



November 28, 2021 - Livestream  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Gattone

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. M. Corl

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Wisdom of heaven,  
O Ruler of the house of Israel,  
O Root of Jesse's tree,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Key of David's dynasty,  
O Radiant Dawn of eternal light,  
O Ruler of every nation,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Emmanuel, God among us,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

\*OPENING HYMN #211

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***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 thee, O Israel.***

***O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]***

***O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]***

***O come thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;  
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. [Refrain]***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rosie Jordan

FIRST LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup> How can we possibly thank God enough for all the happiness you have brought us? <sup>10</sup> Day and night we sincerely pray that we will see you again and help you to have an even stronger faith. <sup>11</sup> We pray that God our Father and our Lord Jesus will let us visit you. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord make your love for each other and for everyone else grow by leaps and bounds. That's how our love for you has grown. <sup>13</sup> And when our Lord Jesus comes with all of his people, I pray that he will make your hearts pure and innocent in the sight of God the Father.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Choir: Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,  
Jesu, Redeemer, Savior of all, hear thy servants when they call.

Leader: In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

**People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

Leader: In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

**People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

Leader: In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

**People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

Leader: In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

**People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

O come, O come, Em - man - u -  
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring  
hope to the world, bring peace to the  
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Amy Sell

HYMN OF PRAYER #216

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

v. 1-2

***Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!***

***Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.***

***It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.***

***Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;***

***with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.***

***To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: God, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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. Amen.**

HYMN #216

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

v. 3

***O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Diane Gattone

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*When God's Time Had Ripened*

A. Fedak  
Cathedral Singers

When God's time had ripened, Mary's womb bore fruit, scion of the Godhead, sprung from Jesse's root: so the True Vine branches from the lily's stem, the Rose without blemish blooms in Bethlehem. More than mind can fathom, limit or untwine, the mysterious yoking, human and divine, but what reason fetters faith at length unlocks, and wise hearts discover truth in paradox. As the Bread of heaven, that we might be fed, chose a manger cradle in the House of Bread, so has Life Eternal mingled in the womb with our mortal nature to confound the tomb. For this swaddled infant in a humble place holds our hope of glory and our means of grace; in the Love enfleshed here dawns the world's rebirth, promise of salvation, pledge of peace on earth.

\*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from who all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Promise*

Sunil Kotian

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #213

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!***

*Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;  
let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.*

*Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;  
eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name!*

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: Give thanks each day for the joy and happiness of God.

Offer prayers every night for the reunion and renewal of the faithful.

**People: May the Lord strengthen our hearts in holiness.**

Leader: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.

**People: May we stand blameless before God at Christ's coming with all the saints. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*People, Look East*

arr. K. Langlois

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of James (Jim) Esterline, who  
would have been 107 on November 28, by his family.*

This week's worship leaders:

Sunil Kotian, Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Rosie Jordan, Liturgist

John Hague, Jack Haefling & Allen McCormack, Audio Visual

Heather Hinton, Organist

Mark Gilgallon, Music Director

Coming up at North:

Advent Festival, Sunday, December 5, 2:30 - 5pm

Volunteer at Bread and Bowl. Email [skotian@northchurchindy.com](mailto:skotian@northchurchindy.com)

Child Care is available for ages 6 weeks to 5 years old in room 102.

Children (K-6) Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

Youth (7-12) Sunday School in Youth Room

Children's Church during 11am service in the Fellowship Hall for all kids grade K-6.

A special charge conference pertaining to the Boy Scouts of America case will be held Wednesday,  
December 8, 7 p.m. via Zoom. For more information please contact Pastor Darren.