

FATHER LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

*Chorus:*

Hallelu hallelujah  
Father let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy  
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May the words from my mouth speak Your peace  
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You make all things new  
You make all things new  
In places we don't choose  
You make all things new

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**INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND ADVENT READING**

*We gather in response to God's gracious invitation, not because worship earns favor with him.*

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**People: "for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant..."**

Leader: "He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

**People: "he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate."**

*~Luke 1:46-48, 52-54*

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

*Chorus:*

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirit's by thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave

Paul Smallman | Henry Sloane Coffin | Thomas Helmore | John Mason Neale

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

<sup>1</sup>A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth. <sup>2</sup>It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart. <sup>3</sup>Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of face the heart is made glad. <sup>4</sup>The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. <sup>5</sup>It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools. <sup>6</sup>For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fools; this also is vanity.

~Ecclesiastes 7:1-6

Leader: This is the word of God, absolutely true, and given to us in love.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## GREETING

## DOXOLOGY

## DEACON PRESENTATION

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCRIPTURE READING

*The public reading of the Scriptures reminds us of the truth that can only be found in God's Word.*

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

~1 Peter 4:7-11

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word. Give us grace not only to hear and understand how you would speak to us today, but also the grace to trust and follow you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SERMON

*The sermon is a time to hear God's Word explained and applied. Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-reliance or self-justification.*

SERVE ONE ANOTHER

REV. SCOTT SEATON

## OFFERING

*The offering is our grateful acknowledgement of trust and worship of the God who owns everything and withholds nothing. If you give online, consider contributing a dollar or loose change as a tangible act of worship.*

### WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

Flesh will fail and bones will break  
Thieves will steal the earth will shake  
Night will fall light will fade  
The Lord will give and take away

Put no trust in the earth  
In the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust  
The Lord will make a place for us

#### *Chorus:*

Because of His great Love we are not overcome  
Because of His great Love we are not overcome

Have no fear for your life  
Turn your cheek turn your cheek  
Bear the yoke love and death  
The Lord will give all life and breath

Isaac Wardell | Robert Heiskell  
CCLI Song #7023232

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Since we are forgiven in Christ, confession is an honest word of grace and not an exercise in shame.*

Eternal God, you are truth. We have been deceived, misguided by lies, and disoriented by darkness. In our error, correct us. In our repentance, forgive us. In our ignorance, illuminate us. Jesus your name is above every name. We worship you.

*~Canyon Road: A Book of Prayer*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*We are forgiven in Christ! Using the words of Scripture reinforce that our assurance is based on God's declaration and promises.*

I will not accuse them forever, nor will I always be angry, for then they would faint away because of me—the very people I have created.... <sup>18</sup>I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners, <sup>19</sup>creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the Lord. "And I will heal them."

*~Isaiah 57:16, 18-19*

### COMMUNION

*This is the Lord's table, not Emmanuel's, and is open to all who have a sincere faith in Jesus and have joined themselves to the visible body of Christ. The Lord's Supper isn't simply a memorial, but is also a time of real grace imparted and received in union with God.*

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare him room;  
Heaven and nature sing  
Let heaven and nature sing;  
Let heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns;  
Let men 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;  
The wonders of His love  
The wonders of His love;  
The wonders, wonders of His love

Brenton Brown | George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts | Michael Rossback | Paul Baloche  
CCLI Song #7101432

**BENEDICTION**

*Benediction literally means "good word." It is a pronouncement of grace and blessing as we are sent, that we would live out the Christian life solely because God is with us.*

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*~Numbers 6:24-26*

**After the service, a male and female leader of Emmanuel will be available by the stage to pray for any concerns you have.**

*Unless noted, all Scripture is English Standard Version (ESV).*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Keeping Connected

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch, so please fill out a Keeping Connected card through our church app. Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

### Spiritual Practices

Each month, Emmanuel will introduce a series of spiritual practices for the congregation to explore together as one body in Christ, with resources on how to engage more deeply. This month's spiritual practice is focused on stewardship. [Visit this link for a list of Emmanuel partners to support.](#)

### Emmanuel Soul Sisters

The Emmanuel Soul Care Team is launching a prayer partner ministry in order to connect women at Emmanuel with each other, increase dependence on prayer, and support spiritual growth! If you would like to learn more and sign up, [please contact the office](#) or [use this link](#).

### Sparks Meeting - December 12

Emmanuel's third through fifth graders will be meeting together on December 12 from 12:30-2:00pm at Rivendell for lunch, games, and a lesson!

### Christmas Party Dinner - December 12

Emmanuel will host its annual Christmas party dinner at Rivendell on Sunday, December 12 from 5-8pm! Everyone is invited to join for a fun time of food and fellowship, and we invite everyone to bring a side. If your last name begins with A-T, please bring a side to share. If your last name begins with U-Z, please bring a dessert to share. Registration for the annual Chili Cook-Off is also now open! You can register on the app under "Meet-Ups -> Christmas Party". A winner will receive a blue ribbon, gift-card, and a set of two Emmanuel pub glasses.

### Christmas Eve Service - December 24

Everyone is welcome to attend Emmanuel's Christmas Eve service on December 24 at Rivendell from 5-7pm!

### No Monday Night Prayer Meeting

Please join us next week for our weekly prayer meetings!

### December Mercy Offering

Throughout the month of December, we will collect a Mercy Offering for Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA). Please designate mercy offerings to this partner when giving on the Emmanuel App or [online](#).

### Coffee and Conversations

Join ABB every Friday from 6:30 to 8pm at Arlington Mill Community Center to meet our neighbors and practice speaking English with them! Please sign up for at least one Friday under "Get Connected" on the Emmanuel App or [at this link](#).

### Offering

We highly encourage everyone to give online through our website (click "Give" on the upper right corner) or our app (click "Give" on the bottom of the homepage). If this is not possible, then please mail checks to our office (5545 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207).

### Parking at Rivendell

Please remember not to park in front of a residence when parking at Rivendell. Parking is available surrounding the Lee Community Center and park as well as the Little Ambassadors Academy parking lot.

### COVID Precautions

As a friendly reminder, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask. Unvaccinated children older than 3 years old are also encouraged to wear a mask. And for those who would like greater social distancing precautions, the balcony is available to use during service, where wearing a mask is required.