

Gathering Song- "Until the Whole World Hears"

Verse 1

Lord I want to feel Your heart and see the world through Your eyes

I want to be Your hands and feet. I want to live a life that leads.

Pre-Chorus

Ready yourselves, ready yourselves.

Let us shine the light of Jesus in the darkest night.

Ready yourselves, ready yourselves.

May the powers of darkness tremble as our praises rise.

Chorus

Until the whole world hears, Lord, we are calling out;

Lifting up Your name for all to hear the sound.

Like voices in the wilderness we're crying out.

As the day draws near, we'll sing until the whole world hears.

Verse 2

Lord, let Your sleeping giants rise, catch the demons by surprise.

Holy nation sanctified, let this be our battle cry.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Woah, Woah, Sing until the whole world hears.

Bridge

I want to be Your hands and feet. I want to live a life that leads,

To see You set the captives free until the whole world hears.

And I pray that they will see more of You and less of me.

Lord I want my life to be the song You sing.

Chorus

Woah, Woah, Sing until the whole world hears.

Announcements/Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned.

We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.

We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have turned away from our neighbors.

We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

we confess that we have sinned.

We plead: come to us.

Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through † Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near.

Amen.

Gathering Song- "Prepare Ye the Way"

Verse 1

The Word of the Lord came one evening
Concerning His bride's great sin
He'd send down His Word to renew her
To prepare for the Bridegroom again

The Word said repent from seeking vain glories
While the gifts in the Lord's name you give
Repent of all the first stones cast to kill
While your own self-righteousness lives

Chorus

Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Prepare ye the way for the kingdom
Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verse 2

The Word said repent and turn from your strivings

Repent and turn from your hatred

Repent from the doctrines of men that divide

And tear like the wedding gown rends

Walk in His love like newborn children

Walk in His love let the wedding gown mend

Walk in His love- with humility come with pure hearts

And cast all your cares to the wind

Chorus**Verse 3**

The Word of the Lord came one evening

Concerning His bride's great sin

He assured me we will be forgiven

And then let the marriage begin

Chorus**Chorus**

Prepare Ye the way!

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lighting of the Advent Candle – “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear

Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to you oh Israel.

Be exalted Oh God and let Your Glory Reign!

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Let it Reign! Let it Reign! Let it Reign!

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Advent Candle Prayer

PRAYER

Reader: Let us pray Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would

blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

May He give water to all who thirst, for he is our delight and
our salvation.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

Gospel Acclamation- "Until the Whole world Hears"

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Lifting up Your name for all to hear the sound.

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Gospel

Luke 1:26-34

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'^[a] ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'^[a]

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her. "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am a servant of my God, I live to do your will."

The Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55



1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
 2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -



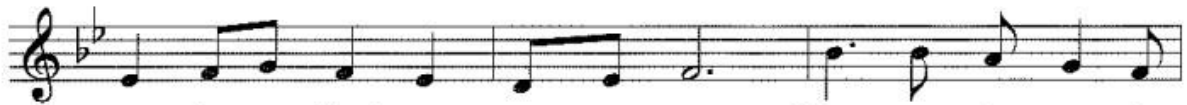
spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
 lift - ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
 won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
 Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind-ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
 strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom-ised to



weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
 Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Song of the day- "You are Emmanuel"

Intro

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!

Verse 1

You are the Rock that will not fall

You are the God above us all

Oh Lord, You are Emmanuel

You are Messiah who has come

You are the long awaited One

Oh Lord, You are Emmanuel

Chorus

Emmanuel – among us and within us

Emmanuel – to Earth You freely came

To overcome our evil

To dwell among Your people

Emmanuel we praise Your name

Verse 2

You are the Bright and Morning Star

You are the Healer of our hearts

Oh Lord, You are Emmanuel

You are the song the angels sing

You are the might King of kings

Oh Lord, You are Emmanuel

Chorus

Chorus

Apostle's Creed

Let us confess our faith together.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Creator of Heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the Virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 – “Even so Come”

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

Even so come, Lord Jesus come (x2)

God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world.

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities (*local preserves, parks, or sanctuaries may be named*). Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made

Even so come, Lord Jesus come (x2)

God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored.

God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill.

Even so come, Lord Jesus come (x2)

God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community.

God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died (*especially*), we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history.

Even so come, Lord Jesus come (x2)

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering - Special Music "Waiting Here for You"

Verse 1

If faith can move the mountains, let the mountains move

We come with expectation, waiting here for You;

Waiting here for you

Verse 2

You're the Lord of all creation, and still You know my heart

The Author of salvation, You've loved us from the start

Chorus

Waiting here for You with our hearts lifted high in praise

And it's You we adore, singing "I will praise you"

Verse 3

You are everything You've promised, Your faithfulness is true

And we're desperate for Your presence, all we need is You

Chorus

Offertory – "You are Emmanuel"

Emmanuel – among us and within us

Emmanuel – to Earth You freely came

To overcome our evil

To dwell among Your people

Emmanuel we praise Your name

Offertory Prayer

Creator God,

you made the whole world,

even the farthest stars,

and you draw near to feed us.

We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Blessed are you,
Lord of heaven and earth
In mercy for our fallen world
You gave your only son
That all those who believe in him
Should not perish
But have eternal life
We give thanks to you for the salvation
You have prepared
For us through Jesus Christ
Send now your Holy Spirit
Into our hearts
That we may receive our Lord
With a living faith
As he come to us

In His holy supper

Amen. Come Lord Jesus

In the night

In which he was betrayed

Our Lord Jesus took bread

And gave thanks; brok 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 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.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

The kingdom come,

The 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,
The power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

God feeds us with tender mercy.
Come to the table.

Communion – “Even so Come”

Verse 1

All of creation, all of the Earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;
Jesus is coming soon

Verse

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev’ry nation shout of Your fame;
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Like a bride waiting for her groom, we’ll be a Church ready for You
Ev’ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come

Verse

There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true;
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Bridge

So we wait, we wait for You
God we wait; You’re coming soon

Chorus

Blessing

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,

✠ bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Generous God,

we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.

Amen.

Closing song- "My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

Verse 1

Good news of great joy
For every woman, every man
This will be a sign to you
A baby born in Bethlehem

Pre-Chorus

Come and worship, do not be afraid

Verse 2

A company of Angels
Glory in the highest
And on the Earth peace among
Those on whom His favor rests

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

My soul, my soul magnifies the Lord
My soul magnifies the Lord

He has done great things for me

Great things for me

Verse 3

Unto you a child is born

Unto us a Son is given

Let every heart prepare His throne

In every nation under Heaven

Pre Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

Of His government there will be no end

He'll establish it with His righteousness

And He shall reign on David's throne

And His name shall be from this day on

Wonderful, Counselor

Everlasting Father

Chorus

Chorus

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.