

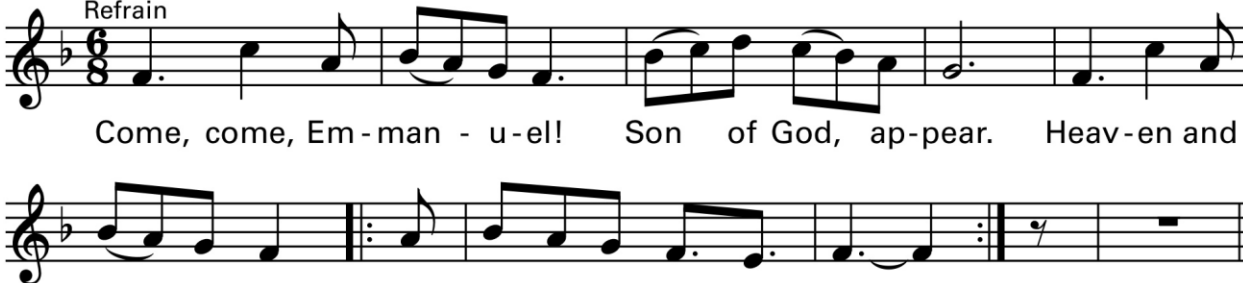
*Fourth Sunday of Advent
Ascension Catholic Church
Melbourne, Florida
December 21, 2025*

Gathering

Emmanuel


Steve Angrisano

Refrain



Come, come, Em - man - u - el! Son of God, ap - pear. Heav - en and
earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near.

Verses



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,

(to Refrain)



1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
And be for us the King of Peace.

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Penitential Rite

Adapted from the New Roman Missal

Cantor: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart. Kyrie, eleison. All: Kyrie, eleison.

Cantor: You came to call sinners. Christe, eleison. All: Christe, eleison.

Cantor: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. Kyrie, eleison.

All: Kyrie, eleison.

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Liturgy of the Word



First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm Response

Psalm 24

Owen Alstott



1. The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
2. Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? Or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.
3. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

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Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation: Litany of the Word

Bernadette Farrell

Cantor: Light of nations,	All: Alleluia,	Cantor: Light in darkness,	All: Maranatha!
Risen Savior,	Alleluia,	Lord of glory,	Maranatha!
You we long for,	Alleluia,	You we thirst for,	Maranatha!
Here among us,	Alleluia,	Living in us,	Maranatha!

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Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Homily

Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible,
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
(Bow) And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. (end bow)
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified;
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

General Intercessions



O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Carey Landry

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and
blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Gen-tle wom-an, qui-et light, morn-ing
star, so strong and bright, gen-tle
Moth-er, peace-ful dove, teach us
wis-dom; teach us love.

Verses: All

1. You were cho - sen by the Fa-ther;
2. Bless-ed are you a-mong wom-en,
1. you were cho - sen for the Son. You were Bless-ed
2. blest in turn all wom-en, too.
1. cho - sen 7 from all wom-en and for Bless-ed
2. they 7 with peace - ful spir - its.
to Refrain
1. wom - an, shin - ing one.
2. they with gen - tle hearts.

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Eucharistic Acclamations

Veni Emmanuel

M. Birmingham

Sanctus

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord. Lo - rd Go - d of hosts. Hea-ven and
ea - rth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high -
est, Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ble-ssed is He who comes in the
name of - the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us O Sa - vior of the world. For by your
cross and re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

Great Amen

A - men, A - - - men, A - men, A - - - men.

Music: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Text: 2011 New revised Sanctus.
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Rite of Communion

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

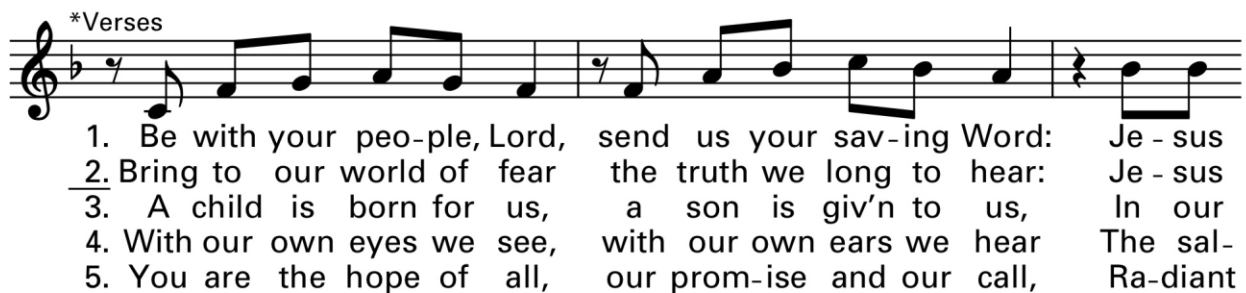
Communion Antiphon (chant)

**Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

Communion Songs

Bread of Life (Advent/Christmas Setting)

Bernadette Farrell



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My Soul in Stillness Waits


Marty Haugen

Refrain




For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.


Verses



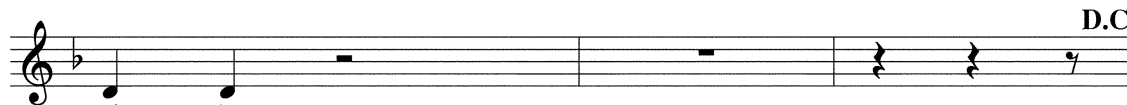
1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the



glo - ry, your ra - diance shines in all who look to
spir - its, our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your
in us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to
pil - grim - age, we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -
made us, let ev - 'ry heart be o - pened to the
heav - ens, Cre - a - tor of the moun - tains and the



you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and
Word, come, make us whole, be com - fort to our
you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in
main, o - pen to us the path - way of your
Lord, for we are all the peo - ple of his
seas, Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us



shad - ow.
hearts.
ris - ing.
peace.
hand.
now.

D.C.

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Song of Sending Forth

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Traditional

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; verse 2 tr. fr. *The Hymnal* 1940, alt. Music: Processionale, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; Chant, Mode 1. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A- 708084.



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