ADVENT 2024 WORSHIP PLAN

ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight (Congregational Responses in Bold)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of mercy,

We confess that we have sinned.

We trust our own authority above all else.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

We confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

We confess that we have sinned.

Emmanuel, come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:

it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

receive the grace and forgiveness of God

through + Christ Jesus,

whose day draws near.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE ELEISON (LORD HAVE MERCY)

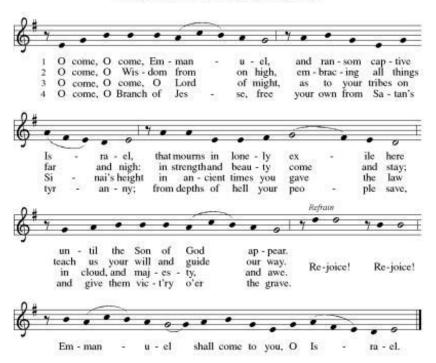
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. Refrain
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Refrain

Text: Psalteriolaw Castionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. composite-Music: VENI, EstMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent. Text as. 2, 6, 7 o 1997 Augsturg Fortess.

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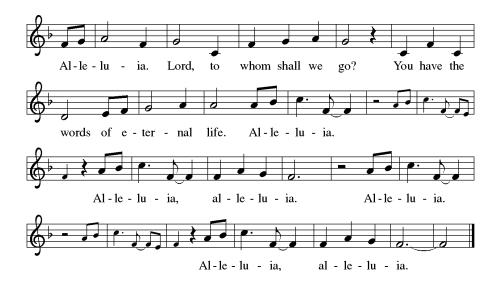
CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING:

PSALM:

SECOND READING:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL:

The Gospel according to Luke Glory to You, O Lord

The Gospel of our Lord **Praise to You, O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again 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.

We 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 worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG We Place upon Your Table, Lord (Vs 1)

We Place upon Your Table, Lord



Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884-1944, alt.

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God.

you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.

Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

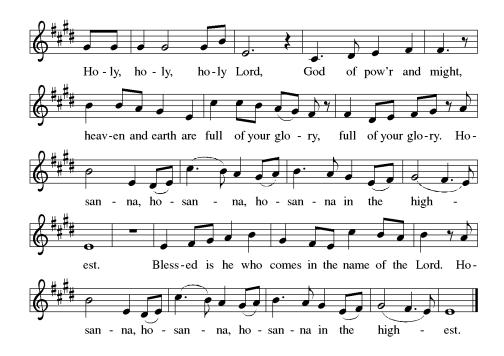
PREFACE

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,

our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for this world of balance and beauty.

When we unleash chaos, cruelty and despair,

you send your prophets to proclaim justice and mercy.

And when we enter the death spiral of our own conceit

Jesus will come to free us from ourselves, and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life, death, and resurrection,

we await his coming again

in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us

and on this bread and wine we share:

strengthen our faith,

increase our hope,

and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

Amen

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;

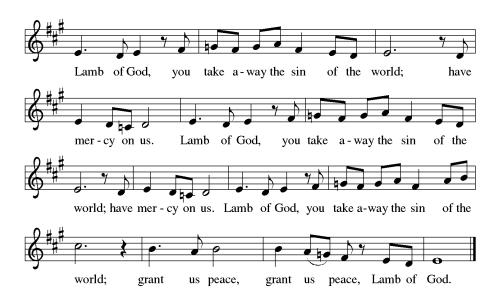
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, We thank you for your gift of life, the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, and leading us into peace.
We thank you for cleansing us with mercy, and sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
H bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

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