

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**



**The Gilford Community Church  
The Reverend Michael C. Graham, Pastor  
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**Prayer of Invitation followed by the Lord's Prayer (debts)**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*Christmas Gloria**

Chorus of "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
*"Gloria; in excelsis Deo, Gloria; in excelsis Deo"*

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 21:25-36

Bella Bryant

**Anthem**

"Prepare the Way, O Zio" arr. Sondra K. Tucker  
Performed by our Chancel Choir  
Shannon Wright, Flute and John Wright, Percussion

**Children's Time**

**Special Music**

**Morning Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

"O How Shall I Receive You"

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**Sermon**

"Telling Time"

**Communion**

Everyone is welcome to join us for Communion  
(Bread placed in the communion cups is gluten free)

**\*Hymn of Commitment**

"All Beautiful the March of Days"

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Amen**

## **Upcoming News:**

- ❖ We will be setting up for our annual Christmas Fair after today's service, many hands make light work! Please consider helping out.
- ❖ Tonight, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 pm, we will hold our annual Tree Lighting Service, led by our GCC Youth! Cookies & Hot Chocolate to follow in FH.
- ❖ Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-12 pm Mobile Meals
- ❖ Isaiah's Café: Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2-5 pm Prep  
Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 am-12 pm
- ❖ Christmas Fair: Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 pm and  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-2 pm
- ❖ Poinsettia Orders due by December 15th

*The Gilford Community Church is an inclusive, open community. We embrace believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. We welcome new companions on a journey of faith that often includes laughter, live music and joy. We celebrate both our differences and our shared commitments: to spiritual journey, to supporting each other, and to building community in Gilford, the Lakes Region and beyond.*

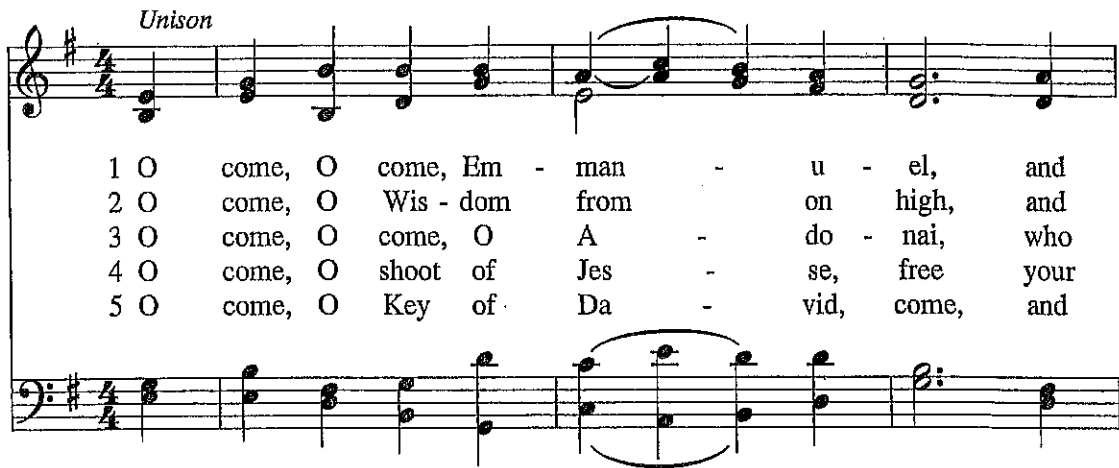
*If you wear hearing aids, please remember to have the TELECOIL option activated for optimal benefit.*

*We are embracing some new technology and now offer a QR Code for a fast, easy, secure way to make your pledge or donation!*



## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

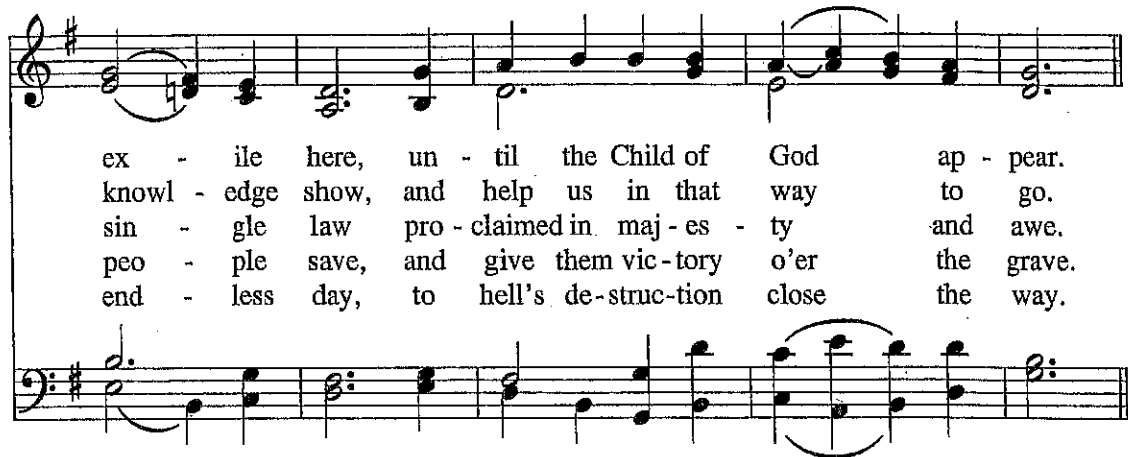
*Unison*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, and  
 3 O come, O come, O A - do - nai, who  
 4 O come, O shoot of Jes - se, free your  
 5 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and



ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly  
 or - der all things far and nigh; To us the path of  
 came to all on Si - nai high, And from its peak a  
 own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny, From depths of hell your  
 o - pen wide your heaven - ly home; Make safe the path to



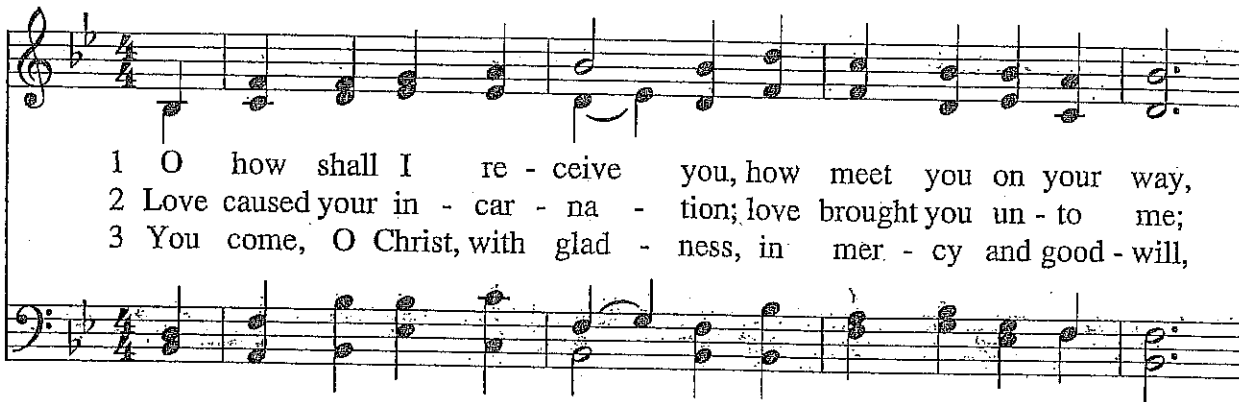
ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, and help us in that way to go.  
 sin - gle law pro - claimed in maj - es - ty and awe.  
 peo - ple save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 end - less day, to hell's de - struc - tion close the way.

*Refrain*

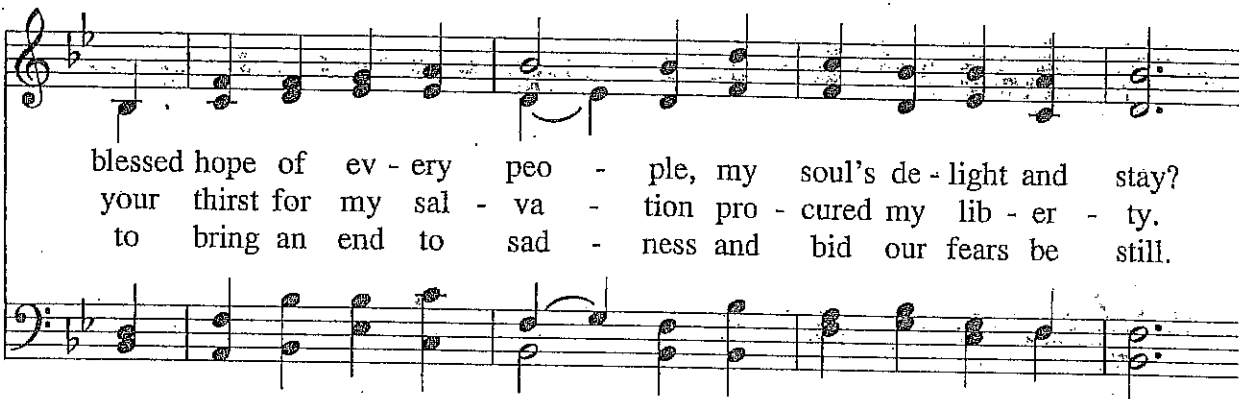


Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

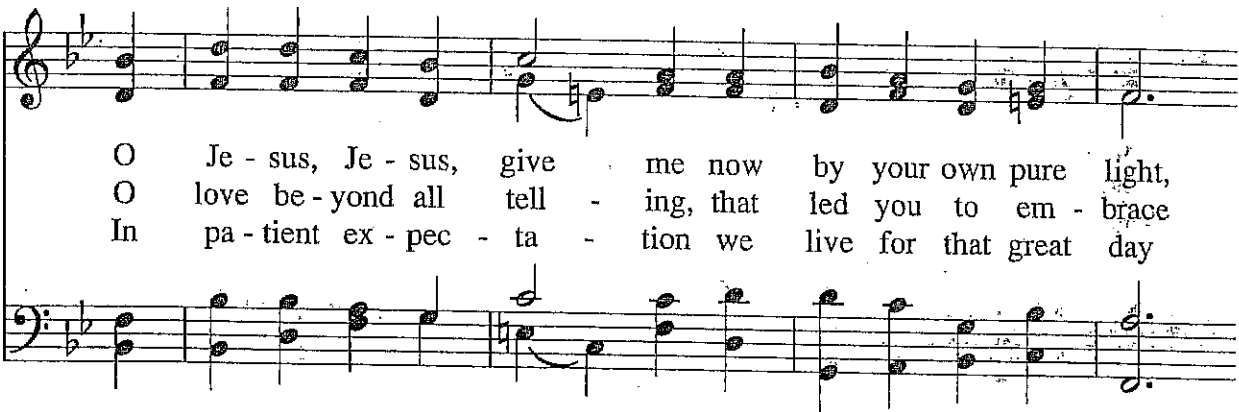
# O How Shall I Receive You



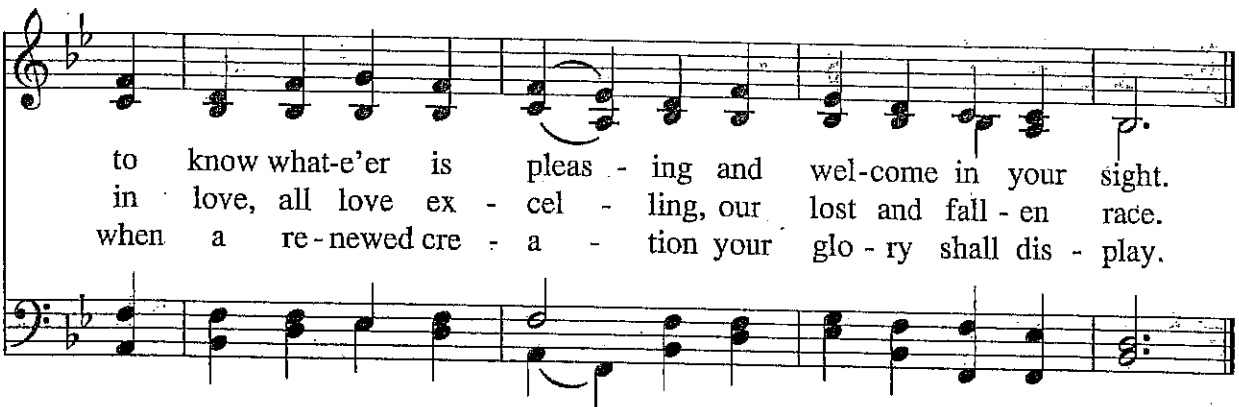
1 O how shall I re - ceive you, how meet you on your way,  
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you un - to me;  
3 You come, O Christ, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good - will,



blessed hope of ev - ery peo - ple, my soul's de - light and stay?  
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.  
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



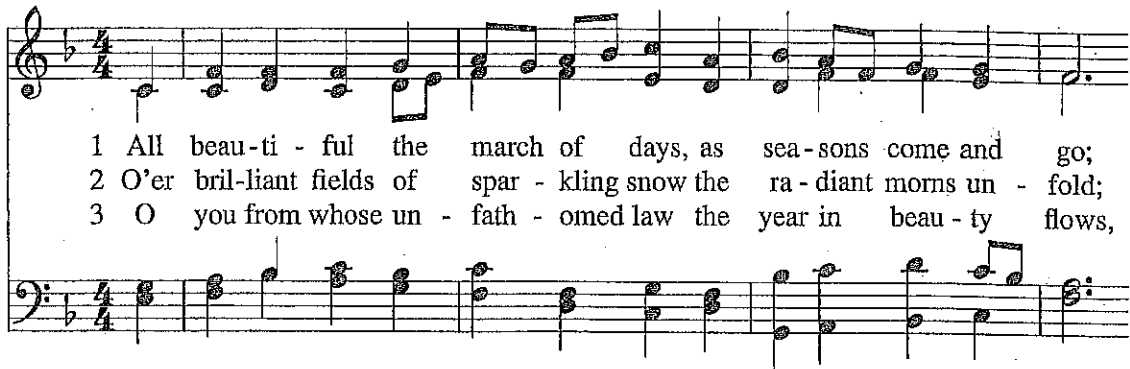
O Je - sus, Je - sus, give me now by your own pure light,  
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



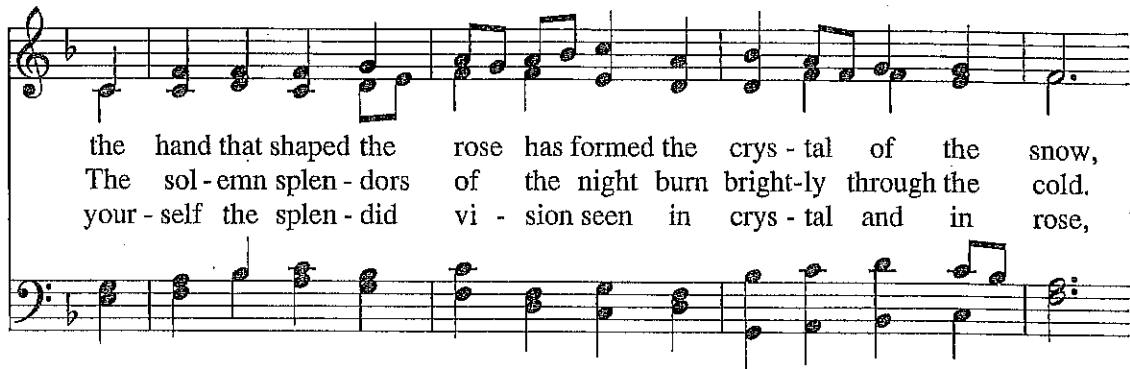
to know what-e'er is pleas - ing and wel - come in your sight.  
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.  
when a re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

# All Beautiful the March of Days

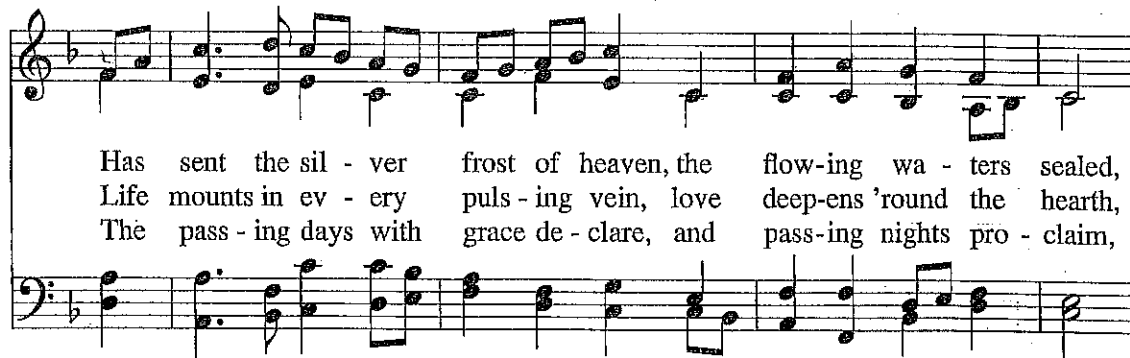
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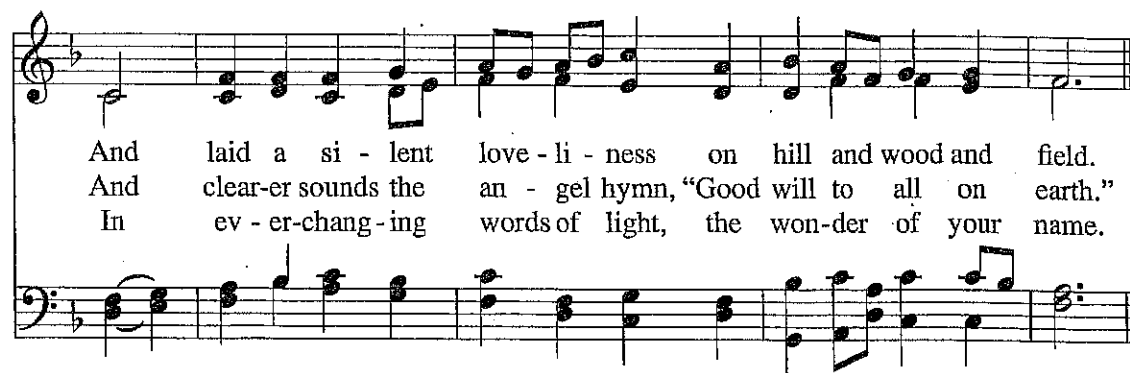
1 All beau-ti - ful the march of days, as sea - sons come and go;  
2 O'er bril-liant fields of spar - kling snow the ra - diant morns un - fold;  
3 O you from whose un - fath - omed law the year in beau - ty flows,



the hand that shaped the rose has formed the crys - tal of the snow,  
The sol - emn splen - dors of the night burn bright - ly through the cold.  
your - self the splen - did vi - sion seen in crys - tal and in rose,



Has sent the sil - ver frost of heaven, the flow - ing wa - ters sealed,  
Life mounts in ev - ery puls - ing vein, love deep - ens 'round the hearth,  
The pass - ing days with grace de - clare, and pass - ing nights pro - claim,



And laid a si - lent love - li - ness on hill and wood and field.  
And clear - er sounds the an - gel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."  
In ev - er - chang - ing words of light, the won - der of your name.