THE WORSHIP LEADER'S CHRISTMAS AND EASTER GUITAR BOOK

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Introduction

The Christian church recognizes two most important holy days in the liturgical year. They are Christmas and Easter. Both of these holy days' celebrations have been woven deep into the fabric of different cultures throughout the ages. Music and song are important parts of each celebration. Included in this book are beloved hymns that can be used in worship during the preparation for Christmas and Easter.

Advent is a season of expectant preparation and celebration of Jesus's coming at Christmas. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. This book includes a total of six services for the Advent and Christmas season: four services for each themed Sunday of Advent, a Christmas Eve service, and a Christmas service.

Lent is a six-week period of preparation and remembrance ending on Easter Sunday. We are to prepare our hearts and remember the new life we have because of Jesus's sacrifice on the cross for our sins. This book includes a total of six services for the Lent and Easter season: four services for each themed Sunday of the Lent celebration, a Good Friday service, and an Easter Sunday service.

Unlike Advent, the first five Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday do not have universally accepted themes. Appropriate hymns and themes that look towards the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ were used to fill that void.

Each of the 48 hymns included in this book have an easy instrumental line, chord diagrams, standard tablature, and lyrics. Recordings of the hymns are included on the enclosed DVD-ROM. In addition, the disc contains software to help you practice, and PDF lyric sheets that can be printed and distributed to the congregation. To access all these materials, please see below.



The included DVD-ROM contains MP3 recordings of each hymn. To access this audio, insert the disc into a computer, double-click on My Computer, right-click on the disc drive icon, and select Explore. (Mac users can simply double-click the disc icon that appears on the desktop.) The MP3s are located in the "MP3s" folder.



In addition to the MP3s, the DVD-ROM contains our exclusive TNT 2 software that you can use to alter the instrument and vocal mixes of the hymn recordings, loop playback, and change keys and tempos.

For installation, follow the instructions at left to explore the disc, and double-click on the installer file. Installation may take up to 15 minutes.



For your convenience, the DVD-ROM also contains PDF lyric sheets of all the hymns in the book. To access the PDFs, follow the MP3 instructions to explore the disc, and proceed to the "Lyrics" folder.



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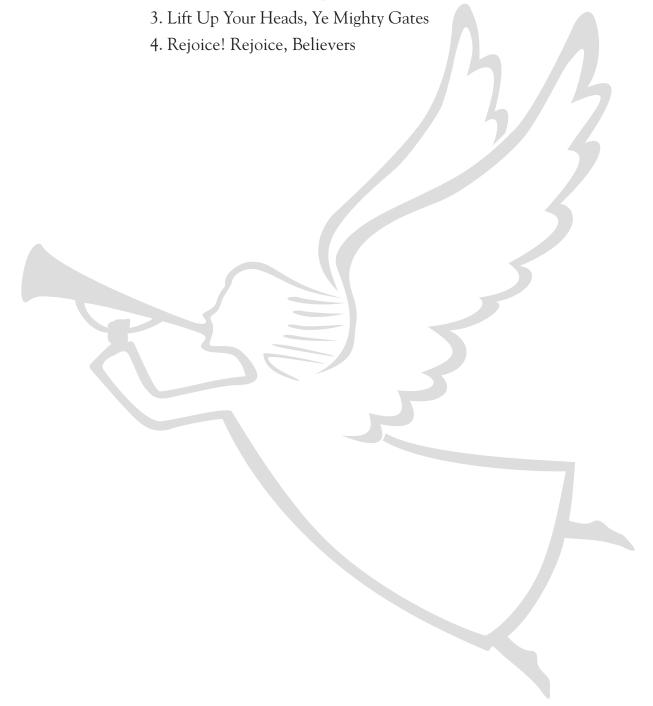
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(HOPE/PROPHECY)

The first Sunday of Advent looks forward to the coming of Jesus. We are to trust in God's promises—namely, the promise to send a redeemer—and welcome the Son of God to earth. We are told to "Rejoice!" because Jesus draws nigh to save us. The long-expected Savior is coming.

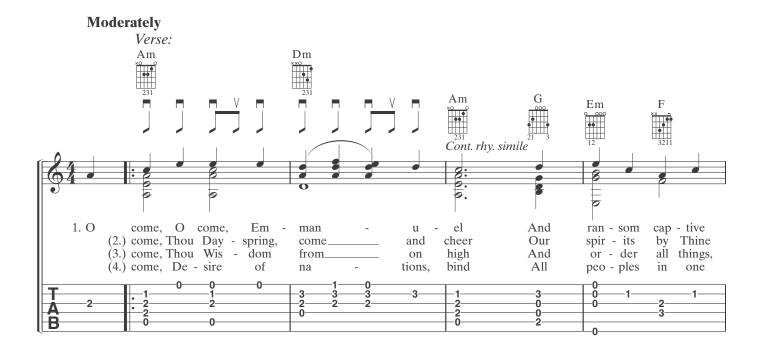
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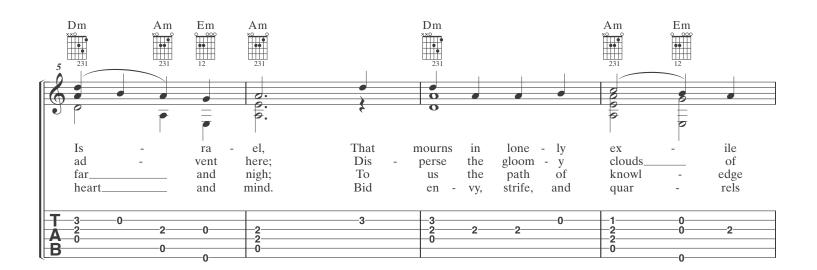
- 1. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- 2. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Traditional Hymn
Arranged by VINCENT J. CARROLA





ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED?

Words by ISAAC WATTS Music by HUGH WILSON Arranged by VINCENT J. CARROLA



Verse 3: Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut His glories in, When Christ, the great Redeemer, died For man the creature's sin.

Verse 4: But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give myself away—'Tis all that I can do.