

Spirit of God descend upon us now,
And make these gifts become for us.
The body and the blood of Christ
A holy, living sacrifice
**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Prayer after Communion:
**We thank you God of Mystery
For sacred meal, community
Send us forth now to share your light,
Disciples of the One of Peace!
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Women of Faith are collecting new socks during the month of December to donate to the City Rescue Mission. The basket for these is in the Narthex.



Our Christmas Eve Service will be at 7pm. Come early and help put the luminaries out front. Invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate the night of our Savior's birth.

Christmas Day

Christmas is on Sunday and we will gather together to worship our Savior at 10 am. Please join us. You can wear your new Christmas sweater!!!

**December 18, 2022
Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19**

- ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
- ² In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might and come to save us!
- ³ **Restore us, O God of host,
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**
- ⁴ O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- ⁵ **You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**
- ⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- ⁷ **Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**
- ¹⁷ But let your hand be upon those of your right hand,
the ones whom you made strong for yourself.
- ¹⁸ **Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.**
- ¹⁹ **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

St Matthew 1: 18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Sung Liturgy for Advent

The Lord be with you as we gather here
Lift up your hearts unto the Lord your God.
For it is right to give God our praise.

Let us prepare our hearts for coming days:

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

You created all things and called them good,
Made us like you, but we cast off your love.
You set us free and claimed us as yours,
Through sage and prophet spoke to us your word.

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O Holy God of power and might,
Bless'd be the one who comes in your name,
Hosanna in the highest, God!
Hosanna in excelsis.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Holy are you and blessed is your Son,
Jesus, the Light, your presence here with us.
You sent him in the fullness of time,
He came to preach good news to all.

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

And on the night he was betrayed,
Christ took the bread, and unto you gave thanks
He broke the bread and shared it with friends.
“Take, eat, my body given for you.”

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

After the meal he lifted up the cup,
“My blood, my life, I pour it out for you.
This covenant I make anew.
Set free from sin! Remember me!”

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