

# St Johns Southgate

A Congregation of the  
Lutheran Church of Australia

First Sunday of Advent  
29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Live-stream worship order

For the service today:

**Pastor:** Tom Hoffmann / **Organist:** Graham Lieschke / **Vocalist:** Danielle Venning

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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Swedish folk tune  
17th cent.



Pre - pare the roy - al high - way, the King of kings is near;

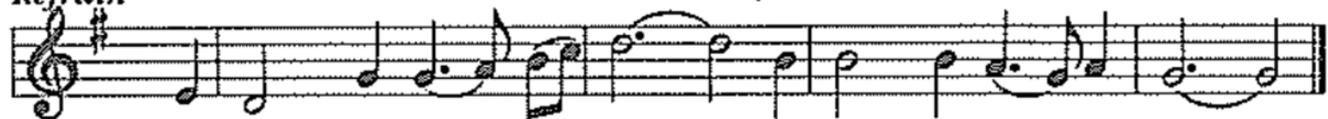


let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear.



Then greet the king of glo - ry fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:

## Refrain



O blest is he that came in God the Fath - er's name!

1 Prepare the royal highway,  
the King of kings is near;  
let every hill and valley  
a level road appear.  
Then greet the king of glory  
foretold in sacred story:

3 Then fling the gates wide open  
to greet your promised king;  
your king, yet every nation  
its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before him;  
all voices, thus adore him:

*O blest is he that came  
in God the Father's name!*

4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom,  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding:

*Bereden väg för Herran*  
Frans Mikael Franzen 1772-1847  
Tr. vv 1-4 *Lutheran Book of Worship* 1978,  
alt., v5 *The Hymnal* 1943 (Augustana Synod, USA)

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Dear friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us... Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

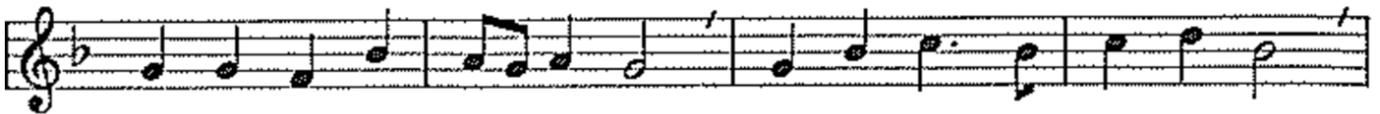
Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us: Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your Word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GOD FORGIVES**

[The absolution is pronounced] ...Peace be with you. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S ADDRESS**

**19** NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND *Plainsong*  
M. Luther 1483-1546 (1524)



Come, Thou Sa-viour of our race, Choic-est gift of heaven-ly grace;



O Thou bless-ed vir-gin's Son, Born, Thy course for us to run.

1

Come, Thou Saviour of our race,  
Choicest gift of heavenly grace;  
O Thou blessed virgin's Son,  
Born, Thy course for us to run.

4

From the Father forth He came,  
And returneth to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell—  
High the song of triumph swell.

2

Not of mortal blood and birth,  
He descendeth to the earth:  
By the Holy Ghost conceived,  
Truly man, to be believed.

5

Thou, the Father's only Son,  
Hast o'er sin the victory won.  
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be:  
When shall we its glories see?

7

Praise to God the Father sing,  
Praise to God the Son, our king,  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
Ever and eternally.

*Veni, redemptor gentium*  
Ambrose (c.340-397)  
*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*  
Martin Luther (1483-1546)  
Tr. William Morton Reynolds, 1850, alt.

**GREETING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY (COLLECT)**

**Jesus, Son of God, you have promised to return at a time that no one knows. Keep us watchful in prayer and strong in faith as we wait for you to come. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 64:1-9**          **Open the heavens and come down!**

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**

**Psalms 80:1-7,17-19**

## **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**      **As you wait for Christ's return**

*After the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 13:24-37**          **No one knows the day or the hour**

*After the reading:*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
 from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

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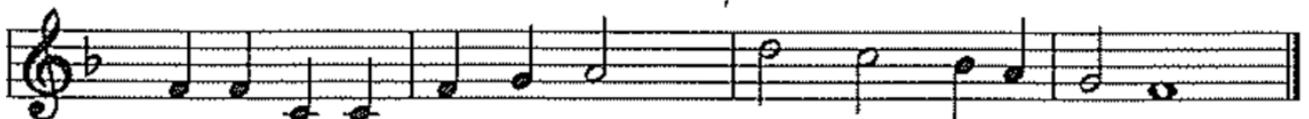
Bohemian Brethren *Gesangbuch*.  
 Nürnberg 1544  
 J. Leisentritt's *Gesangbuch* 1584



When the King shall come a - gain all his power re - veal-ing,  
 splend-our shall an - nounce his reign, life and joy and heal-ing:



earth no long-er in de - cay, hope no more frus - trat - ed;



this is God's re - demp-tion day long - ing - ly a - wait - ed.

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| <p>1 When the King shall come again<br/>         all his power revealing,<br/>         splendour shall announce his reign,<br/>         life and joy and healing:<br/>         earth no longer in decay,<br/>         hope no more frustrated;<br/>         this is God's redemption day<br/>         longingly awaited.</p>    | <p>3 Strengthen feeble hands and knees,<br/>         fainting hearts, be cheerful!<br/>         God who comes for such as these<br/>         seeks and saves the fearful:<br/>         now the deaf can hear the dumb<br/>         sing away their weeping;<br/>         blind eyes see the injured come<br/>         walking, running, leaping.</p> |
| <p>4 There God's highway shall be seen<br/>         where no roaring lion,<br/>         nothing evil or unclean<br/>         walks the road to Zion:<br/>         ransomed people homeward bound<br/>         all your praises voicing,<br/>         see your Lord with glory crowned,<br/>         share in his rejoicing!</p> |  |

## **SERMON**

### **OFFERING SONG** (words presented on screen)

#### **'Give us hearts'**

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### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and give you peace. Amen.

### **FINAL HYMN**

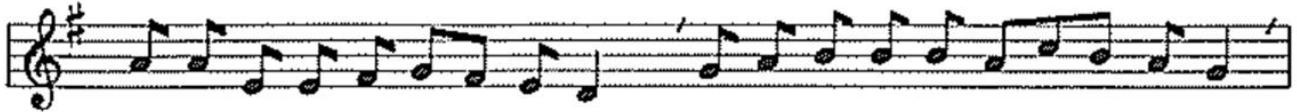
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# 2 VENI, IMMANUEL

*From early sources  
ad. T. Helmore 1811-1890 (1854)*



O come, O come, Im - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el.



That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear:



Re - joice, re - joice! Im - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

1

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice, rejoice! Immanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2

O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave:

4

O come, Thou key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the path that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery:

3

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:

*Veni, veni, Immanuel  
From the Great O Antiphons  
12th-13th century  
Tr. John Mason Neale, 1851/1859*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOU

## POSTLUDE