

Gathering  
**Creator of the Stars of Night**

Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light, O Christ, redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call  
In sorrow that the ancient curse, Should doom to death a universe, You came, O Savior, to set free, Your own in glorious liberty  
***Come, O Lord, and bring your light, O radiant star, our hearts delight, O God with us, Emmanuel, With your love the dark dispel***

When this old world drew on toward night, You came, but not in splendor bright  
Not as a monarch, but the Child, Of Mary, blameless mother mild

At your great name, O Jesus, now, All knees must bend, all hearts must bow  
All things on earth with one accord, Like those in heaven shall call you Lord

To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, three in one, Praise honor, might, and glory be, From age to age eternally

Entrance & Exit

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
Than mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel!***

O Come, O Wisdom from on high  
Who ordered all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go

Offertory

**Come, Lord Jesus**

***Come, Lord Jesus, Come  
Come and fill my heart with your life  
Hold me close, Lord, hold me tight  
And come, Lord Jesus, come***

Where there's despair in life, Lord  
Let me be your voice of hope  
Where there's injury, Lord  
Let me be your voice of peace

Where there is sadness let me be  
Your comfort and your joy  
When there's fear in our hearts  
Let me be a sign of faith

Communion

**People, Look East**

People, look east; the time is near  
Of the crowning of the year

Make your house fair as you are able  
Trim the hearth and set the table  
People look east and sing today  
Love, the guest, is on the way

Stars, keep the watch when night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim  
Shining beyond the frosty weather  
Bright as sun and moon together  
People look east and sing today  
Love, the star, is on the way

Angels, announce on this great feast  
He is coming from the east  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, "The Lord is coming!"  
People look east and sing today  
Love, the Lord, is on the way

Reflection

**In Every Age**

Long before the mountains came to be  
and the land and sea and stars of the night  
through the endless seasons of all time  
you have always been you will always be

***In every age, O God, you have been our refuge  
In every age, O God, you have been our hope***

Destiny is cast and at your silent word  
we return to dust and scatter to the wind  
A thousand years are like a single moment gone  
as the light that fades at the end of day

Teach us to make use of the time we have  
Teach us to be patient, even as we wait  
Teach us to embrace our every joy and pain  
To sleep peacefully and to rise up strong