

Gathering

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
O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height, In ancient times did give the law, In cloud, and majesty, and awe
O come, Desire of nations bind, In one the hearts of humankind, Make all our sad divisions cease, And be for us our King of Peace

Entrance & Exit

Prepare! Prepare!

Prepare! Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare! Prepare the way of the Lord, oh,
Prepare! Prepare the way of the Lord.
The Lord our God is coming soon.

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

Birds, though you long have ceased to build
Guard the nest that must be filled
Even the hour when wings are frozen
He for fledging time has chosen
People look East, and sing today
Love the bird 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

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

Come in your holy might, we pray, Redeem us for eternal day
Defend us while we dwell below, From all assaults of our dread foe

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