

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**

**GOD CALLS US**

**Gathering Song**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*Latin antiphons (12<sup>th</sup> cent.) Latin hymn (1710)*  
*13<sup>th</sup> cent. Plainsong, arr. by Helmore (1856)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory over the grave.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**Welcome, Greeting and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

based on Psalm 50:1-3, 6

**LEADER:** The mighty God summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

**ALL: Our God comes and will not be silent.**  
**God calls, and we respond to his love.**

**LEADER:** The heavens declare God's righteousness.

**ALL: We tell out God's glories!**

**LEADER:** Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

**ALL: And our God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Worship Singing**

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O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## GOD CLEANSSES US

### Confession of Sin

Psalm 130

**LEADER:** Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!  
O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.  
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with Him is plentiful redemption.  
And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**ALL:** **O promised Christ:**  
**We are a world at war. Our peace depends on Your coming.**  
**We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on Your coming.**  
**We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;**  
**our only hope of doing God's will**  
**is that You should come and help us do it.**  
**We believe, Lord. Cast out our unbelief!**  
**Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for Your peace,**  
**for Your pardon, and for Your grace.**  
**Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:13-16

**LEADER:** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

## Prayer for the Church and the World

### Worship through Giving

#### Worship Singing

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

18<sup>th</sup> century English carol

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

"Fear not," then said the angel, "let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might."  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

# GOD SPEAKS TO US

**Sermon**

**Immanuel: How Is God with Us?**

Chad Smith

Matthew 1:1-17 | *God with Us in the Old Testament*

1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram. 4 Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon. 5 Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse. 6 Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah. 7 Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa. 8 Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah. 9 Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. 10 Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah. 11 Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

12 After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. 13 Zerubbabel was the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor. 14 Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud. 15 Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob. 16 Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

# GOD STRENGTHENS US

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper: Worship Singing

### *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Words: Liturgy of St. James (4th century); music: French carol

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six wingèd seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

### *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend (2006)

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;  
To the anguish and the shame of scandal  
Came the Savior of the human race.  
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven,  
Shepherds listen as the angels tell  
Of the Gift of God come down to man  
at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,  
Humble servant in the Father's hands,  
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
Filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,  
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;  
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again;  
I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,  
He was lifted on a cruel cross;  
He was punished for a world's transgressions,  
He was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, He fights for me,  
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;  
And with a shout our souls are free;  
Death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He's standing in the place of honor,  
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
Interceding for His own beloved  
Till His Father calls to bring them home!  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds,  
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;  
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,  
Giving glory to Immanuel!

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But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms, Giving glory to Immanuel!

**GOD SENDS US**

**God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing**