

### **OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN**

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He  
Of the things that are, that have been  
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer  
First revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!

This is He whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word  
Now He shines, the long Expected  
Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

He is found in human fashion,  
Death and sorrow here to know,  
That the race of Adam's children  
Doomed by law to endless woe,  
May not henceforth die and perish  
In the dreadful gulf below, Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving,  
and unwearied praises be  
Honor, glory, and dominion  
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."  
—based on Isaiah 40:3, NRSV—

### **O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

O Come All Ye Faithful Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
O Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
O Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
Yea Lord, we greet Thee Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

### **ANGELS MEDLEY**

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"  
Gloria in excelsis Deo—Gloria in excelsis Deo

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"  
Gloria in excelsis Deo—Gloria in excelsis Deo

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"  
Gloria in excelsis Deo—Gloria in excelsis Deo

### **Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 5 I**

Q126. What does the fifth petition mean?

**A. "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" means: Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all! Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Your sins are pardoned.  
The penalty is paid.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
—based on Isaiah 40:1-2—

### **KING OF KINGS**

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfil the law and prophets

**KING OF KINGS cont.**

To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

**SERMON****DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**COMMUNION****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, O COME EMMANUEL**

O come, Thou Day-Spring,  
come and cheer,  
our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
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, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.