

SUNDAY LITURGY

DECEMBER 2024



Online Sunday liturgy

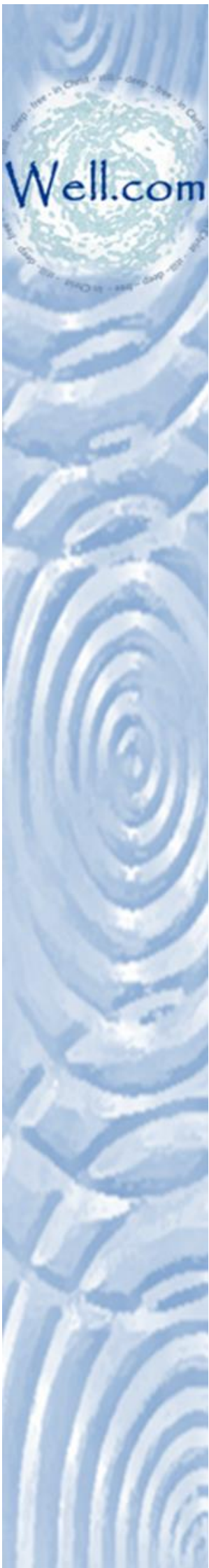
Your responses are in **blue**.

We mute in order to listen better at certain times, especially to the music. I can do this for the whole group or you can do it yourself as a signal to yourself that you want to listen.

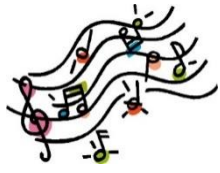
We unmute to be able to speak together. Even if we stumble over each other on line, it's good to pray together.

Feel free to join in with words or to simply sit in the quiet.

*A voice cries out
in the wilderness
Like water
Bringing life
Now you can see it!*



We mute



O Come, Emmanuel

Orla Fallon

OPENING PRAYER *unmute*

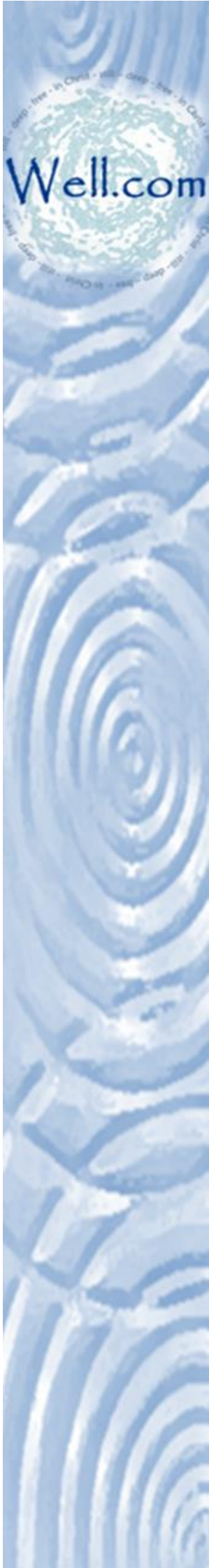
We join together in prayer:

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

The Lord is here: **His spirit is with us**

From the beginning is the Word
always speaking new things into the world

Always new
Emmanuel. God is with us



The Word is made flesh
loving in us and through us.

Always beside we.
Emmanuel: God is with us.

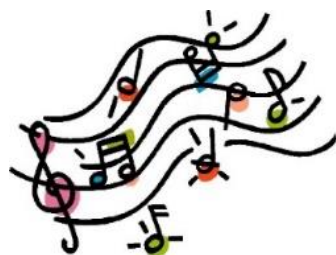
The Spirit is hovering over our chaos
Turning all things to good.

Always hopeful.
Emmanuel: God is with us

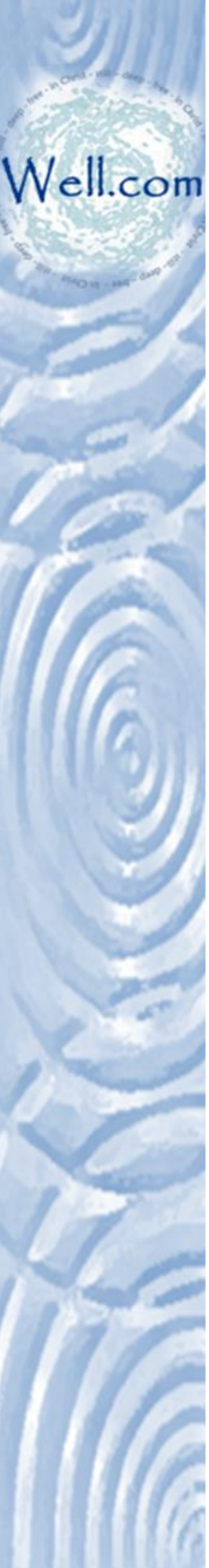
Always new.
Always here.
Always hopeful.
Stir up in us
what we know in the depth of our being.
Emmanuel: You are with us now.

**Father, Son and Spirit,
Emmanuel
God is with us
Always**

We mute



Advent Song
The Porter's Gate



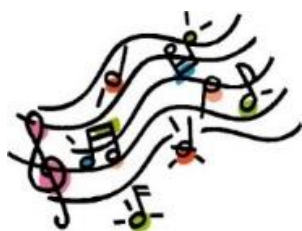
I COME – JUST AS I AM

Emmanuel-God
Creator of the universe
You loved us so much
you had to be with us.
Who am I that you would care for me?

But you do.
Care for me.

You made me.
You know me.
You see through me.
I cannot hide.
And I do not need to.

I notice how I am now.
I ask for help to settle with you
To feel the relief of honesty,
To know you want me, here.
Just as I am.



You know me

Stephany Gretzinger



A NEW THING IN THE WILDERNESS

Isaiah 43: 18-21 (GNT)

But the Lord says,

“Do not cling to events of the past
or dwell on what happened long ago.

**Watch for the new thing I am going to do.
It is happening already—you can see it now!**

I will make a road through the wilderness
and give you streams of water there.

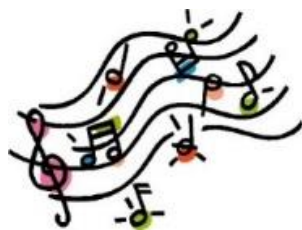
**Watch for the new thing I am going to do.
It is happening already—you can see it now!**

Even the wild animals will honour me;
jackals and ostriches will praise me
when I make rivers flow in the desert
to give water to my people.

**Watch for the new thing I am going to do.
It is happening already—you can see it now!**

They are the people I made for myself,
and they will sing my praises!”

**Watch for the new thing I am going to do.
It is happening already—you can see it now!**



O Comfort My People

Sharon Lyons

Mute

GIFT OF GOODWILL COMES FORWARD

¹ *It was now the fifteenth year of the rule of Son of the Great River (Tiberius Caesar). Under him was Spear of the Great Waters (Pontius Pilate), the governor ruling over the Land of Promise (Judea). The bad-hearted Chief Looks Brave (Herod) had been chosen by the People of Iron (Romans) to rule over the territory of Circle of Nations (Galilee). His brother Friend of Horses (Philip) ruled over the nearby territory of Guarded Mountains (Iturea) and Place of Stones (Trachonitis), and End of Sorrow (Lysanias) ruled the territory of the Ten Villages from its chief village Many Meadows (Abilene). ² Walks Humbly (Annas) was still the chief holy man, along with Hollow in the Rock (Caiaphas), who would soon replace him.*

It was during this time that Creator's message came down from above like a burden basket and rested on Gift of Goodwill (John), the son of Creator Will Remember (Zechariah), while he was praying in the desert wilderness. The time had come for him to begin his work with the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel) and prepare the way for the Chosen One.

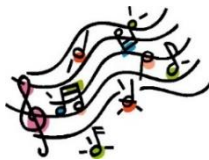
³ Gift of Goodwill (John) began to walk the territory around the river Flowing Down (Jordan). His message was for all to return to Creator's right ways of thinking and come to the river to perform the purification ceremony to be released from their bad hearts and broken ways.

⁴ The prophet Creator Will Help Us (Isaiah) told about him long ago, "He will be a voice howling in the desert, 'Clear the pathways! Make a straight path for the coming of the Honoured One!

5 The valleys will be filled in. The mountains and hills will be brought down low. The crooked places will be made straight and the rough road smooth.

6 Then all people will clearly see the good road that sets them free.”

A person's name means something in the native American tradition, the words used invoke their meaning. God's word is invoking what it says. In us. Advent is a time of remembering the world that God is invoking—wakening up to - what we already know, deep inside: God is streams in our wilderness. Always creating. Always making new.

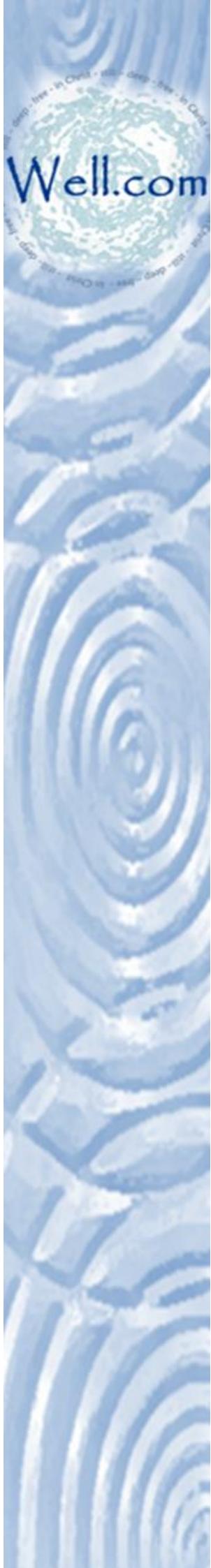


Gift of God, O Emmanuel Marty Haughen

unmute

Look at the people
who share the screen with you.
Let's pray for each other, as
Jesus prays constantly with and for us:

**Our Father who art in heaven.
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses.
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation.
For yours is the kingdom the power and the glory
For ever and ever.
Amen**



CLOSING PRAYER

Open our eyes
our ears, our tongues
our hearts, our hands.
Stir us up with wonder
so that in all we do and think and say
we might make your life giving streams
real and visible in the wildernesses of our world.

But for now, let us rest,
knowing that you continue
your work in the night as we sleep.
Let us rise refreshed
to join you.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord: **AMEN**

**May we rest
In the stillness of God
May we find acceptance
in the deep love of his Son
and in our coming and our going
may we experience
the freedom of the Spirit
day by day
calling us to new life
together in Christ
AMEN**

We leave this time of prayer together **In the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit AMEN**



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