

Processional Hymn #88
Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Gradual Hymn #97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

*Jesus came, the heavens adoring,
came with peace from realms on high.
Jesus came for our redemption,
lowly came on earth to die:
alleluia, alleluia!
came in deep humility.*

*Jesus comes again in mercy,
when our hearts are worn with care.
Jesus comes again in answer
to our earnest, heartfelt prayer,
alleluia, alleluia!
comes to save us from despair.*

*Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
bringing news of sins forgiven.
Jesus comes with words of gladness,
leading souls redeemed to heaven.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riven.*

*Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,
when the heavens shall pass away.
Jesus comes again in glory;
let us, then, our homage pay,
alleluia, alleluia!
till the dawn of endless day.*

Offertory Hymn #106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord, our God, may go!*

*O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
The power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.*

*But your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of the nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.*

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where the Lord our God may go!*

Communion Hymn #112
Behold! The Mountain of the Lord

*Behold! the mountain of the Lord
in latter days shall rise
on mountain tops above the hills,
and draw the wondering eyes.*

*The beam that shines from Zion hill
shall lighten every land;
the King who reigns in Salem's towers
shall all the world command.*

*Among the nations he shall judge;
with judgements true shall guide;
his sceptre shall protect the just,
and quell the sinner's pride.*

*No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
disturb those peaceful years;
to ploughshares men shall beat their swords,
to pruning-hooks their spears.*

*No longer hosts, encountering hosts,
shall crowds of slain deplore:
they hang the trumpet in the hall,
and study war no more.*

*Come then, O come from every land
to worship at God's shrine;
and, walking in the radiant light,
with holy beauties shine.*

Recessional Hymn #89 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.*

Refrain:

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

*O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in its ways to go.*

Refrain

*O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.*

Refrain

*O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.*

Refrain

*O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.*

Refrain

*O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.*

Refrain

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace.*

Refrain