

PREPARE A ROYAL HIGHWAY

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills His Word!

God's people, see Him coming: your own eternal King!
Palm branches lay before Him! Spread garments, shout and sing!
His promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills His Word!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your Lord and King,
that ours and ev'ry nation their tribute here may bring.
All lands will bow before Him; with singing now adore Him:
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills His Word!

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth and love.
So let your praise be sounding for mercy so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills His Word!

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A SERVICE TO MARK
THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT

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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, 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree,
An ensign of Thy people be;
Before Thee rulers silent fall;
All peoples on Thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

INVOCATION

PASTOR Arise, shine, for your light has come
ALL And the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
PASTOR See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick darkness is over the peoples
ALL But the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
PASTOR The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
ALL On those living in the land of the shadow of death,
a light has dawned.
PASTOR For to us a child is born, to us a son is given
ALL And the government will be on his shoulders
PASTOR And he shall be called
ALL Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince
PASTOR Of the increase of his government and peace.
ALL There will be no End.
PASTOR Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign
ALL The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son,
and will call his name Emmanuel.
PASTOR Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things,
ALL Let this be known to all the world.
PASTOR Arise, Shine, For your light is come.
ALL GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON,
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING,
IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER, WORLD WITHOUT END,
AMEN.



Prayer for the
first Sunday in **ADVENT**

Stir up, we implore you, your power, O Lord, and come that by your protection we might be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and Forever.

ALL: AMEN

LIGHTING the FIRST CANDLE of the ADVENT WREATH



LESSON

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16
Epistle: I Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13
Gospel: Luke 21: 25 - 28

REFRAIN

The King of glory comes,
the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him,
lift up your voices.

4. He gave his life for us,
the pledge of salvation,
He took upon himself
the sins of the nation.

1. Who is the King of glory;
how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel,
the promised of ages.

5. He conquered sin and death;
he truly has risen,
And he will share with us
his heavenly vision.

2. In all of Galilee,
in city or village,
He goes among his people
curing their illness.

3. Sing then of David's Son,
our Savior and brother;
In all of Galilee
was never another.

THE MESSAGE

IN THE DARKNESS – A LIGHT

PRAYERS BLESSINGS

THE KING OF GLORY