

*One small point of interest that  
you might find fascinating.*

The original seven verses of this Advent hymn each began with a Messianic title from the Scriptures that prophesied and foreshadowed Jesus' coming, as shown below:

- **S**apientia (Wisdom)
- **A**donai (God)
- **R**adix Jesse (Stem or root of Jesse)
- **C**lavis David (Key of David)
- **O**riens (Dayspring)
- **R**ex genitium (King of the Gentiles)
- **E**mmanuel (God with us)

If you take the first letter of each verse in Latin (after O),  
it forms an acronym, and spells, **SARCORE**.

If read backwards, the letters form a two-word Latin phrase, "**Ero Cras**,"  
which means "I will be present tomorrow," or "I shall be with you tomorrow."



**Beverly Heights  
Presbyterian  
Church**

# O Antiphons



## Advent Vespers

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 13, 2020

4:00 PM

BEVERLY HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Advent Vespers 2020

Welcome to our annual Advent Vespers service. We hope that you will find your time in God's house this afternoon to be helpful and encouraging in your devotional life during this season.

Our focus this afternoon is upon worship, meditation, music and prayer and is designed to help you in your Advent devotion to Christ and in your practice of waiting and longing for Christ's return. We at Beverly Heights recognize that the season of Advent is both rich and full but may also be somewhat challenging this year given the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, we hope and pray that you will find this service to be a respite that offers a time of quiet reflection and peace as we worship together.

During this Advent season, our worship services have been based on the hymn *Be Still, My Soul* and how Christ leads us to a joyful end. This afternoon our service is based on the *O Antiphons*, which are seven prayers written by the early church. These prayers call on Christ to come, addressing Him by the mysterious titles found in the Old Testament. These prayers were said "antiphonally" (alternatively by two groups) during Vespers' worship from December 16-23. Each antiphon begins with the invocation "O" and then calls on Christ, although never by name. The titles given Him from the pages of the Old Testament address our deepest needs; then each antiphon prays the great Advent verb, *Veni*, meaning "Come!"

The whole purpose of Advent is to be more fully and consciously present before Christ. In a place of darkness and waiting, we look for His coming and do not presume that we already know or have His presence among us but trust in His promise to come. I believe this truth is particularly needful to remember this year.

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

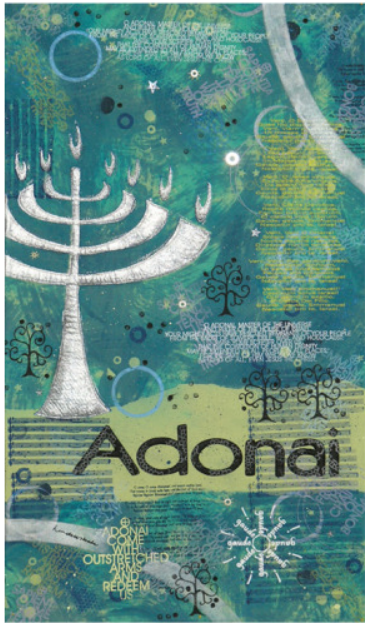
*To maintain a worshipful atmosphere,  
please refrain from applause once the service begins.*



## O Wisdom,

*coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,  
reaching from one end to the other mightily,  
and sweetly ordering all things:  
Come and teach us the way of prudence.*

Prelude	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> Mr. Alexander Buiel, Organist	arr. Lau
Ringing of the Hour		St. Michael
Welcome and Call to Worship		
Prayer of Invocation		
Antiphonal Introit	Verse 1 Holly Devlin, soprano; Elissa Winkler, mezzo-soprano	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>
Scripture Lesson		Proverbs 8:1-21
String Trio	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh</i> Andrew Fuller, violin; Anne Martindale Williams, cello; Chad Winkler, piano	arr. Funderburk
Meditation		Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor
Prayers of the People		



# O Lord of Might,

leader of the House of Israel,  
 who appeared to Moses in the burning bush  
 and gave him the Law on Sinai:  
 Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

The Congregation Sings

Verse 2  
 See last pages

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 3: 1-15

Vocal Duet

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
 Holly Devlin, soprano; Stephen Sparks, baritone; Chad Winkler, piano

Holst, arr. Courtney

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
 Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;  
 Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.  
 In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
 The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*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 I can I give Him: give my heart.*

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Richard G. Wollong, Pastor Emeritus

Prayers of the People



# O Root of Jesse,

standing as a sign among the peoples:  
 before You kings will shut their mouths,  
 to You the nations will make their prayers:  
 Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

The Congregation Sings

Verse 3  
 See last pages

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

String Quartet

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
 Justine Campagna and Andrew Fuller, violins; Laura Fuller, viola; Anne Martindale Williams, cello

arr. Naughtin

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
 Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.  
 It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
 When half spent was the night.*

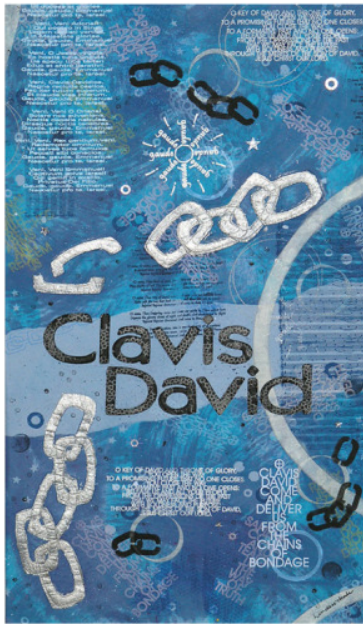
*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
 With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
 To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,  
 When half spent was the night.*

*This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
 Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
 True man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us,  
 And lightens every load.*

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Richard G. Wollong, Pastor Emeritus

Prayers of the People



# O Key of David,

and sceptre of the House of Israel,

You open and no one can shut;

You shut and no one can open:

Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house.



# O Dayspring,

splendor of light eternal

and sun of righteousness:

Come and enlighten those who

dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

The Congregation Sings

Verse 4  
See last pages

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 3:7-12

Flute Duet

*What Child is This?*  
Anne Davis and Cindy Egeland, flutes

arr. Bonam

*What Child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise a song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

Meditation

Mr. Peter Chace

Prayers of the People

The Congregation Sings

Verse 5  
See last pages

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 22:1-16

Organ Solo

*Reflections on "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"*  
Alexander Buiel, organ

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*Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sin  
Who loved us all, and shed His blood that we might saved be.*

*Sing holy, holy to our Lord  
The Lord almighty God  
Who was and is, and is to come  
Sing holy, holy Lord.*

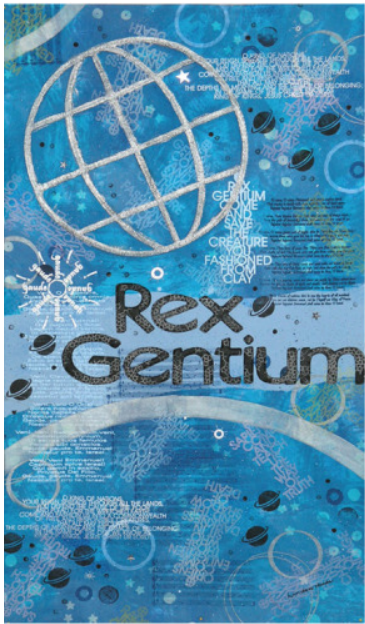
*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon.*

*E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come  
And night shall be no more  
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun for Christ will be their All!*

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Prayers of the People



# O King of Nations,

and their desire,  
 the cornerstone making both one:  
 Come and save the human race,  
 which You fashioned from clay.



# O Emmanuel,

our king and our lawgiver,  
 the hope of the nations and their Savior:  
 Come and save us,  
 O Lord our God

The Congregation Sings

Verse 6  
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 11:15-19

Vocal Trio

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

arr. Talley

Holly Devlin and Amy Lucas, sopranos; Elissa Winkler, mezzo-soprano; Alexander Buiel, piano

*Of the Father's love begotten so the world began to be.  
 Of the things that are, that have been and future years shall ever be.  
 He is the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, He.  
 Of the father's love begotten born for you and me.*

*O that birth forever blessed, Mary filled with grace.  
 By the Holy Ghost conceiving bore the Savior of our race.  
 And the Babe, the world's Redeemer first revealed His sacred face.  
 Of the Father's love begotten in that lowly manger place.*

*Now He shines the long expected, let creation praise its Lord.  
 Of the Father's love begotten evermore and evermore.  
 O ye heights of heav'n adore Him, angels sing His praise.  
 Powers and dominions bow before Him, songs of adoration raise.*

*Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring.  
 Of the Father's love begotten born to us this tiny King.  
 Born to set His people free. Born to us our heav'nly King.*

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Richard G. Wolling, Pastor Emeritus

Prayers of the People

The Congregation Sings

Verse 7  
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-25

String Quartet

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. Naughtin

Justine Campagna and Andrew Fuller, violins; Laura Fuller, viola; Anne Martindale Williams, cello

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Prayers of the People

Vocal Benediction

*Come, Lord Jesus*

Benediction

Postlude

*Meditation on "Gabriel's Message"*

arr. Lasky

*Veni veni, Emmanuel captivum solve Israel  
 Qui gemit in exsilio privatus Dei Filius.  
 Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel,  
 Nascetur pro te Israel!*

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,"  
declares the Lord. Is. 59:20

1. O come, O Wis - dom from on high, who or - dered all things  
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
3. O come, thou Root of Jes - se free thine own from Sa - tan's  
4. O come, O Key of Da - vid come and o - pen wide our

might - ti - ly to us the path of knowl - edge show  
Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
hea - ven - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,

and teach us in its ways to go.  
in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
and give them vic - 'try o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
and close the path to mis - er - y.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee O Is - ra - el.

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

5. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
6. O come, O King of na - tions bind in one the hearts of  
7. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y cloud of night,  
all man - kind. Bid all our sad di - vis - ions cease,  
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,

and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
and be your - self the King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee O Is - ra - el.

Latin antiphons, 12th cent.  
Latin hymn, 1710

VENI EMMANUEL LM ref.  
Plainsong, 13th cent.  
Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856