

# Advent

December 5, 2004

## Opening Song -- "Oh Come Emmanuel" -- choir/congregation

O come, O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All people 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!

## Welcome and Sharing Joys

### Interfaith Responsive Reading

**Reader:** We gather here as an Interfaith Community  
To share and celebrate the gift of life together

*All: Some of us gather as the Children of Israel  
Some of us gather in the name of Jesus of Nazareth  
Some of us gather influenced by each*

**Reader:** Howsoever we come, and whomsoever we are  
May we be moved, In our time together  
To experience that sense of Divine presence in each of us  
Evoked by our worship together

*All: And to know in the wisdom of our hearts*

*That deeper unity in which all are one.*

## **Reading**

## **Reflection**

## **Concerns of the Community**

## **Choral Song ~ “Lo How a Rose”**

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming by faithful prophets sung.  
It came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a savior  
When half spent was the night.

## **Closing Remarks and Announcements**

## **Benediction and Charge**

***All:** May we go out into the world carrying with each of us the love and blessing of this Interfaith Community*

**Reader:** May we continue to hold on to what is good  
and to stand as beacons of light and understanding for all people.

***All:** May God's spirit and peace be with us each now and forever.*

**Reader:** May the Lord bless you and keep you and bring you peace. Amen.

## **Song -- “Isaiah the Prophet” -- choir and congregation**

Isaiah the Prophet as written of old  
How God's new creation shall come.  
Instead of the thorn tree, the fir tree shall grow;  
And the wolf shall lie down with the lamb, the lamb  
The wolf shall lie down with the lamb.

The mountains and hills shall break forth into song,  
The peoples be led forth in peace;  
The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God,  
As the waters cover the sea, the sea  
As the waters cover the sea.

Yet nations still prey on the meek of the world,  
And conflict turns parent from child.  
Your people despoil all the sweetness of earth;  
The brier and the thorn tree grow wild, grow wild,  
The brier and the thorn tree grow wild.

God, bring to fruition your will for the earth,  
That no one shall hurt or destroy,  
That wisdom and justice shall reign in the land  
And your people shall go forth in joy, in joy,  
Your people shall go forth in joy.

**IFFP Choir:**

Larry Bostian  
Dan Kirk-Davidoff  
Nora Fenster  
Elizabeth Gelfeld  
Jaclyn Gilbert  
Riley Gilbert  
Sue Katz-Miller  
Betsy Keeler  
Cathy Kristiansen  
Lena Meyerson  
Paul Miller  
Aimee Miller  
Carol Muskin  
Marika Partridge  
Irene Ravitz  
Sally Ravitz  
Rich Shegogue  
Anne Stewart  
Rebecca Weiss

**IFFP Instrumentalists:**

Marci Shegogue -- keyboard  
Susan Mathis -- flute  
Holly Cooper -- flute  
Larry Ravitz -- soprano sax  
Pete Flynn -- guitar  
Dan Griffin -- bass viol  
Mark Corrales -- percussion  
Danny Weiss -- percussion  
Ben Miller -- percussion

Marci Shegogue -- Music Director

