

Advent Three

December 11th 2022 + 4pm



Emmanuel Garibay : Emmaus



*Beloved companions in the Spirit -
Come as you are offering our lives
in the beautiful struggle of faith...*

We Gather

Opening Loop

Tolling of the Bells

Announcements & Land Acknowledgement & Land Welcome in ləkʷəŋən from elder Butch Dick

During the invocation, the youth and children bring forward lit candles as a sign of hope in the bleakness.

Invocation: Sing and Rejoice (Cantate et Gaudete)

Sing and rejoice,
ye children of the day and of the Light
for the Lord is at work
in this thick night of bleakness
that can be felt.

And the truth doth flourish as the rose,
and the lilies grow among the thorns,
and the plants atop the hills,
upon them the lambs do skip and play,

and never heed the tempests nor the storms,
floods nor rains,
for the seed Christ is over all
and do-th reign.

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Candle Lighting

We come to know you, Holy One, as Wisdom Incarnate, as Flickering Flame, as Spirit of Life, as Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, Enfleshed.

You come to us as the Stranger, and the Strange.

Often we do not recognize you. Often we turn away from your gifts and your demands.

Yet you come to us in Wilderness, in the Impossible Made Possible, in Silence and Singing and Sighs Too Deep for Words.

And so, this Advent, we pause... We breathe... We pray.

We dig deep. We reach out. We rise up.

We find your joy.

We wait,

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The third Advent candle is lit

Today, as we mark the Advent path with candle flames,
we light the third candle, the candle of joy.

Bell. Silence. Bell

Opening Song: Day Soon Will Come

The day soon will come when I'll stand by your side,
and I'll show you my face and my favour;
your cries I will answer, your tears I'll wipe away;
I will guard and protect you forever'

Refrain: Let music fill heaven and gladness fill earth
Let the tall mountains sing with deep fervour
For God will respond to the cry of the poor
and will banish oppression forever

To you and to yours and to those far away
this promise I'll make for my people:
the fields which were barren shall flourish once again,
and the land once abandoned will settle. *Refrain.*

Those hidden in shadow I'll call into light,
and prisoners I'll lead into freedom;
and none shall fear hunger and none shall suffer thirst;
for their God, who is loving, will lead them.' *Refrain.*

A highway across tall mountains I'll make,
a road I'll prepare for my people;
from east and from west, from all corners of the earth
I will gather the lost and the broken. *Refrain.*

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Poem: Making the House Ready for the Lord by Mary Oliver
Read by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

We Proclaim

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (35:1-10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. ...The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the letter of James (5:7-10)

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord...The word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Prepare Ye The Way

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the salvation of our God.

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The Gospel

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (11:2-11)

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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Sermon

Vanessa Caruso

Bell / Silence / Bell

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith.

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel*,

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

Our Prayers

Matt Humphrey, EC

Confession and Assurance

In silence before God we confess the ways we have turned away...

Silence

Jesus, you came to call us to joy in the midst of struggle.

Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to share your life, abundant.

Christ, have mercy.

You will come again in glory to renew the whole creation.

Lord, have mercy.

God for whom we wait, draw us in and cleanse us of our sins so that we might walk in the light of the Word Made Flesh. Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Peace

Beloved in Christ. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

We exchange the peace with a gesture.

During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set.

You are welcomed (now, or later) to place any financial contributions to our common life in the vintage record player in the back of the worship space. Cheques can be made out to 'The Emmaus Community'.

Charitable receipts will be issued if you leave us your address.

Offertory Song: Joy Will Come

The shadow has no power over us,
for we will trust in the Lord.
And through the night we have song to sing,
a hope that we can cling to.

Joy will come in the morning. Joy will come in the morning.
God is our rock and our salvation. Joy will come.

Sister, fix your eyes upon the hills,
for surely help will come.
Brother, we will take our refuge
in the God who know our suffering.

Joy will come in the morning. Joy will come in the morning.
God is our rock and our salvation. Joy will come.

We will rise up. We will rise up in the morning.
We will rise up. We will rise up in the morning.

We will rise up. We will rise up in the morning.
Joy will come in the morning. Joy will come in the morning.
God is our rock and our salvation. Joy will come.

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We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

Come with gratitude and joy to the table of the Lord. Come
with all your longing and all your hope for peace. Bring
the works of your hands and the gifts of your lives as an
offering of praise. **Amen** Feasting on the Word, (alt).

The Communion/Eucharist

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Holy God, How wonderful is the work of your hands!
All of creation echoes the music of your praise

When we fled from you, you sought us out and gathered us like
a mother hen, covered us in your mercy and set us a place at
your table.

Your holy prophets longed that you might tear the heavens and
come down, and so in tenderness, you sent Jesus, born of
Mary, to be Emmanuel - God with us.

As one of us, Jesus healed the sick and ate with outcasts and
sinners, he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed
liberation for all.

Glory to you forever and ever.

You have sent your Holy Spirit as a mighty stream, to refresh
and renew the face of the earth. Therefore with the company of
heaven and all of your creation we sing:

**Holy holy holy Lord / God of power G—od of might /
Heaven and the earth are full / are fu—ll of your glo—ry /
Hosanna Hosanna / How blessed is the One!
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

While Jesus was eating with his disciples, he took a loaf of
bread, and after blessing it, broke it, gave it to them, and said,
“Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Glory to you forever and ever.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the wine and after blessing it,
poured it, gave it to them and said, take, this is my blood, do
this in remembrance of me.

Glory to you forever and ever.

Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to us
in Jesus your Child:

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ; dying you destroyed our
death. Rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus come in
glory to reign. O Come O Come O Come Emmanuel. Lord
Jesus come in glory to reign.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. As we stay alert for signs of your coming, stir up our hearts and infuse us with your joy.

As grain was scattered across this land then gathered and made one in this bread, so may your church, scattered to the ends of the earth, be gathered and made one in your love. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent let us pray:

Our Father (Mother/Source) in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Silence is kept.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free. It may contain dairy and/or almond flour. If you'd like a dairy or nut free option, please let the presider know. Juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup, please do not dip the bread into the cup.

Communion Song: Lo, How A Rose E'Re Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e're blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As those of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
This 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 Saviour,
When half spent was the night.

O Flow'r, whole fragrance tender
With sweetness fill the air,
Dispel in glorious spendor
The despair eve'ry where.
True man, yet very God,
Fro sin and death now save us,
And share our ever'ry load.

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Communion Song: You Have Redeemed My Soul

You have redeemed my soul from the pit of emptiness
You have redeemed my soul from death (repeat)

I was a hungry child, a dried up river
I was a burned out forest
and no one could do anything for me
But You put food in my body, water in my dry bed
And to my blackened branches,
You brought the springtime green of a new life
And nothing is impossible for You

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We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

God of new beginnings, you draw near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen and renew us; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, may your joy so shine through us that all may know your liberation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel.

Amen.

Closing Song: Joy to the World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
and heav'n and nature sing
and heav'n and nature sing
and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Saviour reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders, of His love

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Sending

May we go from here with hearts and lives open to the Sacred
for God calls us to take heart and be of good courage!
In assurance the Spirit goes with us, let us go with joy to
prepare the way. **Thanks be to God! Amen.** Enfleshed, (alt).

Closing Announcement Loop

Coming Up:

- **Emmaus AM Prayer Tuesday and Thursday 8AM**
 - zoom or chapel
- **This Wednesday** - Celtic Eucharist - 8pm chapel
- **This Friday** - Mustard Seed - 4pm and 5:45pm shifts
- **Next Sunday December 18** - 4pm - Advent IV worship
- **Saturday December 24th** - 1pm - **Christmas “eve”** worship - intergenerational worship with carols!
- **Sunday December 25th** - **Christmas Day feast**
 - all welcome - Belmont House 5pm onward RSVP to admin@emmauscommunity.ca

*No worship on December 25 or January 1
AbbeyChurch will return January 8th at 4pm*



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We would love to connect! Call, text, email.
(community cell monitored regularly)