

GATHERING WELCOME

OPENING SONG #257 vv 1 & 4 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 4
O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

WELCOMING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

THE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Story behind the Carols/Writer/Composer

Angels from the Realms of Glory #275

Lyrics: James Montgomery Composer: Henry Smart

Verse 1

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Verse 2

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Verse 3

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Verse 4

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

O Little Town of Bethlehem #279

Lyrics: Philip Brooks Composer: Lewis H. Redner

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;

yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

Verse 3

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.

No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in. Verse 4
O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

SENDING

ADVENT OFFERING

The BeReal Ministry and New Life enter will receive our special Advent/ Christmas offering. Both ministries support young people as they seek to find their way in adverse circumstances. Your generous gift provides hope and love in the loves of young people!

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ADVENT BENEDICTION

CLOSING PRAYER

SENDING SONG #262 3-5x *Wait for the Lord*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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