We long for a standard to look up to—
come, Root of Jesse, claim us as your own.

We languish in prisons of mind and spirit—
come, Key of David, and set us free.

The darkness grows thick around us—

come, Light of light, and dawn upon us.

We are scattered, lacking a sure leader—
come, Prince of peace, and lead us.

We need to know that God is with us—

come, Emmanuel, and dwell in our hearts.

Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In our Savior Christ, God is with us.

Almighty God, Father,

→ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless us now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song – Joy to the World - # 267 (ELW)

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Service of Advent Lessons & Carols



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A Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 8, 2019

Based on the O Antiphons

The O Antiphons are a set of medieval refrains originally used before and after the singing of the Magnificat. They were in use already in the eighth century. Each invokes the Messiah under a different title derived from the Old Testament. This title is then amplified and followed by an appeal to "come" and save us in a particular way. Around the twelfth century, they were collected into a Latin verse hymn, which was later translated by John Mason Neale, finally becoming the beloved Advent hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (ELW 257, CP 89). These antiphons form the structure of this service. The corresponding stanza of "O come, O come, Emmanuel" is sung after each antiphon.



Antiphon

O Morning Star of righteousness, your light shines brightly in the night. Dispel our shadows and bring us light: Illumine our darkness.

Hymn stanza: O come, O Dayspring

257 (ELW), vs. 6

Lesson: Luke 1:68-79 Read By: Deacon Chris

Choir: Manger, Cross, and Tomb (T. York and V. Johnson)

Antiphon

O God in our midst, Emmanuel, in you our salvation comes to earth. Come, rule our lives and make us whole: Come and save us.

Hymn stanza: O come, O come, Emmanuel

257 (ELW), vs. 1

Lesson: Isaiah 7:14 Read By: Bill Clatsworthy

Choir: Canticle of the Turning (arr, Anne Krentz Organ)

Responsive Prayer

Our world stumbles blindly toward chaos—
come, source of wisdom, and reveal yourself
to us.

What we imagine to be strength is really weakness—come, mighty Lord, and fill us with your true strength.

Antiphon

O Ruler of the nations, Desire and longing for wholeness, come. We are your creatures, you formed us of earth: Save your people.

Hymn stanza: O come, O King of nations

257 (ELW), vs. 7

Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a Read By: Marilyn Bleach

Carol: People Look East # 248 (ELW)

Antiphon

O Root of Jesse, tarry not; o'er all your people your banner waves. All rulers and nations worship you: Heal the nations.

Hymn stanza: O come, O Branch of Jesse

257 (ELW) vs. 4

Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10 Read By: Kate Stuttaford

Carol: Come Now, O Prince of Peace #247 (ELW)

Antiphon

O Key of David, sign of might, you tear down bars that hold us fast. Deliver the captives and free us from death: Burst our prison.

Hymn stanza: O come, O Key of David

257 (ELW), vs. 5

Lesson: Isaiah 42:5-9 Read By: Jane Cotter

Choir: Comfort My People (Ian Callanan)

Gathering Song – Deep in our Hearts ¹



Dialogue

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

I will hear what the Lord God has to say—

A voice that speaks for peace.

Peace for all faithful people

and those who turn to him in their hearts.

God's help is near for those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, through the ages you have sent your promise to your people in many ways, through many voices. But in these last days, your Son has come to bring it among us in person. Through your Spirit, prepare our hearts to recognize him in his many forms, and to receive him as our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn: Come, Light of God

Come light, light of God, give light to creation, enlighten our hearts, and remain with your world.²

Lessons and Carols

Antiphon

O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Holy One. Mighty and sweet your ordering of life: Teach us prudence.

Hymn stanza: O come, O Wisdom - # 257 (ELW), vs. 2

Lesson: Isaiah 40:3-5 Read By: Robin Smart

Choir: Comfort Ye & And the Glory from The Messiah

(G. H. Handel)

Antiphon

O Adonai and Israel's God, your flame brought Moses to his knees. Your mountain brought forth law and life: Come and redeem us.

Hymn stanza: O come, O Lord of Might

257 (ELW), vs. 3

Lesson: Exodus 6:2-7a Read By: Siegfried Schranz

Carol: Blessed be the God of Israel #250 (ELW) vs. 3