

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Worship Service • December 21, 2025

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Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

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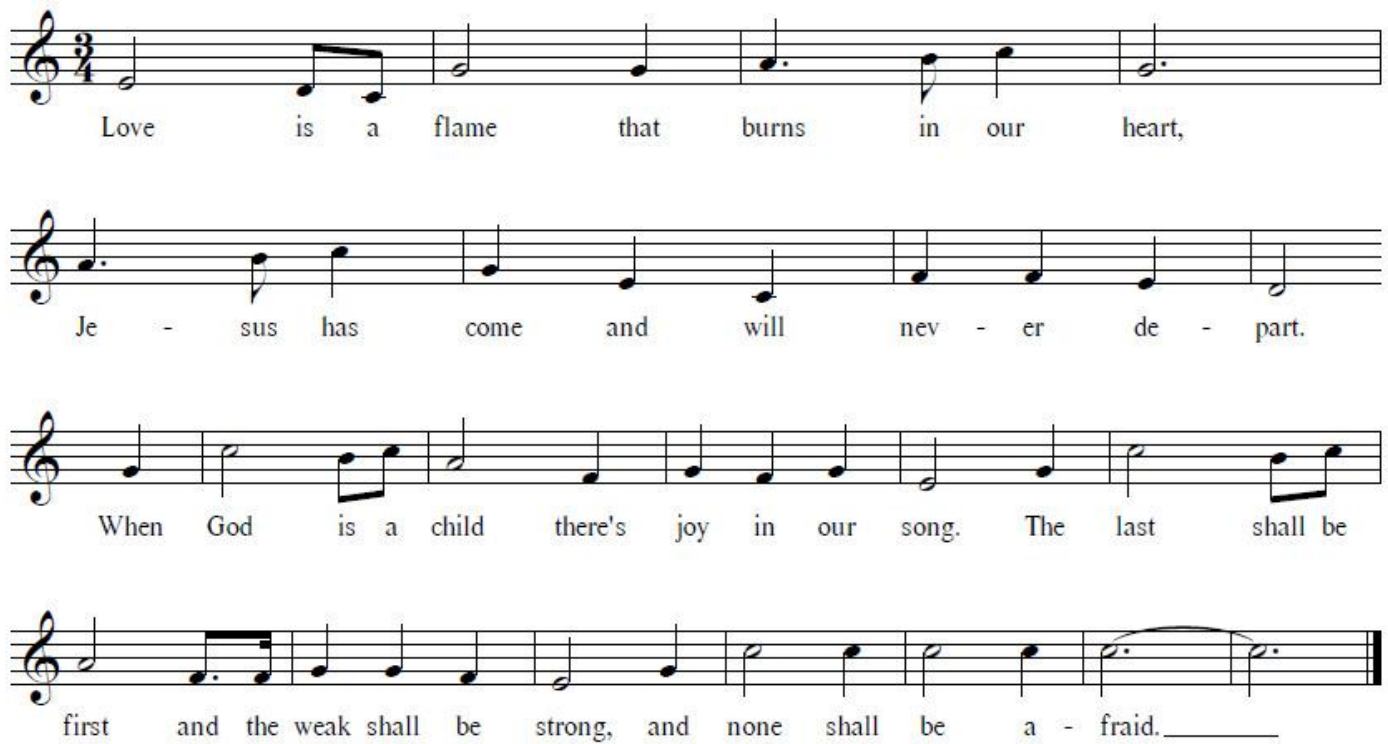
J. S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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RESPONSE

Hope Is a Star (v.4)



Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.
When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be
first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1985

MUSIC: Jean Collier Fogg, 1987

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GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,
**we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.
✠ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

ELW 723

The congregation turns to face the processing cross.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign that is the only source of true safety: Immanuel, God is with us!

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19 (*all sing the response before the reading and when directed.*)



Psalm 80:7

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Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
**O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray? R**
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which God promised beforehand through the prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning God's Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**The virgin shall conceive and | bear a son,
and they shall name | him Emmanuel.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Tina Toburen

SERMON

Pastor Tina Toburen

The assembly stands.

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Almost There

arr. Heather Sorenson

*Mary, full of innocence, carrying the Holy Prince, you're almost there.
Mother of the Living Word, trusting in the voice you heard, you're almost there.*

You're almost where the angels see redemption's plan unfolding.

All hope is in the Son you'll bear; you're almost there.

*A lonely road, a willing heart, prayer for strength to do your part;
you're almost there.*

Trust the Father to provide Bread of Heaven prophesied; you're almost there.

*You're almost where the waiting ends, delivering the Life within,
the answered prayer, Emmanuel; you're almost there.*

*You're almost where the journey ends, where death will die and life begins,
the answered prayer, Emmanuel, you're almost there*

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Are Waiting for Jesus
JESUS BRINGS PEACE

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.
Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

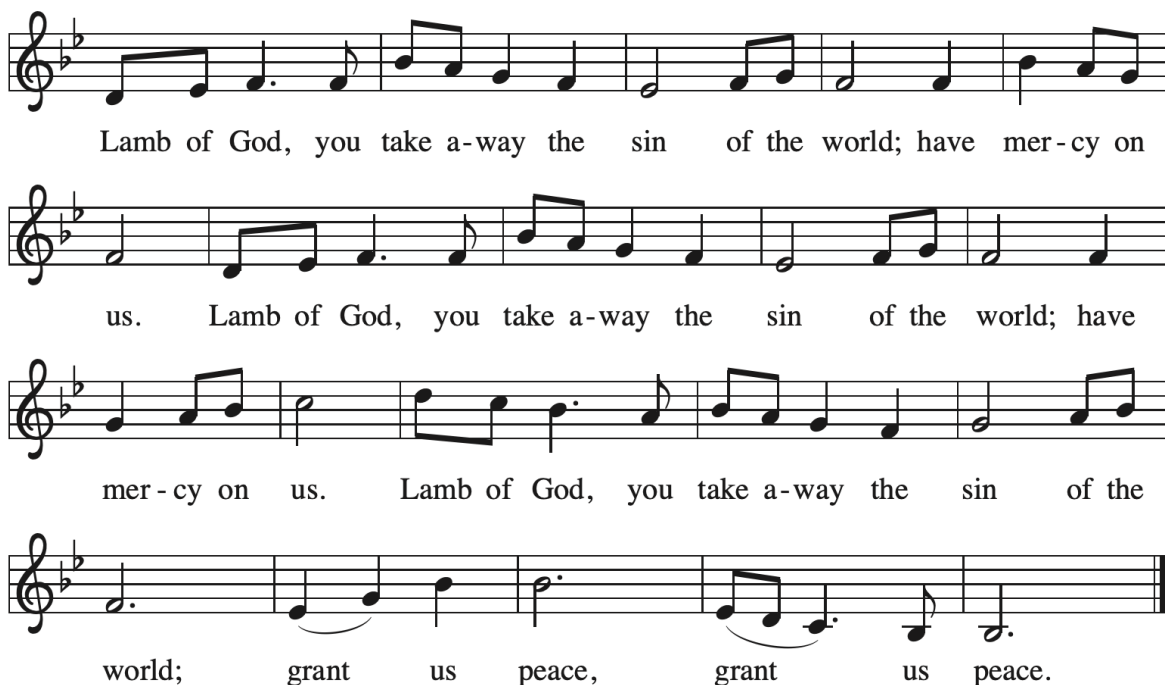
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

*Communion is held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a **clear** cup with wine or a **purple** cup with grape juice from the tray. Recycling baskets for your plastic cups are located outside the doors of the sanctuary. Trinity has an open able – all are welcome to come to the feast.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes (Hal Hopson)
*Thou shalt know Him when He comes; not by any din of drums,
nor the manner of His airs, nor by anything He wears;
Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by His crown or His gown,
but His coming known shall be by the holy harmony
which His coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know Him when He comes. Amen.*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
JEFFERSON

ELW 254

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord

ELW 200

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

May God who comes among us,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

People, Look East
BESANÇON

ELW 248

The assembly stands

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

People, Look East

arr. Kristina Langlois

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Sallade, MD. We miss you every day, Love the Sallade Family.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER — Andrew Rummel

ACOLYTES — Elena & Karina Stevens

LECTOR — Lauren Hill

USHERS/GREETERS — Thad Kieninger and John Lunsford

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM — Clifford Obara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIA ORDERS

We still have a few poinsettias left. To order, please email or call church office by Mon, 12/22 to be added in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Thank you.

RED FOOD BOX

We are looking for food donations, especially items with protein. Thank you so much to all who are so faithfully donating items for the Red Food Box!

2025-2026 MMCS (Mildred McDaniel Concert Series) -Reformation Lutheran Church
13100 Warwick Blvd. Newport News, VA. Please visit: <https://mmcsonline.org/2025-2026-mmcs/>

4pm Norfolk State University Choir. January 25, 2026

4pm Trio Niche Sunday, February 15, 2026.

4pm I. Sherman Greene Chorale Sunday March 15, 2026.

4pm Jae Sinnett Trio Sunday, April 26, 2026.

4pm Peninsula Concert Band with Ice Cream Social, Saturday, May 16, 2026.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

We are looking for a 3rd Sunday school teacher; please see Kathy Stevens if you are interested.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS – Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

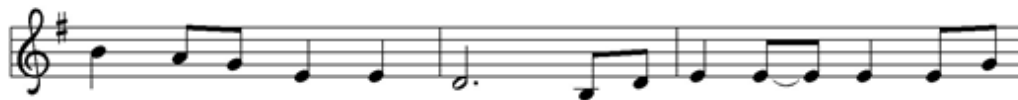
Millie Christensen, Barbara Olson; At Home: Tony Flores, Shirley Anderson, and Bonnie Carlson; Jerry Cobb, Williamsburg Landing Rehab; Virginia Hamby, Harmony on Peninsula, Room 121. Bob Sumpter, Tricia Wessler's Stepfather, requested by Tricia Wessler; Jarvis Edwards, recovering from surgery at home.

PRAYER REQUESTS – David Nelson, Susan Piland's brother; *requested by Susan Piland, Susan Piland; requested by Tricia Wessler, Family and friends of Guy Self (brother of Bob Self), requested by Dottie Self;* Mike Cobb; *requested by his mother Sandy Cobb,* Karina Stevens's psychology teacher Jacob Lelesch; *requested by Karina Stevens, Mary Cherry Hewett, friend of Tricia Wessler; requested by Tricia Wessler;* Lee Owens, Grant's brother, *requested by Grant Owens;* Tom Lenahan; friend of Sandy's cousin, *requested by Don and Sandy Sniady, Easton Young, newborn in NICU; requested by Don and Sandy Sniady, Lauren, Kelly's sister-in-law, requested by Kelly Rummel;* Family & Friends of Chelsea Simonsen. *requested by Kathy Stevens;* Butch Klapperich, *requested by Dee Klapperich;* Michele and Tom Leonard, *requested by Dottie Self;* Eddie Bateman & Karen Vodenichar, *requested by the Sniady Family;* Bonnie Carlson, *requested by Pastor Tina;* Blaine Pearsall, *requested by Lina Valdez;* Family and friends of Scott Campbell, *requested by Todd Recupero;* Stephanie Beauvais, *requested by Jarvis Edwards;* Larry and Linda Jones, *requested by Judy Hunt;* Sarah Miller, *requested by John and Sandy Lunsford;* Wayne Skinner, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, *requested by the Dail family;* The family of Carole Knopp, *requested by Wendy Mynoymany;* Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, *requested by Tricia Wessler;* Ahlen family, *requested by Kathy Stevens.* Izzy Perez, *requested by Pastor Tina.*

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY – Garrett Mynoymany, Naval Station Great Lakes, LTJG Courtney Duff, USCG, stationed in sector New Orleans; James Fielding, Tokyo, Japan; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



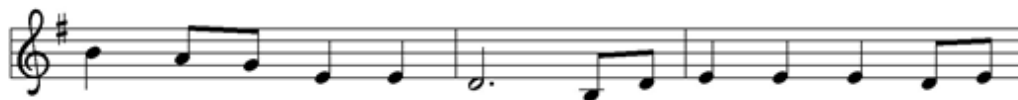
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



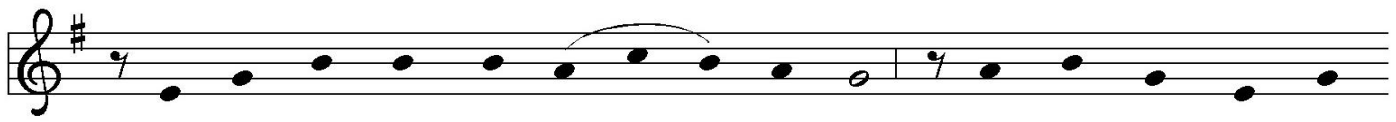
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



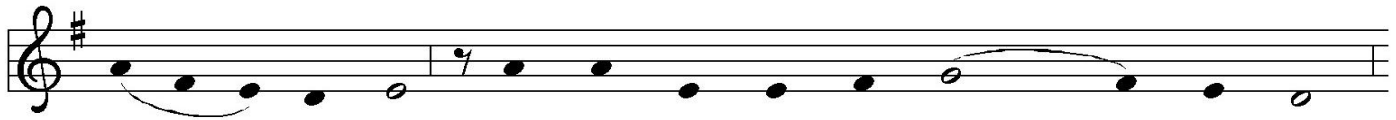
Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.



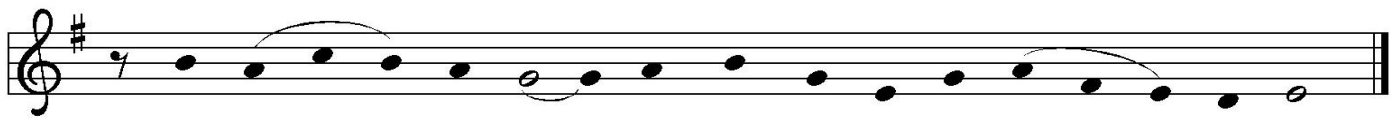
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na - tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

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