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Luke 1:68-75 (Reader)

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;



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⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

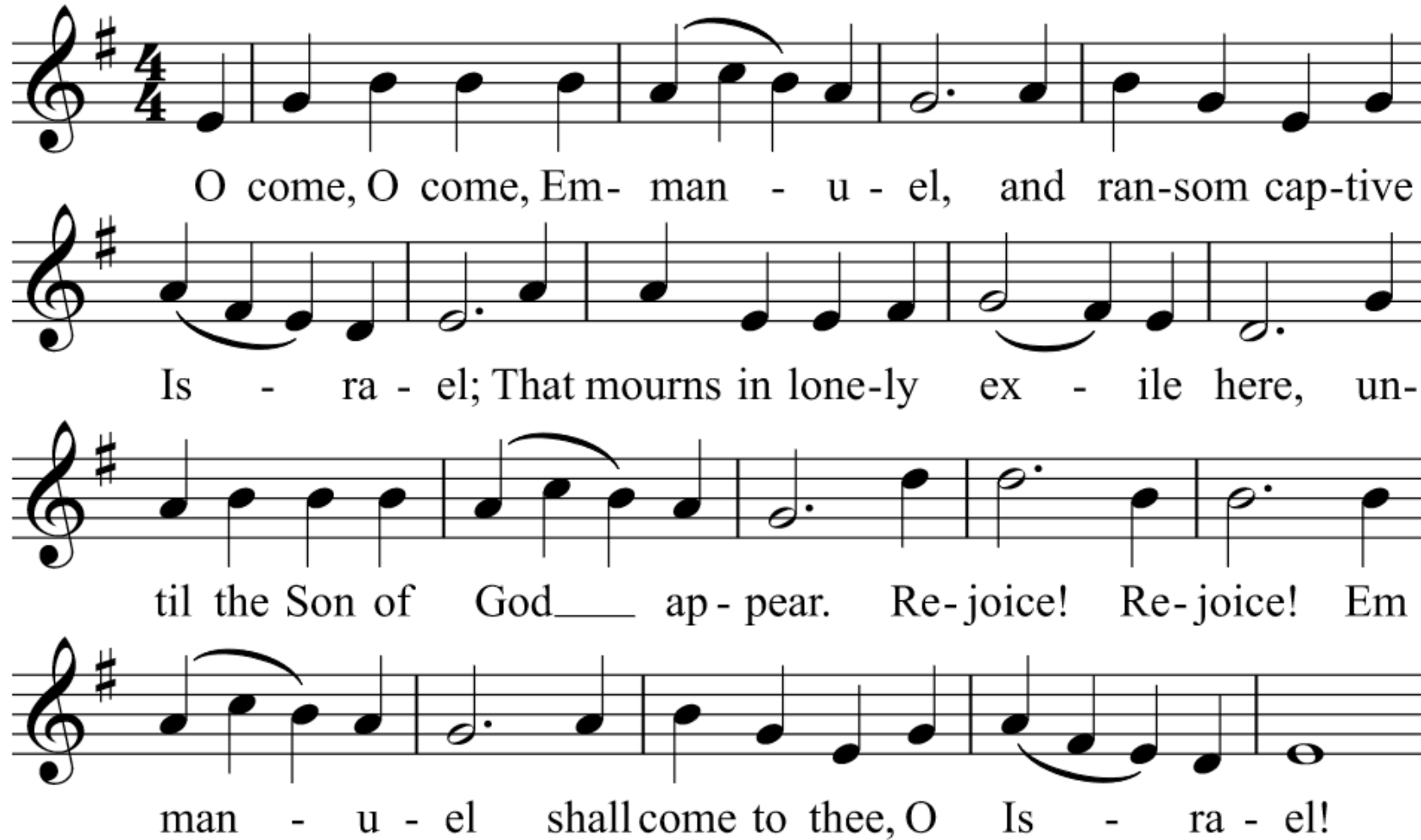
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710

Translated by John Mason Neale

Tune: Veni Emmanuel

adapted by Thomas Helmore



O come, O come, Em- man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive

Is - ra - el; That mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here, un-

til the Son of God___ ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

2



O come, Thou Day-spring, come—and cheer our spir-its by Thine



ad - vent here; Dissperse the gloom-y clouds_ of night, and



death's dark shad-ows put_____ to flight. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em



man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



O come, Thou Wis-dom from__ on high, and or-der all things,



far____ and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, and



cause us in her ways__ to go. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em



man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

4

O come, De-sire of na - tions, bind all peo-ples in one

heart___ and mind; Bid en-vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill

the whole world with heav - en's peace. Re joice! Re joice! Em

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Father, you tell us in your Word that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical, and our cynicism has boiled over with slander, prayerlessness, and pessimism.



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How easily we've allowed ourselves to crumple under the stresses of our lives. Forgive us for our smallness of faith. By your Spirit teach us what it means to watch and to wait and to stay awake. In your mercy, hear us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

based on Worship Sourcebook 2.2.57, p. 105

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Text by Louis F. Benson (1889)
Verse 4 text by Jordan Pohlmann (2020)

Music arranged by
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, featuring a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics for the first staff are "O__ sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of__ shep-herds watch-ing". The second staff continues with "there, and_ of the news that came to them from an-gels in__ the". The third staff continues with "air; the_ light that shone on__ Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-". The fourth staff concludes with "day; of__ Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the_ an-gels sing al-way."

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air; the_ light that shone on__ Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-

day; of__ Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the_ an-gels sing al-way.

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O_ sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of_ lake and woods and hill, of_



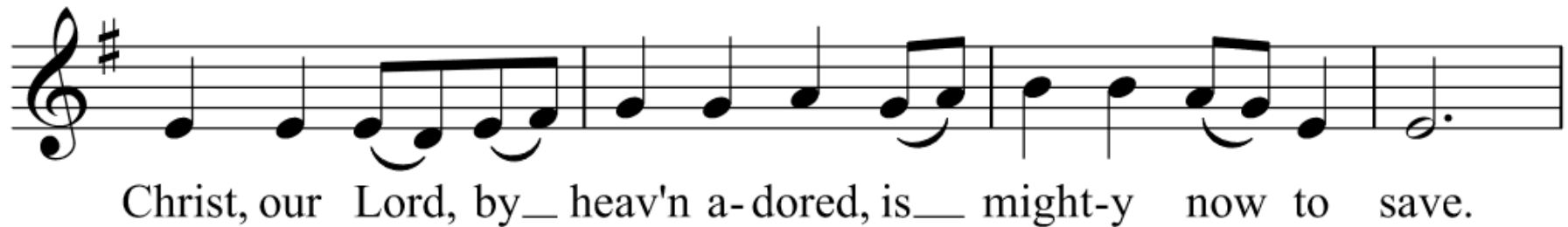
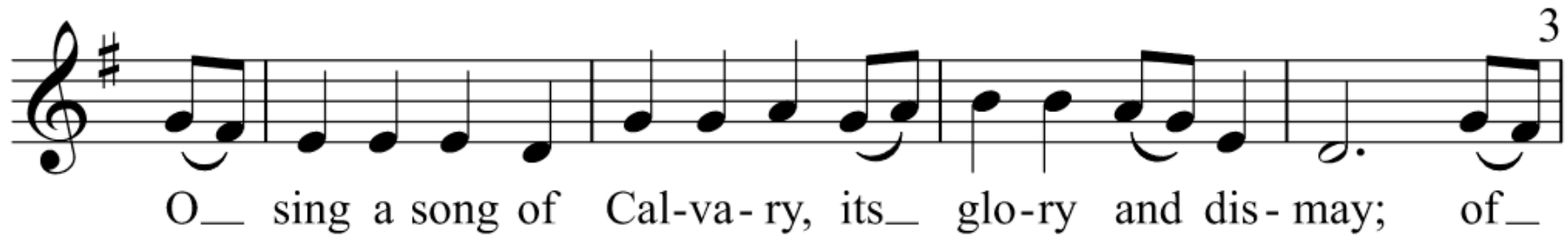
Him who walked up - on the sea and bade the waves be still: For_



though like waves on Gal-i-lee, dark seas of trou-ble roll, when



faith has heard the_ Mas-ter's word, falls peace up - on_ the soul.



4



O__ sing a song of dark-ened skies, of__spheres loosed from their



aim, when Christ our Lord shall meet our eyes and clouds en-robe His



way. O__ sing, my soul, for on that day sin and death shall pass! Christ's



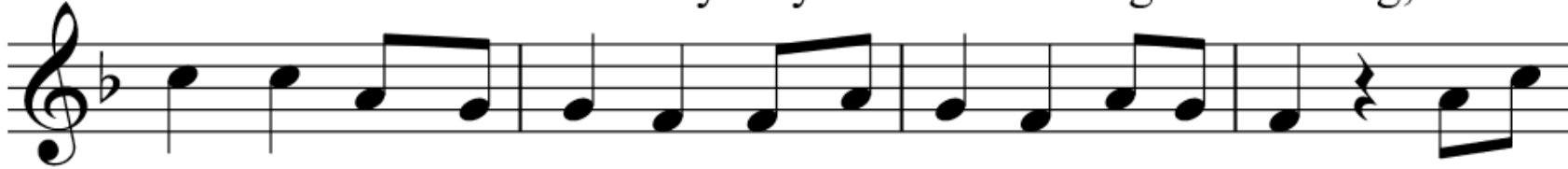
rule be - gins as we're gath-ered in to__ greet our Love at last.

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker



Come be hold the won-drous myst'-ry in the dawn-ing of the King; He the



theme of heav-en's prais-es robed in frail hu-man-i - ty. In our



long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come! Look to



Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.

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Come be-hold the won-drous myst 'ry: He the per-fect Son of Man. In His



liv-ing, in His suff-'ring, nev-er trace nor stain of sin. See the



true and bet-ter A-dam come to save the hell - bound man; Christ the



great and sure ful - fill-ment of the law, in Him we stand.



Come be-hold the wondrous myst 'ry: Christ the Lord up on the tree. In the



stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-to - ry. See the



price of our redemp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un - fold bring-ing



man - y sons to glo - ry; Grace un-meas-ured, love un - told.



Come be-hold the won drous myst- 'ry: slain by death the God of life. But no



grave could e'er re-strain Him; praise the Lord, He is a- live! What a



fore-taste of de - liv - 'rance; how un-wav-er-ing our__ hope! Christ in



pow - er res-ur - rect - ed as we will be when He comes.



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The 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



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³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
³³ Be on guard, keep awake. 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 servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.



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³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.
³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Mark 13:32-37 ESV



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²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.



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²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And 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.

Mark 13:24-27 ESV



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²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates



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³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Mark 13:28-31 ESV



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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887)



Come, Thou long-ex-pect-ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo-ple free;



from our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest_ in Thee.



Is-rael's strength and con-sol-a - tion, hope of all_ the Earth Thou art,



dear de-sire_ of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.

4



Born Thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, Born a child and yet_ a king,



born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all - our hearts a - lone;



By_Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to_ Thy glo - rious throne!