

# Advent 2 Hymns

**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 Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.

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

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

*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, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

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



## **Father God,**

I wonder how I managed to exist  
Without the knowledge of Your parenthood  
and Your loving care.  
But now I am Your child  
I am adopted in Your family,  
And I can never be alone,  
'Cause Father God,  
You're there beside me.

I will sing Your praises, I will sing Your praises,  
I will sing Your praises, forever more.  
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## **Long ago, prophets knew**

Christ would come, born a Jew,  
Come to make all things new;  
Bear his People's burden,  
Freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes, when he comes,  
Who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,  
This is God's timeless plan:  
He will come, as a man,  
Born himself of woman,  
God divinely human.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
When he comes, when he comes,  
Who will make him welcome?*

Mary hail! Though afraid,  
She believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb, God is laid:  
Till the time expected,  
Nurtured and protected,

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*When he comes, when he comes,*  
*Who will make him welcome?*

Journey ends! Where afar  
Bethlem shines, like a star,  
Stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry!

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!*  
*Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!*  
*Jesus comes! Jesus comes!*  
*We will make him welcome!*

**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.

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,**  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears;  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars.

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
come, Lord Jesus!  
everlasting God, come down!