

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music Improvisation on *Picardy*
Andrew Hackett, Organist

Concerns of the Congregation

The Lighting of the Hope Candle The Millhaem Family
All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen

Prelude Meditation on *Hyfrydol* Andrew Hackett
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Ringing of the Revere Tower Bell
Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Hymn #100** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Invocation

*Prayer of Confession

All: We are captive, exiled, O God, because we have, each in our own way, chosen our own path, away from you. We are hungry for wisdom and knowledge, because we have, too often, substituted our judgment for yours. We are lost, in need of guidance. Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us. Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us. Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen

*Moments of Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon Joel 2:11-12, NLT

One: Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Don't tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead." Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish. In Christ you are forgiven – the old is gone, the new has come! This is our good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 13:24-37

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Pew Bible pg. 719 Large Print Bible pg. 1577

One: This is God's Word for God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Expect! Stay Awake!

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Hymn #102

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

***Benediction**

Postlude

Come Now, Savior of the Nations

Johann Pachelbel

Andrew Hackett, Organist

*Those who are able, please stand

Looking Ahead — Sunday, December 5

Sunday, December 5 will be the second Sunday of our waiting for the Christ child. Since Jesus is "Omnipresent", there is a sense in which Jesus is always present and always "coming to us." Next Sunday we will examine the fiery message of John the Baptizer in Mark 1:1-8. Read the entire first chapter of Mark several times as preparation. The Baptizer was calling for change . . . change of heart, mind, and will. He definitely is a thorn in the flesh to those of us who get comfortable with our faith. Advent is a time of personal "soul searching" — we are encouraged to ask the Holy Spirit to search our hearts and make things right with Jesus.

100 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Behold a virgin shall . . . bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isa. 7:14

Latin hymn.

Trans. by John M. Neale, 1851

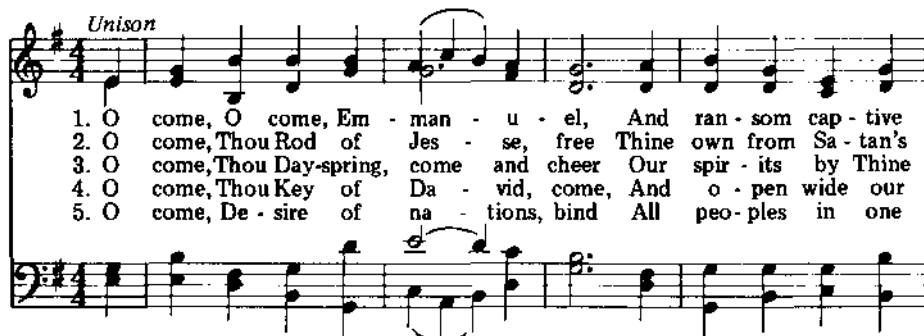
St. 5 Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916

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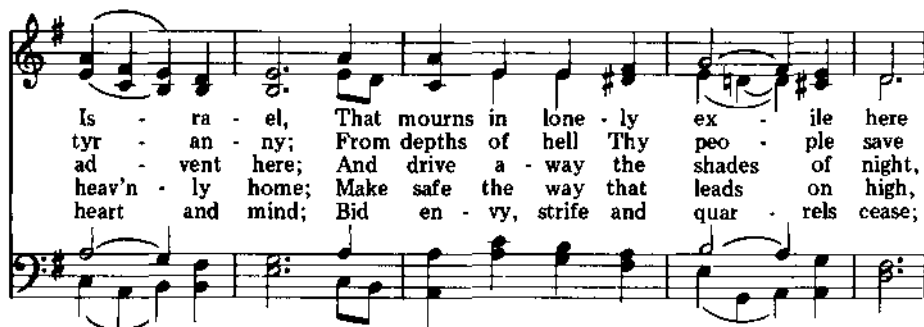
Thomas Helmore, 1854

Based on plainsong phrases

Unison



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
3. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
4. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our
5. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save
ad - vent here; And drive a - way the shades of night,
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease;



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
And pierce the clouds and bring us light! Re - joice! re - joice! Em -
And close the path to mis - er - y.
Fill all the world with heav - en's peace.



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.

JESUS CHRIST

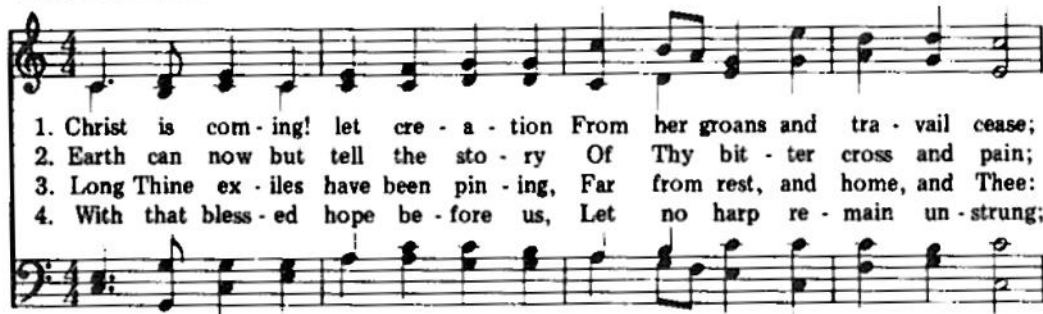
Christ Is Coming! Let Creation 183

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of . . . Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13

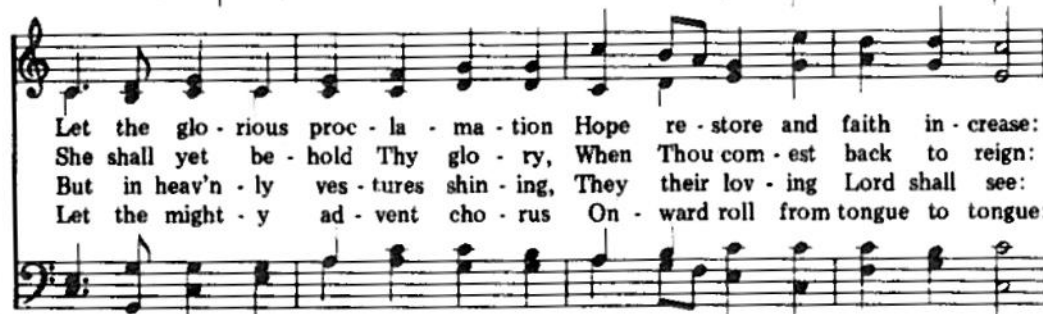
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John R. Macduff, 1853

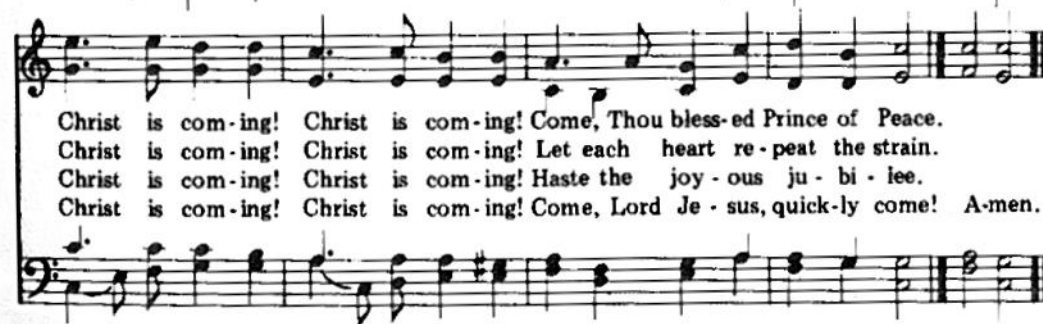
Joachim Neander, 1680



1. Christ is com - ing! let cre - a - tion From her groans and tra - vail cease;
2. Earth can now but tell the sto - ry Of Thy bit - ter cross and pain;
3. Long Thine ex - iles have been pin - ing, Far from rest, and home, and Thee:
4. With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, Let no harp re - main un - strung;



Let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion Hope re - store and faith in - crease:
She shall yet be - hold Thy glo - ry, When Thou com - est back to reign:
But in heav'n - ly ves - tures shin - ing, They their lov - ing Lord shall see:
Let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus On - ward roll from tongue to tongue:



Christ is com - ing! Christ is com - ing! Come, Thou bless - ed Prince of Peace.
Christ is com - ing! Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.
Christ is com - ing! Christ is com - ing! Haste the joy - ous ju - bi - lee.
Christ is com - ing! Christ is com - ing! Come, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come! A - men.

HIS COMING IN GLORY

102 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

The desire of all nations shall come . . . Haggai 2:7

HYFRYDOL 8787D.

Charles Wesley, 1744

Rowland H. Prichard, c. 1830
Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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 - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
By Thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne. A - men.

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JESUS CHRIST: HIS ADVENT

This Week at Covenant-First

Sunday, November 28

9 AM — Choir Rehearsal

9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM — Worship

11:30 AM — Fellowship Time

Wednesday, December 1

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, December 3

7 PM — Mars Hill Lessons and Carols Concert

Saturday, December 4

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

Planning Ahead

Sunday, December 5

9 AM — Choir Rehearsal

9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School

9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study

10:30 AM — Worship

11:30 AM — Fellowship Time

7 PM — Ol' Fashion Carol Sing

Wednesday, December 8

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Friday, December 10

7 PM — Mars Hill Madrigal

Saturday, December 11

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

1 PM — Mars Hill Madrigal