

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 22, 2024, 10:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Welcome and Greeting** - Pastor Mark

**Prelude:** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (Michael Praetorius, arr. Brenda Dillon) - DeeAnn

**Opening Sentences** - Jerry

**Hymn 92:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - DeeAnn et al.

**Opening Prayer** - Jerry

**Lighting of the Advent Candles:** The Candle of Love

**Anthem:** "Lift Up Your Heads" (John L. Bell) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

**Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts** - Pastor Mark

*Doxology* - DeeAnn

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors) - Pastor Mark

**Old Testament Reading:** Micah 5:2-5a - DeeAnn

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

**Sermon:** "WARRIOR KING, OR SHEPHERD?" - Pastor Mark

**Hymn 431:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" - DeeAnn et al.

**Benediction** - Pastor Mark

**Benediction Response 92 (v. 4):** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - DeeAnn et al.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**Greet One Another** - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Chancel Choir

THE TRIUNE GOD

92

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Latin, ca. 9th C.

Sts. 1, 2, trans. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Sts. 3, 4, trans. by Henry S. Coffin, 1877-1954

Chant Plainsong

Adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

Unison

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its  
 3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der  
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex -  
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds  
 all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowl -  
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar -

ile here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 edge show, And cause us in her ways to go.  
 rels cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

VENI EMMANUEL  
LM with Refrain

# THE TRIUNE GOD

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains a vocal melody starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and C5, with a long note on C5. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we  
 2. We are Thine; do Thou be - friend us; Be the  
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly  
 4. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and

need Thy ten - der care; In Thy pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin de -  
 let us do Thy will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly  
 sin - ful though we be; Thou hast mer - cy to re -

feed us, For our use Thy folds pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 Sav - ior, With Thy love our bos - oms fill.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Hear Thy  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly

## GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

bought us, Thine we are; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed  
 chil - dren when they pray; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed  
 loved us, love us still; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed  
 let us turn to Thee; Bless-ed Je - sus, Bless-ed

Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
 Je - sus, Hear Thy chil - dren when they pray.  
 Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
 Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee. A - men.

Jesus, we come to You in praise.

Jesus, rabbi, teacher,  
 You came to Your people and sat among us,  
 teaching, and feeding, and expressing Your care.  
 We are fed—Hallelujah.

Jesus, fisher of men,  
 You come to the ordinary places of our lives  
 and ask us to follow You.  
 We follow in faith—Praise be to God.

Jesus, our friend,  
 You challenged us with the parables of the Good Samaritan and the prodigal son,  
 and with Your healing of the leper.  
 You taught and acted.  
 You healed and rested.

In wonder we show our praise through daily acts of love.

Your compassion provided acceptance to the woman at the well.  
 Your tender caring cherished the faith of the children held in Your lap.  
 Your anger turned over tables when we worshipped the world instead of Your Father.  
 Your question stopped our arguing on the road, when we were feeling self-important.  
 Your impatience challenged our pious exercises of faith.

Precious Lord, You bring us forgiveness and love.  
 Son of God, Messiah of the world, we praise Your name.  
 Your grace enfolds us and frees us to follow You.