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St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church

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First Sunday of Advent

Contemplative Service

Please maintain silence in the sanctuary

10:00 am Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Patrick Blaney

Preacher: The Reverend Juanita Clark

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WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. There are candles in the Chapel for those who wish to light one and say a prayer at any time before and during the service. We ask that you please turn off all cell phones and pagers. After the service, we invite newcomers (and others!) to visit our Welcome Table downstairs in the Lounge. This is a place where you can learn more about the various activities and groups here at St. John's, find contact information, ways to get involved and have fun!

St John's North Vancouver Parish recognizes we are on the unceded Coast Salish territories within the Musquam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

Ministering today at our 10:00 am service:

<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>The Reverend Patrick Blaney</i>
<i>Deacon & Preacher:</i>	<i>The Reverend Juanita Clark</i>
<i>Musician:</i>	<i>Galina Martynioug, piano and organ</i>
<i>Choir Director:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>
<i>Crucifer & Server:</i>	<i>Hazel Breakey</i>
<i>Readers:</i>	<i>Raf Ellis, Kevin Benoy</i>
<i>Intercessor:</i>	<i>Will be sung</i>
<i>Sunday School:</i>	<i>Linda Harrison</i>
<i>Eucharistic Administrators:</i>	<i>Marthe Duncombe, Chris de Beaupré Maria Morellato, Alison Brookfield</i>
<i>Greeter:</i>	<i>Margaret Ellis</i>
<i>Outreach:</i>	<i>Madeline Cooper, Eileen Spender</i>
<i>Welcome Table:</i>	<i>Christie Smith</i>

Flowers in the Sanctuary today

Advent CHRISTIAN YEAR
Prepare the Way 107

①
Pre - pare the way of the Lord, pre -

②
pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will

③
see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

④

May be sung as a 4-part round or canon.

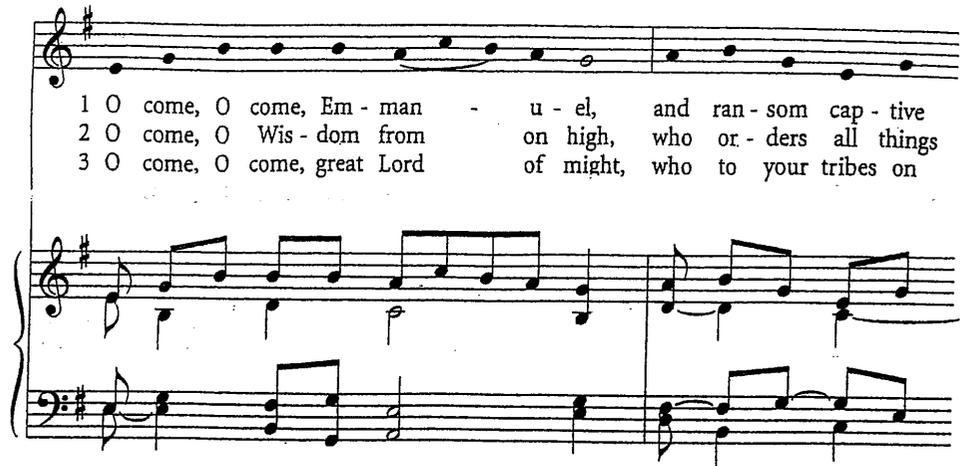
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PREPARE THE WAY

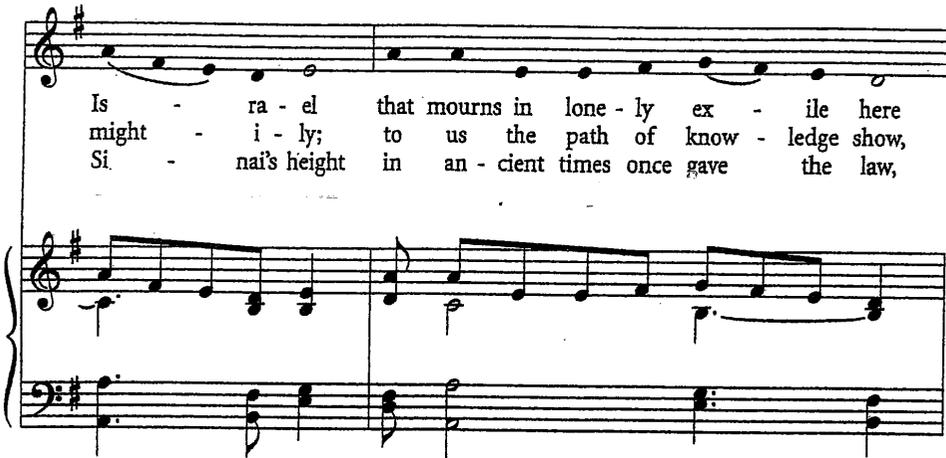
Three Bells

Processional Hymn

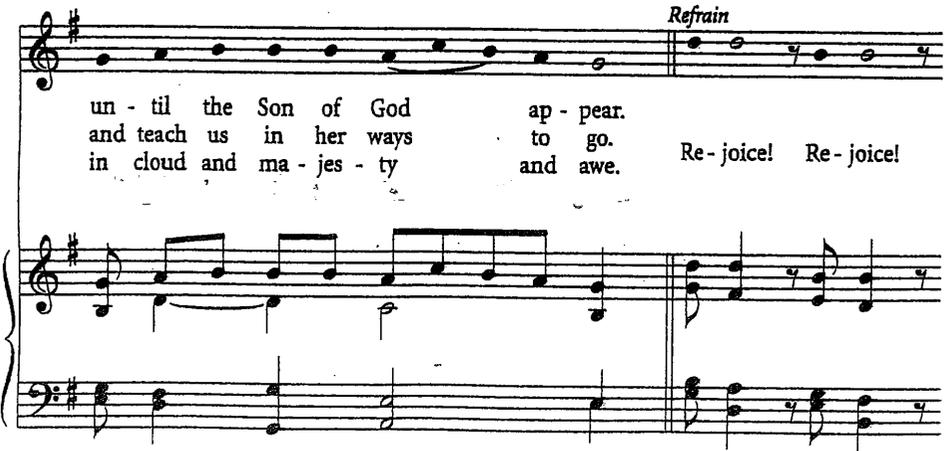
89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, who or - ders all things
 3 O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on

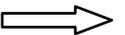


Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge show,
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and teach us in her ways to go.
 in cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe. Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

Refrain



The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Veni Emmanuel'. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) with a treble clef. The lyrics 'Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.' are written below the notes. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and a brace on the left. The piano part features a rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Text: Latin (9th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: Plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale* (15th cent.); arr. Healey Willan (1880-1968), alt.
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LM with refrain
 VENI EMMANUEL

The Gathering of the Community

The Grace

Celebrant
All We gather in the name of God,
**Creator of the universe, source of true humanity,
mother and father of all. Amen.**

Celebrant
All We gather in the name of Jesus,
**Word made flesh,
saviour of wounded humanity,
lover of all. Amen.**

Celebrant
All We gather in the name of the Holy Spirit,
**Lord and giver of life,
midwife of our new humanity,
inspirer of us all. Amen.**

Celebrant
All Come then, Eternal God:
**Be present here. Befriend us here.
Renew us here.**

The Collect

Celebrant
All Almighty God,
**give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children and Youth Time *After the hymn and lighting of the Advent candle, Children are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School with their teacher.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn **A Candle is Burning** *(To the tune of Away in a Manger)*
 A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright
 a candle of hope in December's dark night.
 While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
 our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

Waiting in Hope *(Children & Youth gather around the Advent Wreath)*

First Voice **On this first Sunday in Advent, we light this candle and name it Hope.** (light first blue candle)

Second Voice **When we light it, we feel excited. We are looking forward to something special. What can it be? When is it going to happen? When we light this candle, we feel hopeful as we wait in this season.**

First Voice **This candle reminds us that the prophet Isaiah was longing for God's presence too.**

Second Voice **It reminds us that the people in the early church were longing for God's presence too.**

First Voice **This candle is a symbol for our own longing for God to be with us. We wait in hope for God to surprise us and break into our lives.**

All **O God, come, travel with us through Advent. Give us the courage to spread hope in the world. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: read by Raf Ellis

A reading from the book of Isaiah

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.

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.

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.

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

Isaiah 2:1-5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

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Psalm 122 I Joyed When to the House of God

1 I joyed when to the house of God "Go
2 Je - ru - sa - lem our cit - y is firm
♦ 3 Pray that Je - ru - sa - lem may have peace
4 There - fore I wish that peace may still with -
5 Now for my friends' and kin - dred's sakes "Peace

up," they said to me. Je - ru - sa - lem, with -
built and strong - ly stands, un - to that place the
♦ and fe - lic - i - ty: let them that love thee
in thy walls re - main, and ev - er may thy
be in thee," I'll say; and for the house of

in thy gates our feet shall stand - ing be.
tribes go up, pil - grims from all its lands.
♦ and thy peace have still pros - per - i - ty.
pal - a - ces pros - per - it - y re - tain.
God our Lord I'll seek thy good al - way.

Words: Scottish Psalter 1650, alt.
Music: Chalmers' Collection, Aberdeen 1749

ST PAUL
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The Second Reading: read by Kevin Benoy
A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:11-14

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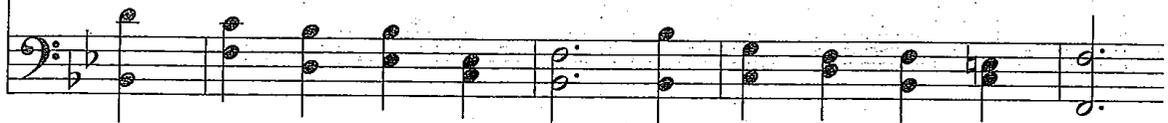
Gradual Hymn *All stand for the Gospel. Before the reading of the Gospel, the first half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.*

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You Servants of the Lord 93



1 You ser - vants of the Lord, each in your call - ing wait,
 2 Let all your lamps be bright, and trim the gold - en flame;
 3 Watch; 'tis your Lord's com - mand, and while we speak, he's near;
 4 How hap - py shall we be if in his ser - vice found!
 5 Christ shall the ban - quet spread with his own roy - al hand,



ob - ser - vant of his heaven - ly Word, and watch - ful at his gate.
 at - ten - tive stand, as in his sight, for awe - some is his name.
 mark the first sig - nal of his hand, and rea - dy all ap - pear.
 We shall our Lord with rap - ture see and be with hon - our crowned!
 and raise each faith - ful ser - vant's head a - mid the an - gel - ic band,



The Gospel— First Sunday of Advent

Three Bells

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

All

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the second half of the Gradual Hymn is sung.

Meditation

The Reverend Juanita Clark

Time for Reflection

Apostle's Creed

Celebrant

All

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of The People

O LORD HEAR MY PRAYER

From Psalm 101 (102)

Ostinato Chorale
Mixed Voices

J = 72

O Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

Lord hear my pray'r. Come and lis - ten to me. *fine*

Please take whatever position is best for you for prayer.

The Prayers of the People will be sung

Intercessions

Sung

All
A *repeat continuously* **B**

Hmm. God of mer-cy, hold us in love.

Leader or Assistant **B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:
2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:
3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo - ples:
4. For us, who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

Leader or Assistant

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

The Church: Archbishop Melissa Skelton, Linda Nicholls our Primate, Mark MacDonald the Indigenous Archbishop of Canada, Patrick our Priest and Juanita our Deacon. Bishop Brent Alawas, and the Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. The Deanery of Point Grey – The Reverend Christine Rowe, Regional Dean.

The Local Community: City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School.

The World: *Advent Calendar*

Rowan Williams (The Poems of Rowan Williams, Perpetua Press 2002)

*He will come like last leaf's fall.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.*

*He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.*

*He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.*

*He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield*

*the star-snowed fields of sky.
 He will come, will come,
 will come like crying in the night,
 like blood, like breaking,
 as the earth writhes to toss him free.
 He will come like child.*

Those in Need: For those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith community: Berna, Bruce and Ann, Frances T., Elsie, Wilma, Kelly, Jaye E., Elle D., Allison M., Tom and Doreen H. Also for Olga S., Andy M., Meherunissa, Ratyia M., Laurie S., Ruby E., Frances B., Flo L., C.L.J.T., Sandro Y., Lesley G., Jean S., Ron P., Maria M., Joan C., Liam., Jessica D., friends and family of Carole Sheridan.

The Dearly Departed: Carole Sheridan.

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Anne Kean, Ken Kerr, Pat Koonts, Pat Kuechler, Kean Krytenberg, Donna Lawrence, Alex, Cooper and Lorelai Heibloem.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant	Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes us and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
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Silence is kept.

Celebrant
All

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us,
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Sharing of The Peace

We stand as we are able and greet our neighbours in the peace of Christ.

Celebrant

May the peace of Christ always be with you.

All

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

Come to the light

(A Celtic Advent Song)

Words & Arrangement by Joseph M. Martin

Sung by St. John's Choir

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Representatives of the people present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist (with money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church) to the deacon or celebrant before the altar. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our world. We thank you.

Doxology

The musical score for the Doxology is written in G major (one sharp) and consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains 12 measures, and the second system contains 12 measures. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken (1637–1710).

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant
All

God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant This is the table of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 It is to be made ready
 for those who love him
 and who want to love him more.
 So come,

**All we who have much faith
 and we who have little,
 we who have been here often
 and we who have not been for a long time,
 we who have tried to follow
 and we who have failed.**

Celebrant Come. This is our Lord's invitation.

**All It is his will that those who seek him
 should meet him here.**

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest,
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Now let us hear the story
 of how this sacrament began:
 On the night on which Jesus was betrayed,
 he sat at supper with his disciples.
 While they were eating, he took a piece of bread,
 said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them with the
 words,
 "This is my body. It is broken for love of you.
 Do this to remember me".

Celebrant Later he took a cup of wine, saying:
 "This cup is God's new covenant,
 sealed with my love and my life blood.
 Drink from it, all of you, to remember me."

**All So now, following Jesus' example and command,
 we take this bread and this wine,
 the ordinary things of the world
 which Christ will make special.
 And as he said a prayer before sharing,
 let us do so too.**

Celebrant And now, lest we believe
 that our praise alone fulfills your purpose,
 we fall silent and remember him who came because
 words weren't enough.

(Silent reflection)

Celebrant Setting our wisdom, our will, and our words aside,
**All emptying our hearts,
 and bringing nothing in our hands,
 we yearn for the healing, the holding, the
 accepting, the forgiving, which Christ alone can
 offer.**

(Silent reflection)

Celebrant Merciful God, send now,
 in your abounding kindness and generosity,
 your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine
 and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

**All May that same Spirit rest on us,
 converting us from the patterns of this passing
 world, until we conform to the shape of him
 whose food we now share. Amen.**

(Silent Reflection)

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

As our Sa - vour Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lored be your Name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
 Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread
 to share in the body of Christ

All **We, being many, are one body,
 for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome to receive communion at this table. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Anyone desiring a blessing should fold their arms across their chest after receiving communion, as an indication to the priest.

Communion Hymns

I Come to You

Bbm

Eb

Bbm

Christie Lee Smith

do not sing first two times

Descant



Come, I come to you.

Melody



1. Come, I come to you with o - pen hands
2. Take, I take this bread and drink this wine

do not sing first time

Voice 2

*begin singing here*

hands, { 1. come to you with o - pen
2. take this bread and drink this, }

I come to you with o-pen

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Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near 94

The musical score is written for a single voice and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' are written below the treble staff. The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. Chord symbols Em, C, Am6, and B are placed above the treble staff. The second system also has a treble clef staff with the same key signature and common time. The lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!' are written below the treble staff. The piano accompaniment continues in the bass clef. Chord symbols Em, D, G, Am, B, and Em are placed above the treble staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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WAIT FOR THE LORD

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Joy of Every Longing Heart

Music by J.S. Bach

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Sung by St. John's Choir

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Christ's food in our souls,
All **Our food shared like his.**

Celebrant Christ's life in our hands,
All **Our lives shaped by his.**

Celebrant Christ's love in our hearts,
All **Our love warmed through his.**

Celebrant Christ's peace on our path,
All **Our path following his.**

The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **Whose power, working in us,**
 can do infinitely more
 than we can ask or imagine.
 Glory to God from generation to generation,
 in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Three Bells

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

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Hope Is a Star

Unison C

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,
 2 Peace is a rib - bon that cir - cles the earth,
 3 Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,
 4 Love is a flame that burns in our heart,

lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - iour is born.
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be

 Words: Brian Wren 1985
 Music: Joan Collier Fogd 1987

 MOON BEAMS
 Irregular with refrain


F G C Am F Dm7 C

first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

Dismissal

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Deacon

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Our worship is now over, and our service begins.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please maintain silence in the Sanctuary so that those who wish may remain in prayer.



After each service a Healing Prayer Ministry is available in the Chapel area of the church. The Healing Prayer Ministry is both clergy and lay led. An anointing (a blessing with oil on your forehead) is also offered when the Deacon is present.