

Prayer Service



- Leader: Let us pray. For many centuries the people of Israel waited patiently for the coming of a Savior, knowing that one day their hopes would be realized and they would be set free. We have been freed in Jesus, yet we too long for the fullness of God's kingdom.
- Reader 1: O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.
- All: Come, O come, Emmanuel.
- Reader 2: O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.
- All: Come, O come, Emmanuel.
- Reader 3: O flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.
- All: Come, O come, Emmanuel.
- Reader 4: O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.
- All: Come, O come, Emmanuel.
- Reader 5: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
- All: Come, O come, Emmanuel.
- Reader 6: O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.
- All: Come, O come, Emmanuel.
- Reader 7: O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.
- All: Come, O come, Emmanuel.
- Leader: God our Father, we remember all the people who waited for the coming of your Son, Jesus. May all those who patiently awaited the arrival of the Messiah be signs to us during this Advent season of how to live every day with hope. We ask this in Jesus' name.
- All: Amen