

PRAYER OF THE JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have gifted us
in your son Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us, the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds
that make humanity and the cosmos rise
unto the confident expectation
of the new heavens and the new earth,
when with the powers of evil overcome,
your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
the yearning for heavenly treasures
and pour over all the earth
the joy and peace of our Redeemer.
To you, God blessed in eternity,
be praise and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down upon you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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 you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who order all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease, and be for us our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I, 15th C. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890



OPENING HYMN (Stand)

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

Musical notation for the hymn with four verses of lyrics.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Tune: STUTTGART, 8 7 8 7; *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; adapt. and harm. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870, alt.

INTRODUCTION AND OPENING PRAYER

READING (Be seated)

Isaiah 11:1-10

RESPONSE

My Soul in Stillness Waits

All sing Refrain:

Musical notation for the refrain with lyrics: For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits, tru-ly my hope is in you.

Cantor only:

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
Your radiance shines in all who look to you;
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

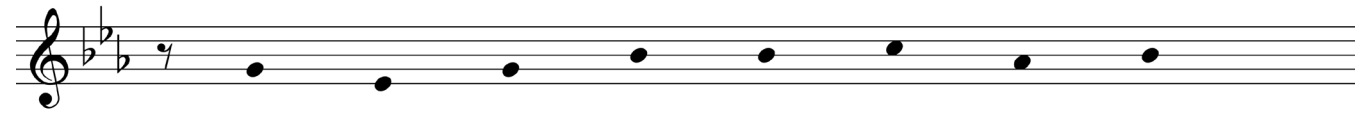
O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
And in your advent, draw us all to you,
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits;
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word;
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage;
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain;
open to us the pathway of your peace.

Text: Psalm 95 and "O" Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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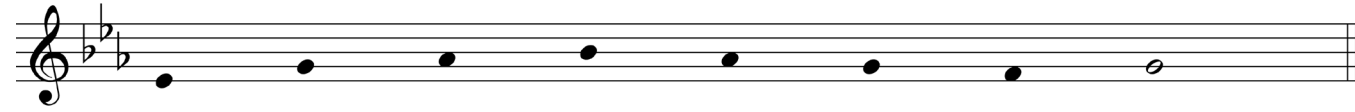
1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3. When this old world drew on toward night,
 4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son,



1. Your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2. Should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3. You came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4. All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5. And God the Spir - it, Three in One,



1. O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2. You came, O Sav - ior, to set free
 3. Not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4. All things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5. Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1. We pray you hear us when we call.
 2. Your own in glo - rious lib - er - ty.
 3. Of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
 4. Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 5. From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: *Creator alme siderum*, Latin 9th C., revised 1632; tr. *The Hymnal 1982*, alt., © 1985, The Church Pension Fund
 Tune: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, LM; Mode IV, Sarum, 9th C.



REFLECTION

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LIGHTING OF CANDLES

LITANY OF HOPE (*Stand*)

based on Pope Francis' Bull of Indiction "Spes Non Confundit"

Leader: "Hope does not disappoint." In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come. Even so, uncertainty about the future may give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Therefore, let us join our hearts in a litany of hope for ourselves and for those who need our loving support.

Reader: For prisoners who, deprived of their freedom, daily feel the harshness of detention, lack of affection and lack of respect for their persons. May governments undertake initiatives to restore their hope and develop forms of amnesty or pardon, and programs of reintegration in the community.

Response: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Reader: For the sick, at home or in hospital. May their sufferings be alleviated by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. May all healthcare workers carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for those who are most vulnerable.

Response: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Reader: For the young, who often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. May we not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. May we demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples – the rising generation – by drawing close to them, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world.

Response: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Reader: For migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. May exiles, displaced persons and refugees, whom international tensions force to emigrate in order to avoid war, violence and discrimination, be guaranteed security, and the means they need to find their place in a new land.

Response: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Reader: For the elderly, who frequently feel lonely and abandoned. May we esteem them for the treasure that they are, their life experiences, their accumulated wisdom and the contribution that they can still make.

Response: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Reader: May hope be granted to the poor, the homeless and the hungry who suffer from exclusion and indifference on the part of many. Let us also not forget that the poor are almost always the victims, not the ones to blame.

Response: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Reader: For those suffering from the effects of war and violence, especially in Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, Sudan, and any other part of the world where life has been upended by injustice and terror, and where conflict only begets more conflict. May weapons of death and destruction cease to take the lives of innocent people.

Response: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Reader: For our nation as we prepare for a new Presidential administration and Congress. May there be a peaceful transfer of power, a concerted effort to govern with wisdom and fairness, that all our fellow citizens will be able to live in peaceful security, and that the rights of all will be respected and upheld.

Response: **Lord, hear us and help us.**

Leader: Loving God,
 deliver us from all fear and prejudice, and all hardness of heart;
 from all spite, revenge, and destructive anger,
 from the desire to dominate others, and to impose our will.
 Open our hearts towards our neighbor and help us to work together for the common good.
 Strengthen us to stand for all that is just and true and right.
 Grant that we may come to understand our enemies,
 and bring release to those with abiding memories of hurt and injury.
 Lord, grant us the grace to receive forgiveness and to forgive as we are forgiven.
 Holy God, holy and mighty,
 have mercy on us.

Response: **Amen.**