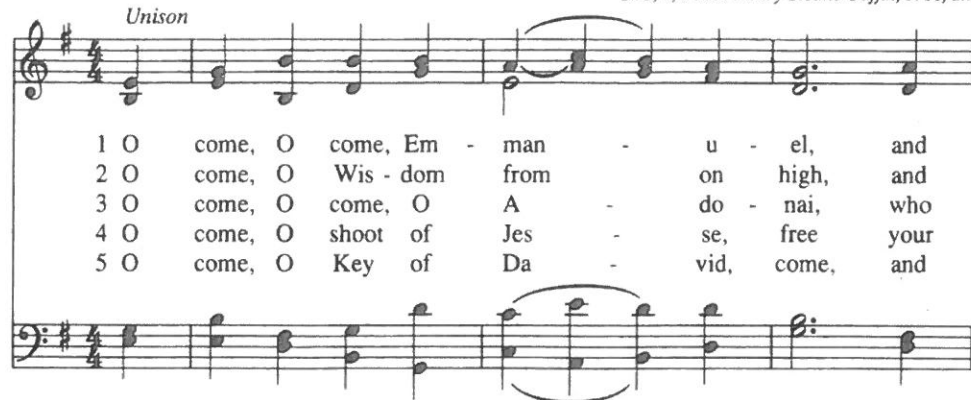


O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

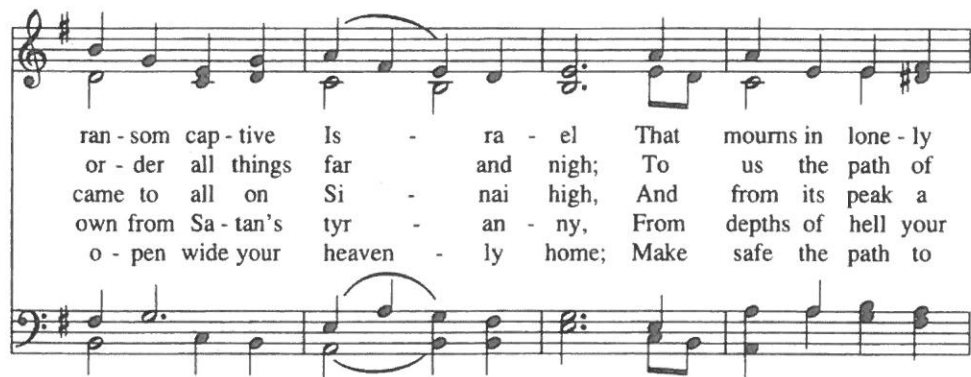
Isa. 11:1-12; Exod. 19-20:17

Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710
 Based on ancient antiphons from Advent Vespers
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851, and others; alt.
 St. 2, 7, transl. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; alt.

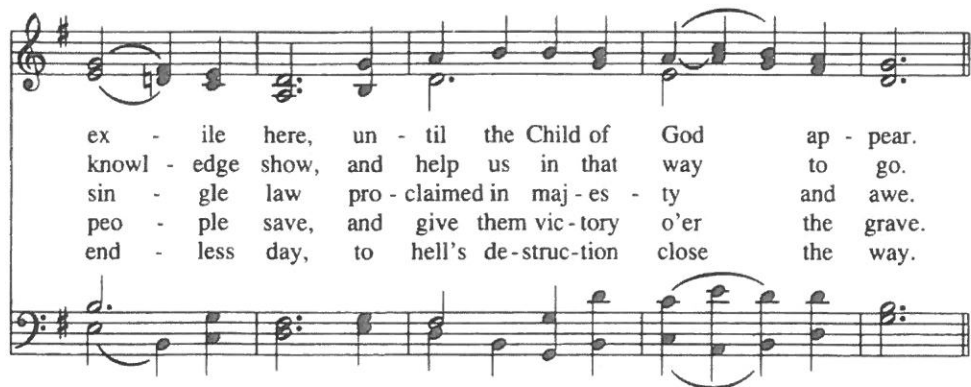
Unison



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, and
 3 O come, O come, O A - do - nai, who
 4 O come, O shoot of Jes - se, free your
 5 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and



ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly
 or - der all things far and nigh; To us the path of
 came to all on Si - nai high, And from its peak a
 own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny, From depths of hell your
 o - pen wide your heaven - ly home; Make safe the path to



ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, and help us in that way to go.
 sin - gle law pro - claimed in maj - es - ty and awe.
 peo - ple save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 end - less day, to hell's de - struc - tion close the way.

In the medieval Western church, seven "Great O" antiphons, the basis for this hymn, were sung consecutively on the seven days before Christmas, ending with what appears above as the first stanza.

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL L.M. with refrain
 Melody from a 15th-century French "Processional"
 Arr. Thomas Helmore, 1854

Now Bless the God of Israel

Luke 1:68-79; Ps. 18:1-3; Isa. 9:2-7

Ruth Duck, 1985

1 Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, who comes in love and power,
 2 Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God res - cues us from fear,
 3 In ten - der mer - cy, God will send the day - spring from on high,

who rais - es from the roy - al house de - liv - erance in this hour.
 that we might serve in hol - i - ness and peace from year to year;
 our ris - ing sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.

Through ho - ly proph - ets God has sworn to free us from a - larm,
 And you, my child, shall go be - fore to preach, to proph - e - sy,
 God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.

to save us from the heav - y hand of all who wish us harm.
 that all may know the ten - der love, the grace of God most high.
 Sing prais - es to the Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

This text by United Church of Christ clergywoman Ruth Duck is a paraphrase of the "Benedictus," which is often sung at morning prayer. She came to appreciate daily prayer while studying at the University of Notre Dame.

Tune: FOREST GREEN C.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Isa. 11:6-9; 55:10-13

Am7

Bm7

Em sus4 Em

Em

Joy F. Patterson, 1982; rev. 1993

1 I - sa - iah the proph-et has
2 The moun-tains and hills shall break
3 Yet na - tions still prey on the
4 God, bring to fru - i - tion your

writ-ten of old how God's new cre - a - tion shall come. In - stead of the
forth in - to song, the peo - ples be led forth in peace; The earth shall be
meek of the world, and con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de -
will for the earth, that no one shall hurt or de - stroy, That wis - dom and

thorn tree, the fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the
filled with the knowl-edge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the
spoil all the sweet-ness of earth; the brier and the thorn tree grow
jus - tice shall reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in

lamb, the lamb, the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.
sea, the sea, as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
wild, grow wild, the brier and the thorn tree grow wild.
joy, in joy, your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

Joy Patterson, of Wausau, Wisconsin, served on the editorial committee for The Presbyterian Hymnal, 1990. This text was one of seven winning hymns published in New Hymns for Children by Choristers Guild and The Hymn Society of America

Tune: JUDAS AND MARY Irt.
Sydney Carter, 1964