



SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS  
BASED ON THE O ANTIPHONS  
DECEMBER 7, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BUTLER, PENNSYLVANIA

*This evening's service is framed around the reading and singing of the "O Antiphons." These medieval refrains, already used in the eighth century, invoke the Messiah under a different title derived from the Old Testament. This title is then amplified and followed by an appeal to "come" and save us in a particular way. Around the twelfth century, they were collected into a Latin verse hymn, which was later translated by John Mason Neale, finally becoming the beloved Advent hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel."*

## GATHERING

**Prelude**        "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"  
- Larry Shackley, *arr.*

**Gathering Hymn**  
"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

# Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er  
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the  
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night  
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing  
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps

trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.  
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

*Refrain*  
Chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry;

chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

## **Dialogue and Prayer**

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say —

**A voice that speaks for peace.**

Peace for all faithful people

**and those who turn to him in their hearts.**

God's help is near for those who fear him,

**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!** The Lord  
be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, through the ages you have sent your promise to your people in many ways, through many voices. But in these last days, your Son has come to bring it among us in person. Through your Spirit, prepare our hearts to recognize him when he comes and to receive him as our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **ANTIPHONS, LESSONS, AND CAROLS**

### **First Antiphon**

O Wisdom,

proceeding from the mouth of the Most High,

pervading and permeating all creation,

mightily ordering all things:

Come and teach us the way of prudence.

**Hymn stanza:** O come, O Wisdom

#257, st. 2

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 40:1-11

**Carol:** There's a Voice in the Wilderness #255

**Second Antiphon**

O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel,  
who appeared to Moses in the burning bush  
and gave him the Law on Sinai:

Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

**Hymn stanza:** O come, O Lord of Might #257, st. 3

**Second Lesson:** Exodus 6:2-7a

**Anthem:** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #254  
(or choir version)

**Third Antiphon**

O Root of Jesse,  
standing as an ensign before the peoples,  
before whom all kings are mute,  
to whom the nations will do homage:

Come quickly to deliver us.

**Hymn stanza:** O come, O Branch of Jesse #257, st. 4

**Third Lesson:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Carol:** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #272, sts. 1-2

**Fourth Antiphon**

O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel,  
you open and no one can close,  
you close and no one can open:

Come and rescue the prisoners

who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

**Hymn stanza:** O come, O Key of David #257, st. 5

**Fourth Lesson:** Isaiah 42:5-9

**Carol:** O Lord, How Shall I Meet You #241

### **Fifth Antiphon**

O Dayspring,  
splendor of light everlasting:  
Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death.

**Hymn stanza:** O come, O Dayspring #257, st. 6

**Fifth Lesson:** Luke 1:68-79

**Carol:** Creator of the Stars of Night #245

Sts. 1 and 2, all  
St. 3, high voices  
St. 4, low voices  
St. 5, all

### **Sixth Antiphon**

O King of the nations, the ruler they long for,  
the cornerstone uniting all people:  
Come and save us all,  
whom you formed out of clay.

**Hymn stanza:** O come, O King of nations #257, st. 7

**Sixth Lesson:** Isaiah 35:4-7a

Carol: Fling Wide the Door

#259, sts. 1 and 4

### Seventh Antiphon

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

Hymn stanza: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #257, st. 1

Seventh Lesson: Isaiah 7:14

Carol: He Came Down #253

### PRAYER AND SENDING

Our world stumbles blindly toward chaos—  
**come, source of wisdom, and reveal yourself to us.**  
What we imagine to be strength is really weakness—  
**come, mighty Lord, and fill us with your true strength.**  
We long for a standard to look up to—  
**come, Root of Jesse, claim us as your own.**  
We languish in prisons of mind and spirit—  
**come, Key of David, and set us free.**  
The darkness grows thick around us—  
**come, Light of light, and dawn upon us.**  
We are scattered, lacking a sure leader—  
**come, Prince of peace, and lead us.**  
We need to know that God is with us—  
**come, Emmanuel, and dwell in our hearts.**  
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord.

### **Thanks be to God.**

In our Savior Christ, God is with us.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

#435

**Postlude**      “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”  
– Alec Wyton

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