

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025

GATHERING SONG: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

1. O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind,
O bid our sad divisions cease, and be for us our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!
2. 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 you, O Israel!
3. O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.;
verses 1, 3–6 para. in Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710;
tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt.
Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890.

LITURGY OF THE WORD [Readings](#)

Responsorial Psalm 24: *Open wide your gates; Let the King of Glory in!*

Prayer of the Faithful: *You may un-mute and share your prayers.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

My Sunday Offering to God



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Preparation of the Gifts *God of All People*

1. God of all places: present, unseen;
Voice in our silence, song in our midst.
We are your people, knowing, unsure.

Refrain: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

2. God of all dreaming, near and yet far.
Vision unheard of, wake us to rest.
We are your presence, sent forth afraid.

3. God of all people, dust and the clay.
Breath of a new wind, fire in our heart.
Light born of heaven, peace on the earth.

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Communion Song: *My Soul in Stillness Waits*

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
your radiance shines in all who look to you,
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.
3. O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
and in your advent, draw us all to you,
our hope reborn in dying and in rising.
4. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,
open to us the pathway of your peace.
5. Come, let us bow before the God who made us,
let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,
for we are all the people of his hand.
6. Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,
Creator of the mountains and the seas,
Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

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Sending Forth Song:

People, Look East

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way!

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way!

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way!

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way!

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