

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent



GATHERING HYMN

COME TO US, O GOD/STAY WITH US, O LORD

Barbara Bridge

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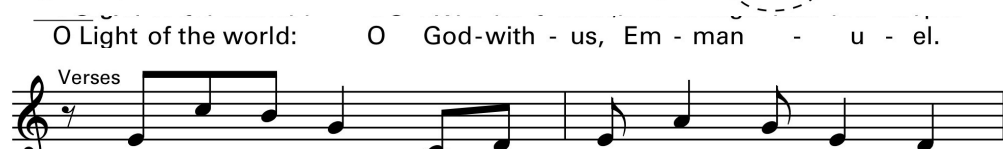


*Come to us, O God. Be the hope with - in our long-ing. Dwell with-in us,

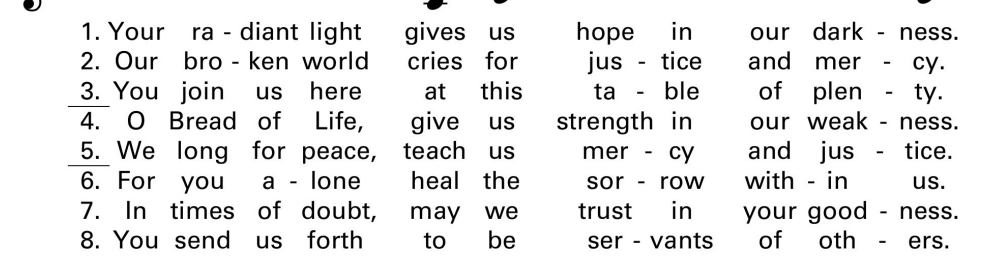


O Light of the world: O God-with - us, Em - man - u - el.

Verses



1. Your ra - dant light gives us hope in our dark - ness.
2. Our bro - ken world cries for jus - tice and mer - cy.
3. You join us here at this ta - ble of plen - ty.
4. O Bread of Life, give us strength in our weak - ness.
5. We long for peace, teach us mer - cy and jus - tice.
6. For you a - lone heal the sor - row with - in us.
7. In times of doubt, may we trust in your good - ness.
8. You send us forth to be ser - vants of oth - ers.



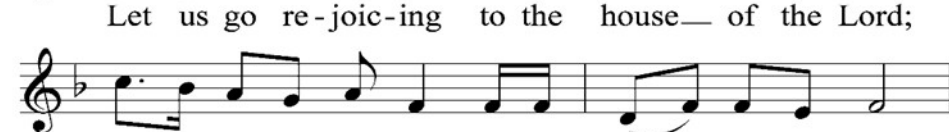
1-8. Strength-en us, stay with us, O Light of the world!

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 122



Let us go re-joic-ing to the house— of the Lord;



let us go re-joic-ing to the house— of the Lord.

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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth-er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

COMMUNION HYMN

Maranatha, Lord Messiah

Verses



1. Gra - cious God of Wis - dom, who hear your peo - ple's

2. Might - y Voice on Si - nai, whom Mos - es heard in

3. Fra - grant Bud of Jes - se, whose bloom - ing kings re -

4. Da - vid's Key of Heav - en, re - lease us from our

5. Blaz - ing Sun of Jus - tice, the flame of east - ern

6. Sov - ereign of all na - tions, our cor - ner - stone of

7. Je - sus, be God with us, Em - man - u - el fore -



cry, Teach us ways of pru - dence, O

awe, Ad - o - nai, now lead us with

vere, Root your words with - in us, God's

sins. Freed from er - ror's pris - on, our

dawn, Scat - ter cling - ing shad - ows, that

trust, De - liv - er, in your mer - cy, your

told. Like a shep - herd feed us, in



Breath of God Most High.

ho - ly arm and law.

Word for all to hear.

life in you be - gins. Ma-ra -

gloom of death be gone.

crea - tures made from dust.

safe - ly gath - ered fold.

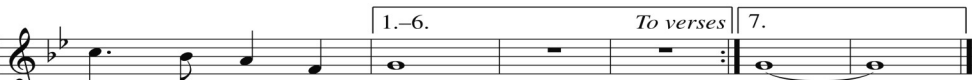
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na - tha, Lord Mes - si - ah, long a - wait - ed from a -



far. Come and make your home a - mong us. Let us



see your birth - ing star. star.

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Who or - ders all things might - i - ly;
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
To us in the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the law,
That trust your might - y power to save,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in her ways to go.
In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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