

## **REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS** - (G) 333; all 3

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising and soon He will draw nigh;  
up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
go forth as He approaches, with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory: the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption that sets Your people free!

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## **THIS IS JESUS**

Night of wonder, still and silent, heaven's brilliance from above.  
Light of glory pierced the darkness, mercy pierced my heart with love.

**Chorus:** This is Jesus, King of glory, here to rescue from the fall.  
Son of God Who comes to save us, Prince of Peace and Lord of all.

O the myst'ry, who could fathom? God would leave His holy throne  
for a manger, for a sinner, for us all to be His own. **Chorus**

Rejoice, He is with us. Rejoice, hope is here.  
Rejoice, He is with us. Rejoice, hope is here. **Repeat**  
**Chorus**

For the hearts so prone to wander, for these feet so quick to flee,  
God is here and love is reaching for the lost and least of these.

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## **GOD WITH US**

Oh, You've come to bring peace, to be Love, to be nearer to us.  
Oh, You've come to bring life, to be Light, to shine brighter in us.  
Oh, Emmanuel, God with us.

**Chorus:** Our Deliverer, You are Savior.  
In Your presence, we find our strength  
over ev'rything, our Redemption, God with us. You are God with us.

Oh, You've come to be Hope to this world, for Your honor and name.  
And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave.  
Oh, Emmanuel, God with us. **Chorus**

You are here. You are holy. We are standing in Your glory. **Repeat**  
You are here. You are holy. We are standing in Your glory, Lord.

## **Chorus 2x**

You are God with us. You are God with us.

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## **HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

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."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th' incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun 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."

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**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM** - (B) 141; all 4  
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love,  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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**JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES** - (B) 112

Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, Living Word. **Repeat all**  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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*Welcome to Our Morning Worship Service*  
*Sunday, December 17th, 2023*  
*10:00 AM*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*Opening Song of Praise

*“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”* (G) 333; all 3

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise and Adoration

*“This Is Jesus”*

Lighting of the Advent Candles: *JOY* – Trent Koolhaas,

Brody Leusink, & Clint Sawyer

Song of Advent

*“God with Us”*

*(Children may come forward for Little Lambs and Children in Worship)*

Children's Message

Special Music: *“Come, Emmanuel”* – Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: ThereforeGo Ministries

Offertory: *“Silent Night”* – Randy De Ruiter

\*Song of Preparation

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: Ezekiel 43:1-12 (p. 354)

Sermon: **“The Glory of God Returns”**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* (B) 141; all 4

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song

*“Jesus, Name Above All Names”* (B) 112; two times through

\*Postlude

**Preaching:** Pastor Dave Vander Meulen

**Organ:** Wilma Nieuwenhuis **Piano:** Florene Hilarides

**\*Please stand if able** (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks  
(B) blue hymnal under pews