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Song of Entrance: **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

*Veni, veni
Emmanuel*

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

PRESIDER: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise **“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

Hyfrydol

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PRESIDER: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON – ISAIAH 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

READER: The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Antiphon

From "Lord I Need You" by Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels and Daniel Carson

The image shows a musical score for the song "Lord I Need You". It consists of two staves of music in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff contains the first line of music with chords D, G, D, D, G, D, A/C#, Bm7, G, D, A. The lyrics under this staff are "Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev - ry hour I need You. My". The second staff starts at measure 7 and contains the second line of music with chords D/F#, G, D/A, G/B, D/A, A, D, G(add2), D. The lyrics under this staff are "one de-fense, my right - eous-ness; Oh, God, how I need You." At the bottom of the score, there is a copyright notice: "Copyright © 2011 sixsteps Music | Sweater Weather Music | Thankyou Music Valley of Songs Music | worshiptogether.com songs".

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Antiphon

- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Antiphon

- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

Antiphon

THE GOSPEL – MARK 13:24-37

PRESIDER: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark.

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with
great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and
gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth
to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch
becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that
summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking
place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell
you, this generation will not pass away until all these things
have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert;
for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man
going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in
charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to
be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know
when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at
midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you
asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to
all: Keep awake.”

PRESIDER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

THE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER LEADER: Together we hope, as we get ready to receive God's Incarnation anew. Lord, your coming brought heaven to earth and opened the way of life to us. May we rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for the whole Church, your wonderful and sacred mystery. Enable us, by the power of

your Spirit, to live true to the way of Jesus, sharing generously the mercy that you have shared with us. May we rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for the United States of America and the nations of the world. Bless all elected officials to bring their best abilities to the tasks of government. Help us practice our citizenship in ways that support the common good. May we rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER LEADER: We give thanks for the opportunity to serve others. We ask your blessing, Lord, on Hope and Resurrection School in South Sudan, which we support through the Giving Tree, and on Lespwa Timoun Health Clinic in Haiti, which we support through the Tap Tap Collective. May we rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER LEADER: We pray for the world, Lord, as you prayed, blessed are those who are poor or hungry or weeping. We pray for our enemies and those who hate or curse us. Help us to do unto others as we would have them do to us. We pray especially for those who need your healing touch, whom we name now, silently or aloud ... May we rejoice in your light as we sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER LEADER: Finally, we give thanks for those we love but see no longer, that their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, may rest in peace. We pray especially for those we

name at this time, silently or aloud, including
May we, like them, rejoice in your light as we
sing,

PEOPLE: **Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to
thee, O Israel**

PRAYER LEADER: Let us confess our sins against God and our
neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

ALL: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have
sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done, and by what we
have left undone. We have not loved you with
our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry
and we humbly repent. For the sake of your
Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and
forgive us; that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
Name. Amen.**

OFFICIANT: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you
all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal
life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

PRESIDER: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO PRESENT YOUR OFFERINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

PRESIDER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

PRESIDER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDER: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
PEOPLE: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

PRESIDER: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
PEOPLE: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

PRESIDER: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
PEOPLE: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

PRESIDER: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
PEOPLE: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

PRESIDER: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

♩ = 66

Bm E7/B 3 Bm7 G F#m7 Em7 F#7(b9) F#7 B7(b9) Bm F#7 Bm E7/B 3

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

6 F#7/B Bm G7(b9) A7(b9) A D7(b9) D7(b9) D/F# 3 Em7 A7 3 D/F# G7(b9)

ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

11 C G7/B A7(b9) A7 D D/C# 3 Bm D7/A 3 G7(b9) A7(b9)

san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed, bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

16 F#m7 B7 Em F#7(b9) Bm G7(b9) F#m7 Em7 F#7(b9) F#7 B7(b9) B

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him,
and
made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring
before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy
Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the
blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends,
and
said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for
you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks,
and
said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the
new
Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for
the
remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and
offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
PEOPLE: **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

PRESIDER: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

PEOPLE: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

PRESIDER: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say . . .

ALL: **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRESIDER: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

PRESIDER: Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

PRESIDER: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Song of the Table: **“As The Deer”**

Nystrom

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: Let us pray.

ALL: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Song of Dismissal: **“All The Earth”**

Hayford/Huirua/Ulugia

(See lyrics at the end of this document)

PRESIDER: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

"O COME, O COME EMMANUEL"

**O come , O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
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 didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong
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"COME THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS"

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone,
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

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"AS THE DEER"

**As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.**

CHORUS

***You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You, alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.***

**You're my Friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.**

**I want You more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.**

Martin Nystrom

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"ALL THE EARTH"

**Father into Your courts I will enter
Maker of heaven and earth
I tremble in Your holy presence
Glory, glory in Your sanctuary
Splendor and majesty
Lord before You
All life adores You**

***All the earth will declare
That Your love is ev'rywhere
The fields will exalt seas resound
Hear the trees' joyful cry
Praising You and so will I
A new song I'll sing
Lord I will glorify
And bless Your holy name***

**Jesus Lord of all life and salvation
Into Your presence we come
We worship You our precious Savior
Fill us fill us with Your holy power
Set us aflame with Your love
'Til nations all know Your glory**

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