

**Augsburg Morning Chapel
December 10, 2020**

Welcome to Campus Ministry's morning chapel service at Augsburg University.

Prelude

Welcome

Advent Candle-Lighting

Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, stanza 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Litany:

How long, O Lord, must we wait?
How long until we can breathe again?
Come now, O Breath of God, come.
Consider our plea and answer us.
Come. Light our hearts anew.

Candles are lit

Come now, O Breath of God, do not tarry.
Give us your mystic Breath,
so we may speak and sing and shine
your light and love into this hurting world.
Come now, as we wait, keep watch, and pray.

Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

text by Kristina Boerger,
written for Advent Vespers, 2020

O, Come, O Come, thou breath of God.
Sustain those who on Freedom's paths have trod.
Give health to ev'ry heaving breast
And strength to all on Liberation's quest. *Refrain*

Lesson Psalm 98:4-9

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world
with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Carol: Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW #726)

- 1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

- 2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain*

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Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Carol: Come, O Unexpected Jesus! (stanza 1 & 2)

Come, O unexpected Jesus!

We Await the age to be
when you will for earth and
even brings them into harmony.
Come to us, O Christ our Savior,
Come and set creation free!

Come, O unexpected Jesus!
Shake the wisdom of the wise.
Pierce the night of death and darkness;
dawn as light on weary eyes.
Wake the world from heedless slumber—
come to us as God's surprise!

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Lesson: Luke 1 :39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Carol: Come, O Unexpected Jesus! (stanza 3 & 4)

Come, O unexpected Jesus!
turn us from our well-worn ways;
guide us on the paths of justice
to the peace your life displays.
Turn our stumbling into dancing,
And our mourning into praise!

Come, O unexpected Jesus,
As at Bethlehem you came:
God incarnate, yet and infant,
shunning earthly might and fame.
Come, Emmanuel, and through us
birth the new world you proclaim!

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Lesson: Luke 2:27-32

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared

in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

Carol: Bring in Your New World, stanzas 1 & 3

Bring in your new world, child of the sun,
God’s shining presence, bright in your essence,
Christmas begun; bring to our sad world
light and delight, singing and laughter,
hope as our shelter, stars to our night.

Bring in your new world, child of all time,
peace without border, peace the new order,
lion with lamb; come in the healing,
sharing of bread, justice and freedom,
signs of the kingdom everyone fed.

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Dismissal

Postlude

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