

Introduction

This is a season of many mysteries.

We gather even as we wrestle with their meaning.

**We bring the mysteries of our own lives with us,
seeking truths beyond what we can see and know.**

As we reflect on God revealed in Christ,

so too do we reflect on Christ present at this meal.

**Christ is the Bread through which we have life
and the Vine to which we are connected.**

May this time of sharing bread and cup

bring us to a new awareness of God's grace embodied in Christ.

Communion Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Through the broken bread, our eyes are opened. **Christ is with us.**

Through the cup of blessing, our hearts are warmed. **Christ is changing us.**

Invitation

Sharing the Meal: "What Feast of Love"

LUYH 96

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Song: "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

LUYH 69:1,4

*Benediction

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019



The Word became flesh

Worship Participants

Pastor: Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Mike Janssen ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries ♦ Bass: Derek Friend
Djembe: Tom Clark ♦ Cello: Jocelyn Zonnefeld

Vocalists: Robin & Jonas Fedders, Ryan Zonnefeld ♦ Candlelighter: Cambri Zonnefeld
Sound: Andy Landman ♦ Projection: John Kok ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

The proclamation, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" assures us that God has entered into human history through the incarnation of the Son. The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God's actions—past, present, and future. (Reprinted from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

Gathering

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

Song: "Come, Lord Jesus"

***Come, Immanuel, come, Immanuel, come Immanuel:
come and be born in our hearts.***

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Advent Prayer

In the psalms of David, in the words of the prophets, in the dream of Joseph, your promise is spoken, eternal God, and takes flesh at last in the womb of the virgin.

**May Emmanuel find welcome in our hearts,
take flesh in our lives, and be for all people
the welcome advent of redemption and grace.**

We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

*Song: Come Light Our Hearts

***Chorus: For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
Truly our hope is in You, truly our hope is in You.***

***1. O Lord of life, our only hope,
your radiance shines on all who look to you in the dark.
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts. (to chorus)***

***2. O Joy above all other loves, in you we find more than enough.
We come as we are, O heal and restore.
Come light our hearts. (to chorus)***

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*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say"

LUYH 508:1,4

Renewal

Prayer of Renewal

LUYH 73

Statement of Assurance

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the General Fund, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries.

*Offertory Song: "What Can I Give Him"

***What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.***

Words: Christina G. Rosetti, from "In the Bleak Midwinter," Music: Gustav Holst

Word

Children's Blessing: "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

LUYH 76

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

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Sermon: "Anticipation"

Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

LUYH 61:1,4,6,7

*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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We Share Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other

Table

We invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We believe that this is a family meal. Children who do not yet take communion may join their parents for a spoken blessing. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact Pastor Joel. Today we will come forward to receive the elements. If you need gluten-free bread, please indicate that to the servers.