

Emmanuel

--God with Us!

Contemporary Lessons & Carols Created by Lloyd Larson Arrangements by Lloyd Larson and Dave Debick

I. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

includes:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Jesus Christ, Hope of the World
Come, Messiah King

15th century French melody
J. Carlos Gottinari
Randy Vader

"God, break the walls, set us free!
Transform this lament into dancing.
Our hope and all of our longings,
transform in the fullness of life."

II. Prepare the Way of the Lord

Lloyd Larson

[Anne Melfo, soprano; Tina Ortiz, alto]

"Comfort, comfort my people;
proclaim the promise of the Lord:
His name shall be called Emmanuel.
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

III. Emmanuel, God with Us

Nathan and Christy Nockels

includes: Emmanuel

Michael W. Smith

"O Emmanuel, God with us;
with a light to break the darkness
that we may show your hope to the world!
Be God in us."

IV. Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)

Chris Eaton and Amy Grant

[Valerie Tyler, alto]

"Do you wonder as you watch my face,
if a wiser one should have had my place?
But I offer all I am
for the mercy of your plan."

V. Mary, Did You Know?

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

"This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you."

VI. Christmastime

Michael. W. Smith and Joanna Carlson

"Ring Christmas bells, ring them loud
with a message bringing peace on the earth,
tidings of good cheer!
Come, carolers, come and join with the angels singing,
'Joy to the world!' Christmastime is here!"

VII. No Eye Had Seen

Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant

"And joyous song broke forth,
a heavenly song, angelic strain;
and none could help but sing the name above all names,
O praise his name:
Emmanuel, Emmanuel..."

VIII. One Small Child

David Meece

"See him lying, a cradle beneath him;
see him smiling in the stall.
See his mother praising his Father;
see his tiny eyelids fall."

IX. O Holy Child of Bethlehem

includes:

Of Eternal Love Begotten	13th century Plainsong
O Little Town of Bethlehem	Phillips Brooks and Lewis H. Redner
Silent Night, Holy Night	Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber
Emmanuel, God with Us	Nathan and Christy Nockels

X. Sing Gloria! (A Song for Christmas)

Mark Hayes

includes: Joy to the World Lowell

Mason

"Come, join the chorus the angels sang.
Proclaim the good news.
In the city of King David,
Jesus Christ is born today!"

***Please join us for coffee hour downstairs in Pilgrim Hall
following the service!***

Participants

Director, pianist, arranger – Dave Debick

Soprano

Diane Gressley
Anne Melfo
Kathy Smith
Evelyn Seager
Janet Renovetz

Alto

Bettina Ortiz
Beth Rehling
Bridget Sproul
Abby Moleski
Valerie Tyler

Instrumentalists

Becky Anderson, flute
Amy Coyer-Westerberg,
French horn, percussion
Carrie Coyer-Westerberg, trumpet,
percussion
Steve Ostrow, trumpet and violin
Bob Chandler, percussion
Benjamin Rehling, percussion
Kate Lane, cello, percussion

Tenor

Mary Pat Murphy
Sue Maier
Jill Zedan
Heidi Spangler
Doug Wrights

Bass

Cliff Cribbs
Jon Thompson
Don Seager

Narrators

Lindsey Maier, David Ritchey

Program

Jeannette Kroeger

Many thanks to everyone who participated in today's cantata presentation. As always, our choir, instrumentalists and narrators have been a true joy to work with. I am hugely grateful for their dedication and hard work in preparation for today's program.

May God bless all of us with Christmas joy, peace and love that lasts well into the New Year and beyond!

-Dave Debick

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