

- C: ♯ 1. My- soulmagnifies the Lord:
 And my spirit rejoices in... .. .God, my Savior.
2. For- Hehas regarded:
 The low estate ofHis hand-maiden.
3. For- be--hold, from henceforth:
 All generations shall... .. .call me bless-ed.
4. For- He that is Mighty has
 things:
 And Ho-...-ly is His Name.
5. And His mercy is onthose who fear Him:
 From generation togen-er-a-tion.
6. He has shown... .. .strength with His Arm:
 He has scattered the proud in the imagi- ..nation of their hearts.
7. He has put down themighty from their seats:
 And exalted thoseof low degree.
8. He has filled thehungry with good things:
 And the rich He has sentemp-ty a-way.
9. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance ...-of His mercy:
 As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his...seed for-ev-er.
10. *Glory be to the Father*and to the Son
 And tothe Holy Ghost;
11. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and* ..ever shall be:
 Forev--er-more, A-men.



Emmanuel

King of Nations



12/2 MIDWEEK ADVENT-1W WORSHIP 4:30pm. INVOCATION (Please rise.)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS *P:* Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy Law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name.

The ABSOLUTION

P: The Almighty and Merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN *The Advent of Our King ELH #99 (TUNE = ELH #60)*

1. The Advent of our- King - Our- pray'r's must- now employ,
 And we must hymns of welcome sing - In strains of- holy joy.
2. The everlasting- Son - In-carnate- deigns to be;
 Himself a servant's form puts on - To set His- servants free.
3. O Zion's Daughter-, rise - To- meet thy- lowly King;
 Repentant hearts He'll not despise, - Forgiveness- He doth bring.
4. As Judge, on clouds of- light, - He- soon will- come again;
 Then saints and angels will unite - To praise His- heav'nly reign.
5. Before the dawning- day - Let- sin's dark- deeds be gone,
 The old man all be put away, - The new man- all put on.
6. All glory to the- Son, - Who- comes to- set us free,
 With Father, Spirit, ever One, - Through all- eternity.

The VERSICLES ELH, p.120

P: ♯ O Lord, open my lips. C: ♯ And my mouth will show forth Your praise.

P: ♯ Make haste, O God, to deliver me. C: ♯ Make haste to help me, O Lord.

The GLORIA PATRI

C: ♯ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and- to- the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be, forevermore.
 A-men. Al-le-lu—ia!

LECTION: SCRIPTURE LESSONS for ADVENT "Jesus Is OUR KING (DAVID)"

This year's 2015 Advent Midweek Devotions THEME:

The (7) Great "O" Antiphons or verses of *Veni Emmanuel*

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-14 Jesus is our "Emmanu-El = God With Us!"

Isaiah 7:10-14 NIV Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, 11 "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." 13 Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

"O" Antiphon #1. **O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord,**



**The Anointed for the nations and their Savior;
Come and save us, O Lord our God!**

HYMN Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel ELH #110 (Sing vv.1-2, then vv.6-7)

- O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-ma---nu-el Shall come to thee, O Is---rael.**
- O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show And teach us in Her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-ma---nu-el Shall come to thee, O Is---rael.**

SECOND READING Isaiah 49:5-7 Jesus is our King of Nations!

Isaiah 49:5-7 And now the LORD says - He who formed me in the womb to be His servant to bring Jacob back to Him and gather Israel to Himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength - 6 He says: "It is too small a thing for You to be My Servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make You a Light for the Gentiles, that You may bring My Salvation to the ends of the earth." 7 This is what the LORD says - the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel - to Him Who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see You and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, Who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, Who has chosen You."

"O" Antiphon #2. **O King of the Nations, The Ruler for Whom they long;**



**The Cornerstone uniting all people:
Come and save us all whom You formed out of clay!**

- O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits us by Thine
Advent here; / Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's
dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-ma---nu-el Shall come to thee, O Is---rael.**
- O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-ma---nu-el Shall come to thee, O Is---rael.**

THIRD HYMN What Child Is This? ELH #145 (3 verses) GREENSLEEVES

- 1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, - On Mary's lap lay sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, - Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him love, - The Babe, the son of Mary.**
- 2. Why lies he in such mean estate - Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here - The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, - The Cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made Flesh, - The Babe, the son of Mary.**
- 3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings, - Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, - The Virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, - The Babe, the son of Mary.**

The VERSICLE P: ♪ Let my prayers rise before you as incense:

C: ♪ And the lifting up of my hands - As the ev'ning sacrifice.

The MAGNIFICAT (Song of Mary) Words and music on back page of bulletin →

**KYRIE ELEISON (Lord Have Mercy) C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. -
Christ, have mercy upon us. - Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The LORD'S PRAYER All pray together

**C: ♪ Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowèd be Thy Name;
Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory; forever and ever.

C: ♪ A - - - -men.

The (Evening) COLLECT (Pastor prays, Congregation Amen) C: ♪ A -men.

The BENEDICAMUS P: ♪ Let us bless the Lord. C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

**The BENEDICTION P: ♪ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the Love of God,
And the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: ♪ A - - -men.**

CLOSING HYMN Once He Came in Blessing ELH 141 (3 verses) GOTTES SOHN

**1. Once He came in blessing, All our ills redress-ing;
Came in likeness low-ly, Son of God most ho---ly;
Bore the Cross to save- us, Hope and freedom gave- us.**

**2. Still He comes within us, Still His Voice would win- us
From the sins that hurt- us; Would to Truth convert--- us
From our foolish er-rors Ere He comes in ter-ror.**

**3. Who by faith endureth Bright reward secure-eth.
Come, then, O Lord Je-sus, From our sins release--- us;
Let us here confess- Thee Till in heav'n we bless- Thee.**

Silent Prayer ⦿ ⦿ (Candles out.) ⦿ ⦿ **FELLOWSHIP**

Emmanuel



December 23rd

'Immanuel' is a Hebrew name. 'Immanu' means 'with us' and 'el' means 'God.' Immanuel is God with us. Matthew quotes this prophecy from Isaiah when he recounts the birth of Jesus: "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel' (which means, God with us)" (Matthew 1:22-23).

Jesus was Immanuel when he took on human flesh, was born of a virgin, and saved his people from their sins. Jesus continues to be Immanuel as he is 'God with us' through the preaching of the Gospel, through Holy Baptism, through the Sacrament of the Altar. And the Church continues to pray "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" as she eagerly awaits having God with us face to face on the Last Day and for eternity.

King of Nations



December 22nd

Jesus fulfilled the promise that was made to David, that his kingdom would be established forever. David ruled over God's people Israel, who trace back to Abraham. Yet the salvation that Jesus was going to accomplish was far too great to be limited to only one group of people. God created all men, and all men needed to be saved from their sins. And so even though Matthew traces Jesus back to David and Abraham (Matthew 1:1) he is quick to include the visit of the foreign wise men from the east who come to bow down before Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12).

Jesus is the king who rules *all nations* through the Gospel of his death and resurrection. He says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." He tells his apostles, "make disciples of all nations." And he promises his Church, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20).