

PRELUDE

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

O Come Emmanuel

Elaine Hagenberg (2016)

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

*O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
And drive away the shades of night
And pierce the clouds and bring us light
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
And fill the world with Heaven's peace
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times did'st give the Law,
In cloud, and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

The First Noel

Andrew Huish (2017)

*The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King, the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light;
So it continued both day and night.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King, the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Born is the King, the King of Israel.
Born is the King, the King of Israel.*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

WORSHIP SINGING

Joy to The World

Watts (1719) | Handel/Mason (1836)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Wade (1751)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
glory to God in the highest;
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

SCRIPTURE READING

HEBREWS 2:10-18

ADULT CHOIR

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Dan Forrest (2016)

Alleluia, Alleluia.

*See amid the winter's snow
Born for us on earth below
See the tender Lamb appears
Promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail, redemption's happy dawn.
Sing through all Jerusalem
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the lofty skies,
He, who, throned in light sublime
Sits amid the cherubim
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail, redemption's happy dawn.
Sing through all Jerusalem
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Sacred infant, all divine
What a tender love was Thine
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail, redemption's happy dawn.
Sing through all Jerusalem
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER

HOMILY

*The Christmas Story as Told by Liverpool FC
Chad Smith*

VIDEO

ADULT CHOIR

VIDEO

GOD WITH US

PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(Please do not tip a lighted candle)

ADULT CHOIR

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Dan Forrest (2016)

*O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth.*

*How silently, how silently
The wond'rous gift is given,
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel.*

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Silent Night

Mohr, Gruber

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

GOD'S PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE AND BLESSING

**Please place your candles
in the containers by the exit doors to the foyer.**



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LOVING THE WORLD

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