

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
Wednesday Advent Worship Series: Hope

December 2, 2020

7:30 p.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Quote for Contemplation

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.

– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Prelude

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Silence

Words of Welcome

Hymn

Day is Done

NCH (black) #92

Hymn is located at end of ORDER OF WORSHIP.

Silence

Litany to Open

Response from Rabbi Abraham Heschel

Leader: Tonight is a time for God, for neighbor, for self.

All: Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.

Leader: Tonight we look for the indescribable in our lives.

All: Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.

Leader: This week has been perfectly imperfect.

All: Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.

Leader: This week God has seen our pain and joy.

All: Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.

Leader: We sense You in the shortening days and the lengthening nights.

All: Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.

Leader: Give us hearts for reflection tonight, with every word, with every note, every melody.

All: Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.

Interlude

“Lo, How a Rose e`er Blooming”

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Prayer

Rev. Sara M. Holland

Scripture

John 1:14, 18 3:16-17

Silence**Reflections**

“Advent Hope: One Day, Every Day and Someday”

Rev. Bill Torrey

Silence***Hymn**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

NCH (black) #116

Verses 1, 3 and 6

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Benediction

Postlude “17th Century French Air in the setting of *Rustles of Spring*”

arr.Carolyn M. Taylor

Special Thanks To

Rev. Bill Torrey for offering a reflection

Eileen Torrey for providing worship leadership

Ashley Paine for offering music

David Williams for his excellent attention to technology details

What is Advent?

Advent is the beginning of our church year. We ready ourselves for the birth of Jesus and remember the hope, joy, peace, love and faith provided by the Christian Way. Many of our practices in the Christian Church and the United States come from a variety of customs and cultures. We pray that the hope of the Christ child is revealed throughout this season.

Poinsettia Order Form

is due Tuesday, December 15th



Poinsettias Order Form

Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary for Christmas. This is also the time that we replenish the Hope Fund. The Hope Fund is used by our pastor to help those in need. The Hope Fund is a separate account from the Flower Fund, so please check if you want to donate to that fund. Thank you for contributing to this effort!

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE

Single Stem \$15.00

Double Stem \$25

HOPE Fund \$15 minimum

If you would like to support the HOPE Fund, please write a separate check to the Plymouth Congregational UCC with HOPE Fund in memo line.

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Submitted by: _____

Please print all names.

Make check payable to Plymouth Congregational UCC and return with form to church office at P.O. Box 86, Plymouth, NH 03264. In order for dedication to appear in the bulletin, please **place your order before December 15th.**

Day Is Done

James Quinn, S. J., 1969; alt.

1 Day is done, but love un-fail - ing dwells ev - er here;
 2 Dusk de-scends, but light un-end - ing shines through our night;
 3 Eyes will close, but you un-sleep - ing watch by our side;

Shad - ows fall, but hope, pre - vail - ing, calms ev - ery fear.
 You are with us, ev - er lend - ing new strength to sight:
 Death may come, in love's safe-keep - ing still we a - bide.

God, our Mak - er, none for-sak - ing, take our hearts, of Love's own mak - ing,
 One in love, your truth con-fess - ing, one in hope of heav - en's bless - ing,
 God of love, all e - vil quell - ing, sin for - giv - ing, fear dis - pel - ling,

Watch our sleep - ing, guard our wak - ing, be al - ways near.
 May we see, in love's pos-sess - ing, love's end - less light!
 Stay with us, our hearts in-dwell - ing, this e - ven - tide.

Father James Quinn, S. J., has taught at several colleges in Scotland and is the author of articles and books, as well as hymns. He is active in ecumenical affairs and is one of the most distinguished hymnwriters of the Roman Catholic Church.

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.
 Traditional Welsh melody
 For another harmonization, see 425

Verses 1, 3 and 6

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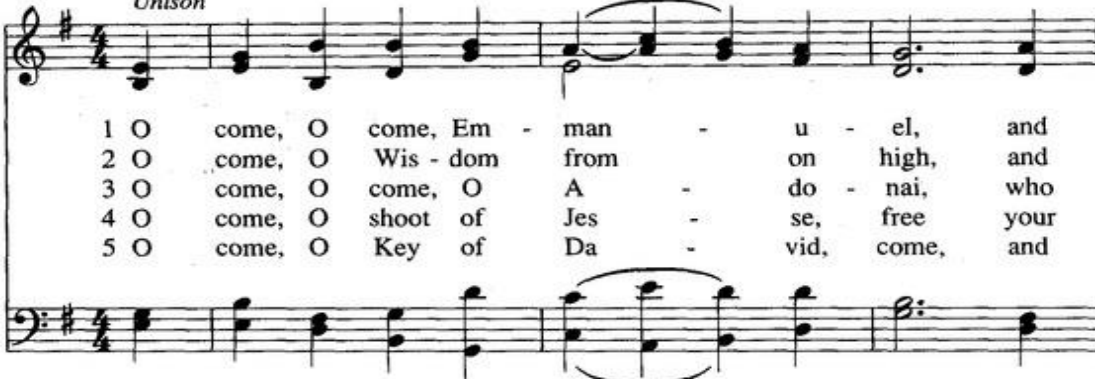
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Isa. 11:1-12; Exod. 19-20:17

*Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710
Based on ancient antiphons from Advent Vespers
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851, and others; alt.
St. 2, 7, transl. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; alt.*

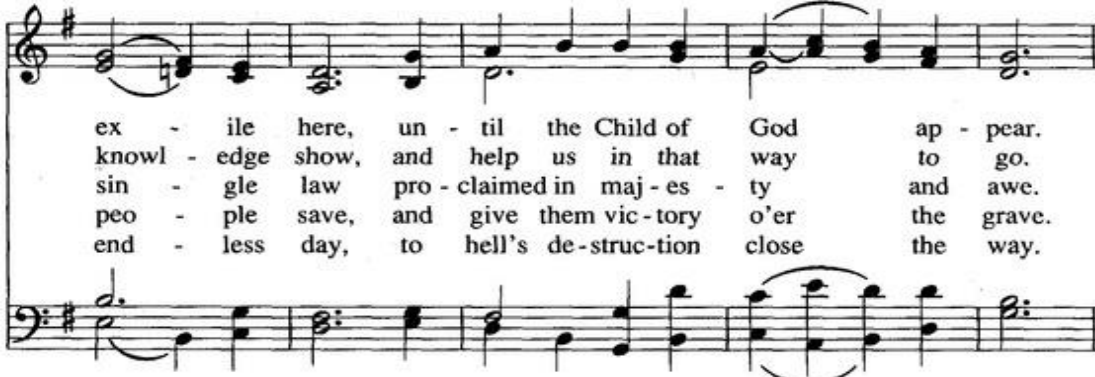
Unison



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, and
3 O come, O come, O A - do - nai, who
4 O come, O shoot of Jes - se, free your
5 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and



ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly
or - der all things far - and nigh; To us the path of
came to all on Si - nai high, And from its peak a
own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny, From depths of hell your
o - pen wide your heaven - ly home; Make safe the path to



ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, and help us in that way to go.
sin - gle law pro - claimed in maj - es - ty and awe.
peo - ple save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
end - less day, to hell's de - struc - tion close the way.

In the medieval Western church, seven "Great O" antiphons, the basis for this hymn, were sung consecutively on the seven days before Christmas, ending with what appears above as the first stanza.

*Tune: VENI EMMANUEL L.M. with refrain
Melody from a 15th-century French "Processional"
Arr. Thomas Helmore, 1854*