Communion Songs: (cont'd)

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, 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.

O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people

And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night.

And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,

And close the path to misery.

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It Came Upon the Midnight Clear It came upon the midnight clear,

that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to

from heaven's all-gracious King!" The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they with peaceful wings unfurled; and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow: look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For, lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold: when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

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Closing Song:

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! lesus Christ is born today. Ox and ass before Him bow. and He is in the manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Now ve hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! lesus Christ was born for this. He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blest for evermore. Christ was born for this. Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! lesus Christ was born to save. calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall. Christ was born to save. Christ was born to save!

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Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day Service at 10:00 AM

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Opening Song:

Angels From the Realms of Glory Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth!

Come and worship, Come and worship. Worship Christ, The newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding. Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations; Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star:

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear:

Though an infant now we view Him, He shall fill His Father's throne. Gather all the nations to Him: Every knee shall then bow down:

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Prayer for Advent 4:

Pour forth your power, O Lord, and come: assist us by that mighty power, so that by your grace and merciful kindness we may quickly receive the salvation that our sins impede: Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Collect for Advent Season:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when he will come again in his glorious maiesty to judge 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 forever. Amen.

Collect for Advent 4:

Lord, come among us, we pray, with your power and help us with your great might so that, although we are hindered by our sins and wickedness from running the race set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us through the work of your Son our Lord to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Thomas the apostle:

Almighty and eternal God, who permitted your holy apostle Thomas to doubt your Son's resurrection to the intent that the certainty of that event would be all the more confirmed, grant that we may perfectly and without any doubt believe in your Son Jesus Christ so that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 40:1-9 (Pew Bible p. 599)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

6 A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

9 Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Philippians 4:4-7 (Pew Bible p. 982)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 1:19-28 (Pew Bible p. 886)

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Praise Songs:

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,

Opened my eyes, let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God:
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came to the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor.

[Bridge] And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross [Repeat]

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Praise Songs: (cont'd)

God With Us

Oh, You've come to bring peace, to be Love,
To be nearer to us.

You've come to bring life, to be Light,
To shine brighter in us

To shine brighter in us. Oh, Emmanuel, God with us.

Our Deliverer, You are Saviour. In Your presence, we find our strength

Over ev'rything, our Redemption, God with us.

You are God with us.

Oh, You've come to be Hope to this world,
For Your honour and name.

And You've come to take sin, to bear shame,

And to conquer the grave. Oh, Emmanuel, God with us.

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Even so Come

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

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your

Let ev ry nation shout of You fame;

Jesus is coming soon.

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. There will be justice, all will be new.

Your name forever, faithful and true;

Jesus is coming soon.

[Bridge]

So we wait, we wait for You. God we wait; You're coming soon.

So we wait, we wait for You. God we wait; You're coming soon.

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Offertory Song:

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage,
Kingdoms rise and fall,
There is still one King
Reigning over all.
So, I will not fear
For this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of
Days.

None above Him, none before Him. All of time in His hands. For His throne, it shall remain and ever stand. All the power, all the glory, I will trust in His name. For my God is the Ancient of days.

Though the dread of night Overwhelms my soul, He is here with me. I am not alone. O, His love is sure And He knows my name. For my God is the Ancient of Days.

Though I may not see
What the future brings,
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour King.
Then, my joy complete,
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of
Days.

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Communion Songs:

O Come to the Altar

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.

Are you hurting and broken within,

O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.

Come today; there's no reason to wait.

Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;

From the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling.

[Bridge]

Oh, what a Saviour,
Isn't he wonderful;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.
Bow down before him,
For he is Lord of all;
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.
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