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Sharing the Peace of Christ

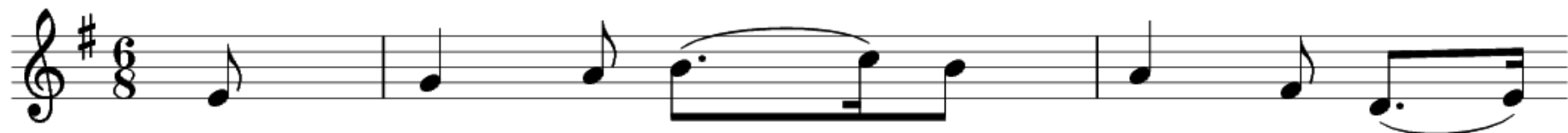
Glory to God #145

Opening Hymn

“What Child Is This”

TEXT: William Chatterton Dix, 1871

MUSIC (GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7.6.8.6.7): English ballad, 16th cent.; arr. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,



on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?



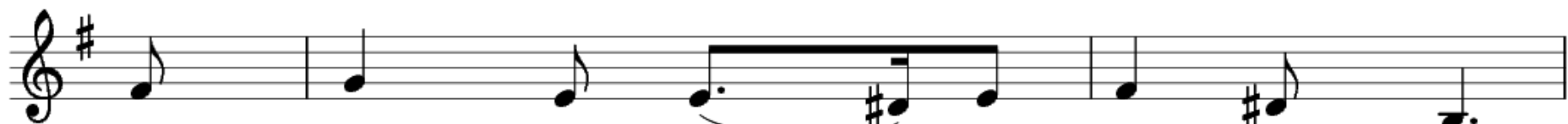
Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet



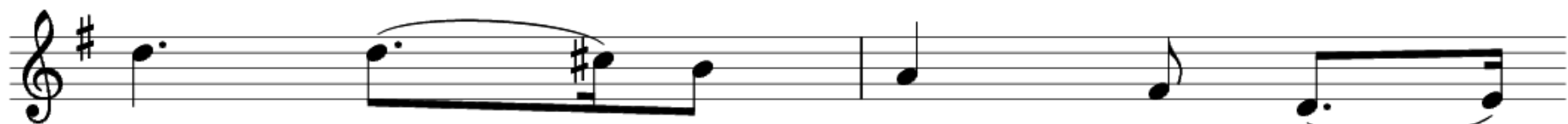
while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?



This, this is Christ the King,



whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud,



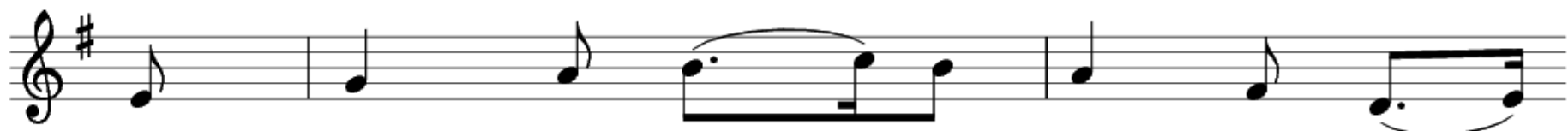
the babe, the son of Mar-y!



2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate



where ox and ass are feed - ing?



Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here



the si - lent Word is plead - ing.



3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh;



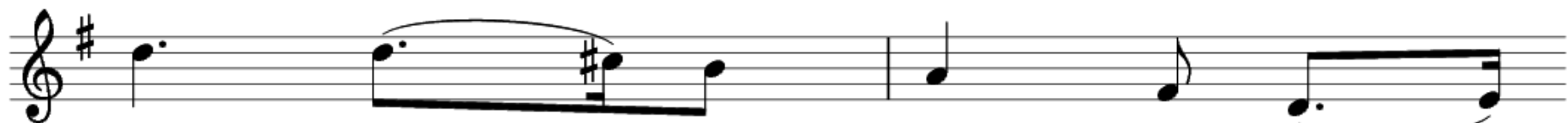
come, one and all, to own him.



The King of kings sal - va - tion brings;



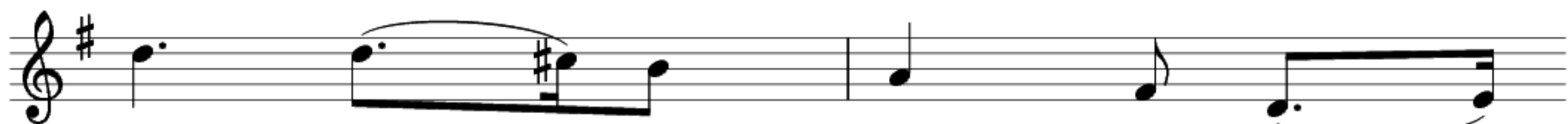
let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



Raise, raise the song on high.



The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



Joy, joy, for Christ is born,



the babe, the son of Mar - y.

Call To Worship

based on Psalms 124 & 46

Leader: Christ is coming!

People: We see the signs!

Leader: Christ is coming!

People: We will be ready!

Leader: Christ is coming! Raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near!

All: Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“Hope”

Reader: On this day we bear witness to
the light of Christ with all the faithful of
every time and place:

With Isaiah and Jeremiah, prophets of Israel, we await the promised salvation of the Lord, and look for the coming of the one who will bring justice and righteousness to the earth.

We light this candle in hope.

[Light the first purple candle.]

**People: The Word became flesh and
lived among us, and we have seen his
glory. Alleluia!**

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

People: Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence and our destructive and dehumanizing ways.

**We deserve your judgment and
condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful,
a steadfast source of peace in the
midst of our warring madness. Holy
God, turn us from evil. Return us to
Christ and his path of peace.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

Leader: Please continue in silent
confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News!

God is confirming your heartfelt belief

**People: so that we will stand faultless
with all those who appear with Jesus
before our Maker.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

A Time for Children

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your
God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and
cry to her that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid, that she has
received from the Lord's hand double for
all her sins.

A voice cries out: “In the wilderness
prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight in the desert a highway for
our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion,
herald of good tidings; lift up your voice
with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of
good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to
the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him; his reward is
with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 21:25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon,
and the stars, and on the earth distress
among nations confused by the roaring
of the sea and the waves.

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Looking for Comfort









WHERE IS GOD?

Skip Heitzig







Middle Hymn

“Sinking Deep”

Prayers of the People/

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

**Giving Thanks to God
with Our Tithes and
Offerings**

Offertory Song

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures
here below;**

**Praise God above,
ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost.**

Amen.

(repeat Amen 6 times)

Prayer of Dedication

People: Christ calls us to live generous and grateful lives. Take these gifts we offer today, O God, and use them to the fulfillment of Christ's ministry.

May these gifts be used to heal the sick, comfort the lonely, feed the hungry, and heal the wounded. As Christ's hands and feet, use us too, in service to building your beloved community. Amen.

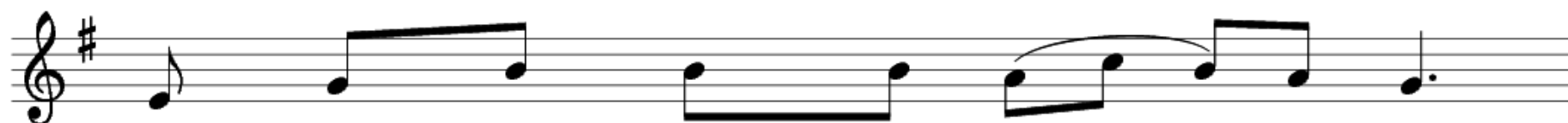
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Closing Hymn

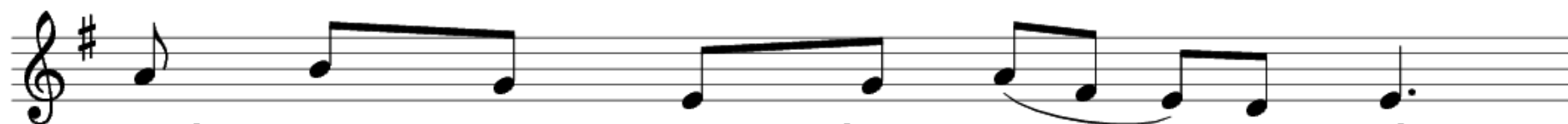
**“O Come,
O Come, Emmanuel”**

TEXT: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; trans composite

*MUSIC (VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain): Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988;
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1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,



and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,



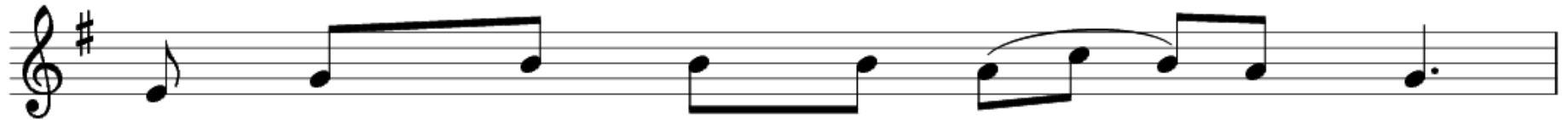
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here



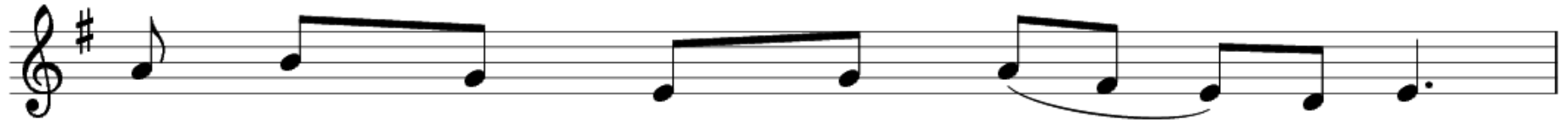
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

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

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2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high,



who or-derest all things might - i - ly:



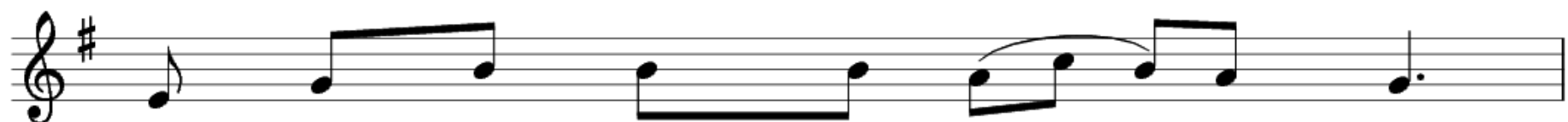
to us the path of knowl - edge show;



and teach us in her ways to go.

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shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

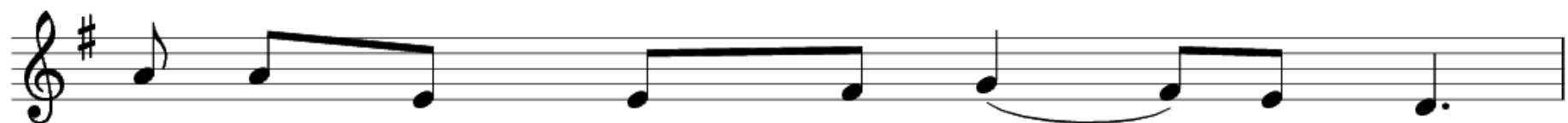
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3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,



who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height



in an - cient times didst give the law



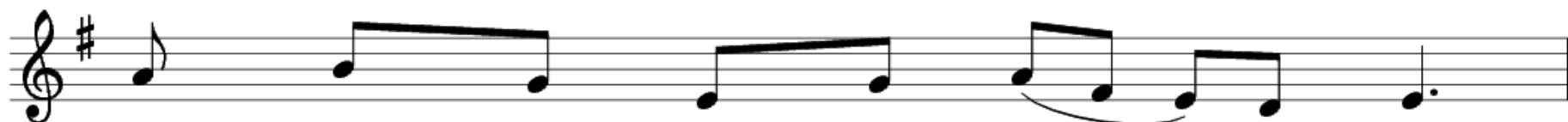
in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

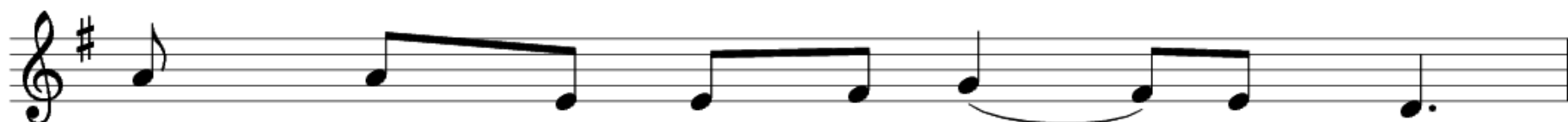
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.



4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free



thine own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny;



from depths of hell thy peo - ple save



and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

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

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5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come,



and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;



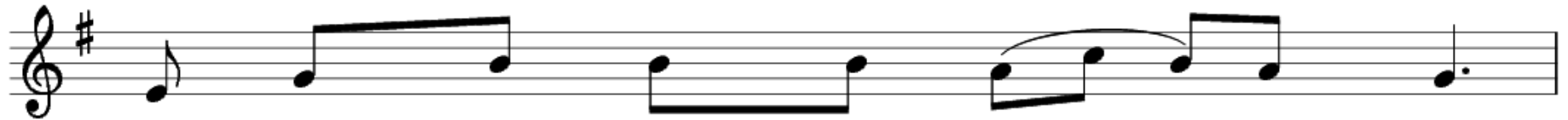
make safe the way that leads on high,



and close the path to mi - se - ry.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.



6. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer



our spir - its by thine ad - vent here;



dis - perse the gloo - my clouds of night,



and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
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7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind



all peo - ples in one heart and mind;



bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord cease;



fill the whole world with hea - ven's peace.

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

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Charge and Blessing

