

The Plymouth Church in Framingham

Advent

Home by Another Way

Sunday, November 28, 2021

10:00 AM In-person and on YouTube

“And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, the Magi left for their own country by another road.”

(Matthew 2:12)

DEACONS, USHERS, & GREETERS

Sue Tonkiss, Meg Doucette, Lydia & David Magill

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Dawn Geiser, in gratitude for my family: Steven, Cole, and Kelsie. This is what I've meant to be, your wife and your mom.

INCREASE OUR THANKS-GIVING

The Social Action Team donated \$300 to *Pearl Street Cupboard & Café*. A \$50 donation to support a family of four. With buying power through their Food Bank partnerships, \$1 = \$4, so your gift will purchase \$200 worth of food. Visit www.uwotc.org/feed to donate.

SAVE YOUR GLASS JARS

On **December 21**, for *The Longest Night* service we will place tea lights in glass jars to illuminate the Sanctuary. Please wash your jars thoroughly and remove all labels. We do not need any lids. Drop your jars off in the Sanctuary Vestibule, between December 12 and 19.

BAKERS AND HANDICRAFT MAKERS!

The *Online Home Cooking and Craft Sale* will be here soon. Goodies will be sold on the church website from **December 4 to December 11**. Pickup will be at the church, on December 12. For complete details and links, see your *Wednesday Email*.

STEWARDSHIP 2021-2022 PROGRESS REPORT

Beloved, thank you for a good response to Stewardship's Consecration Sunday. We have received **41 pledges** so far. If you didn't attend the service last Sunday, please bring your pledge card with you next Sunday, or use the envelope we included and mail your pledge now. Remember that all pledges received by December 1 will be entered in a drawing to win Judy Edwards' original boat artwork, featured in this year's Stewardship campaign.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Wreaths & decorations are available for pickup **TODAY** and next Sunday at Edwards Church (39 Edwards St., Framingham) from 2 to 3:00 p.m.

MAMA JUNIOR'S HOPE TREE

The Youth Group is raising funds to help Aisha's family recover from the fire that destroyed their home. You can sponsor an item on their wish list by choosing an ornament from Mama Junior's Hope Tree! Fill out your ornament, place it and your donation in the provided envelope, and add it to the offering plate any Sunday during Advent. *Please do NOT bring physical items to donate as shipping to Tanzania is cost prohibitive.*

BOWS AND GREEN BUNCHES FOR SALE

Bows and green bunches will be sold after worship, **TODAY**, with proceeds support the church. Bows \$3, greens bunches \$5.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUP!

This year's Christmas pageant is a Living Nativity with a petting zoo! Families and individuals are encouraged to sign up to present a scene which they rehearse at home in advance of the pageant on December 19. Sign up online by **December 12**.

ADVENT PREVIEW

December 5: Advent Spiral, 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

December 12: Online Home Cooking Sale Pickup

December 19: Living Pageant, with Petting Zoo!

December 21: The Longest Night, 7:00 p.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m.

December 26: Online only, *Facebook & YouTube*

January 2: Online only, *Facebook & YouTube*

The First Sunday of Advent

A voice cries in the wilderness

Prelude

"Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland," Bach
Savior of the Nations, Come

Welcome

Unison Psalm of Invocation

To you, O Holy One, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust. Do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame. Let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O God! (Ps. 25:1-7)

Introit

"A Voice Cries Out," by Larson

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Lighting of the Advent Candle for Hope

One: May this candle blaze brightly for all who journey in hope.

All: May this candle light the way home.

Golden Ticket Report

Message for All Ages

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"Veni, Come O Lord," Wagner

Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Benediction

"Blessing," Jan Richardson

God of making
and unmaking,
of tearing down
and re-creating,
you are my home
and habitation,
my refuge
and place of dwelling.

In your hollows
I am re-formed,
given welcome
and benediction,
beckoned to rest
and rise again,
made ready
and sent forth.

Postlude

"From Heaven Above," Held

Announcements

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Latin: c.9th century

Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, *Sts. 1, 2, alt.*

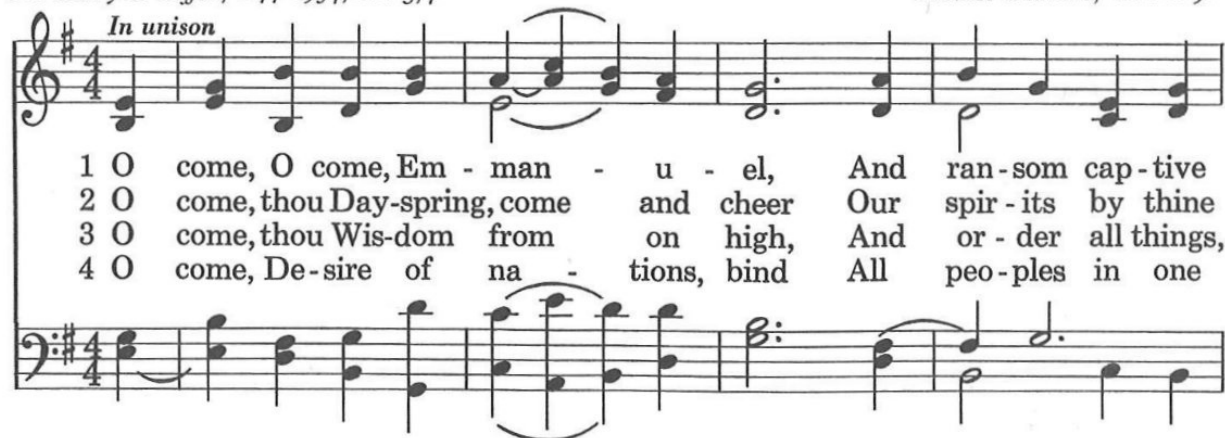
Tr. Henry S. Coffin, 1877-1954, *Sts. 3, 4*

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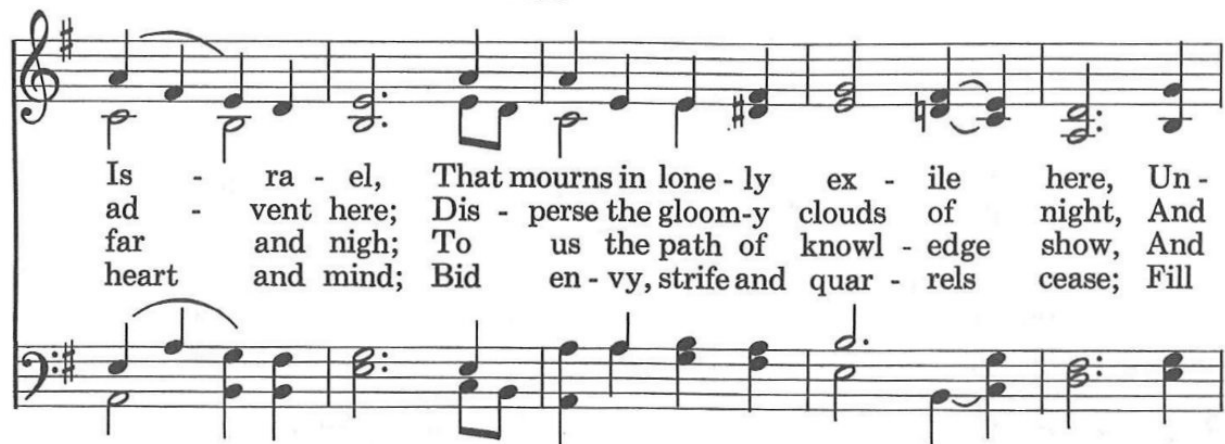
Adapted from Plainsong

Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

In unison



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by thine
3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der all things,
4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And
far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; Fill

REFRAIN



til the Son of God ap - pear.
death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
cause us in her ways to go.
the whole world with heav - en's peace.



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.