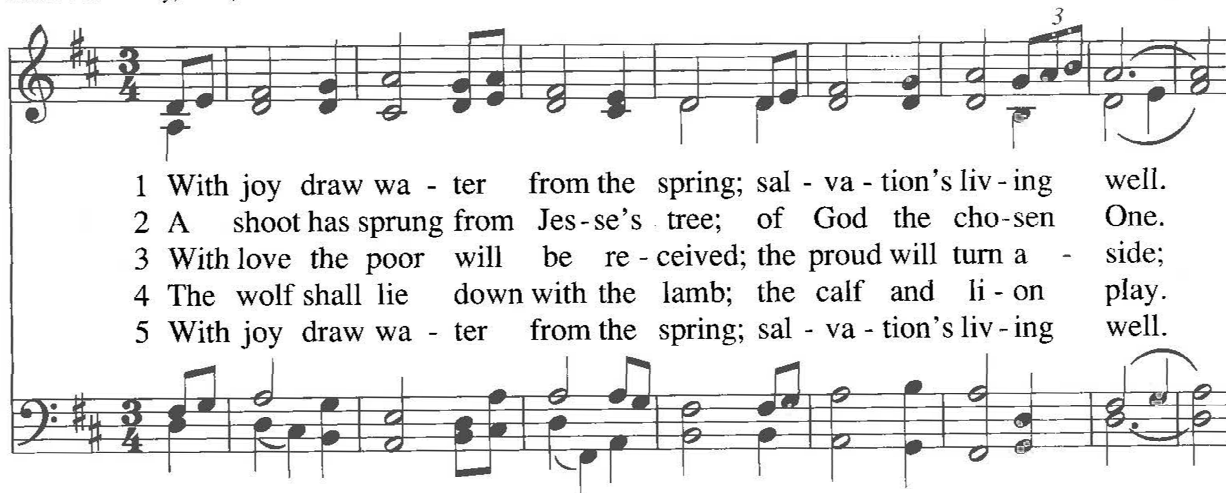
7 O come, De-sire of Na-tions, bind
all peo-ples in one heart and mind;
Make en-vy, strife, and quar-rels cease;
fill the whole world with heav-en's peace.
(Refrain)

With Joy Draw Water

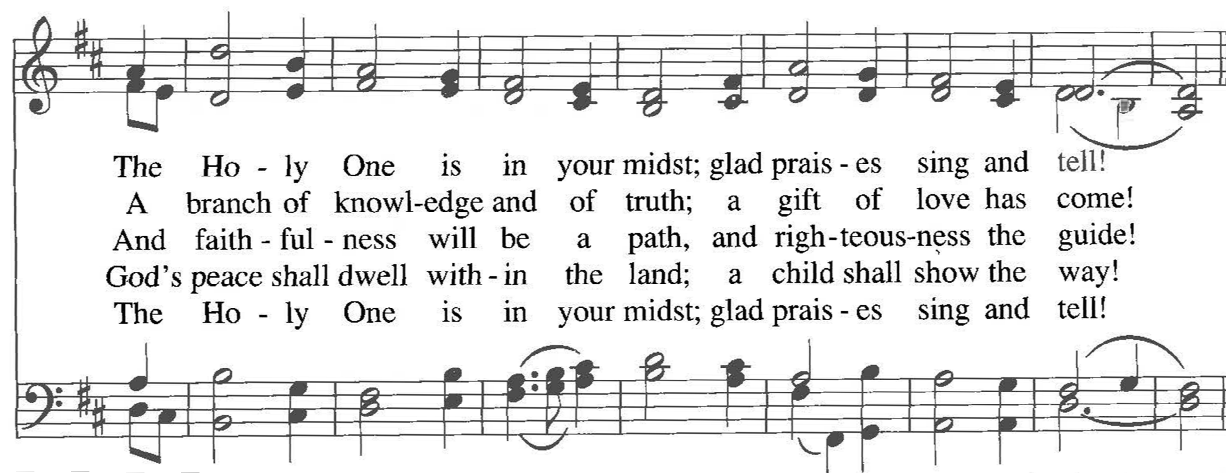
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Anne McKinstry, 1986, 1993

Isa. 11:1-10; 12:2-6



1 With joy draw wa - ter from the spring; sal - va - tion's liv - ing well.
2 A shoot has sprung from Jes - se's tree; of God the cho - sen One.
3 With love the poor will be re - ceived; the proud will turn a - side;
4 The wolf shall lie down with the lamb; the calf and li - on play.
5 With joy draw wa - ter from the spring; sal - va - tion's liv - ing well.



The Ho - ly One is in your midst; glad prais - es sing and tell!
A branch of knowl - edge and of truth; a gift of love has come!
And faith - ful - ness will be a path, and righ - teous - ness the guide!
God's peace shall dwell with - in the land; a child shall show the way!
The Ho - ly One is in your midst; glad prais - es sing and tell!

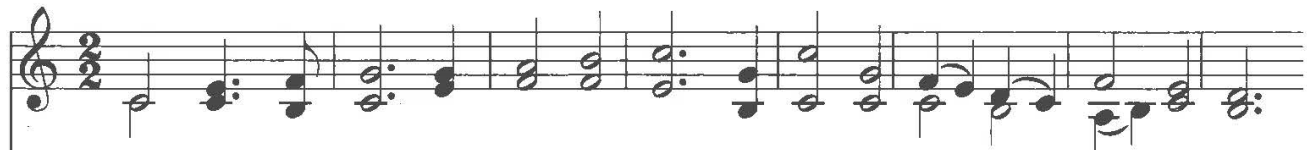
Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

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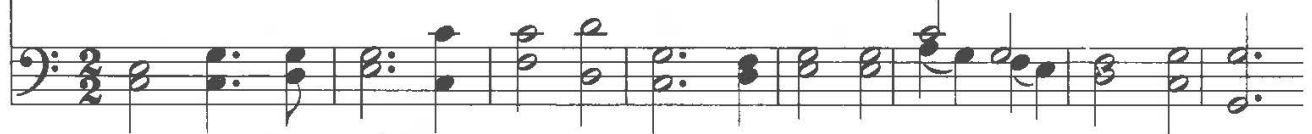
Georg Weissel, 1641

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1865; alt.

Ps. 24:7-10



1 Lift up your heads, O might-y gates; be-hold the glo - rious Rul - er waits!
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple, set a - part
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to you; here, Christ, a - bid!
4 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and no - bler life be - gin;



The Sov - ereign One is draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
From earth - ly use for heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
Let me your in - ner pres - ence feel; your grace and love in me re - veal.
Your Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.



Georg Weissel, a Lutheran pastor, served a church in Königsberg, East Prussia. He wrote some twenty hymns, most of them for the great festivals of the church year. This hymn was written for Advent.

Tune: TRURO L.M.
Thomas Williams' Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789