### PERFORMANCE OPTIONS

COME, EMMANUEL, COME was written to provide several options for use on the four Sundays of Advent. We recognize that many churches celebrate Advent in a multitude of ways. COME, EMMANUEL, COME consists of four verses and one refrain. Singing the appropriate verse and the refrain should allow plenty of time for each week's candle lighting.

Optional narrations are included on page 12 for each of the four weeks

To customize the piece to your needs, you may choose to:

- Use the introduction and verse 1 on week one of Advent, cutting to the refrain on page 10.
- Use the introduction on the following weeks of Advent, cutting to verse 2, 3, or 4, and then cutting to the refrain on page 10.
- Alternatively, on the following weeks of Advent, add the new verse to what you sang in the previous week.
- Sing all four verses and refrain on any of the four Sundays of Advent.
- Use a soloist (soprano or tenor) to sing any verse and/or refrain.
- Use the full choir, singing the melody of any verse/repain in unison, instead of using the voicing notated.
- Use a small ensemble.
- Use the full choir with parts as written.
- Use children's voices on the melody of any verse, adding choir for the refrain.
- Use the optional flute and handbell (3 octaves) parts on the introduction and verses 2–4 and refrain.

However you use this anthem, we pray that you will be blessed as you observe the season of Advent.

# COME, EMMANUEL, COME

## **An Advent Candlelighting Resource**

for S.A.T.B. voices, opt. flute and handbells, accompanied\*

Words and Music by CINDY BERRY (ASCAP)



<sup>\*</sup> To purchase a full-length performance recording (44573) of this piece, go to alfred.com/downloads. 8.5" x 11" pdf of the Flute and Handbell (3 octaves) parts are available for a free download at alfred.com/choralparts (enter 44573 when prompted).

Also available: FlexTrax Accompaniment CD (44582).

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#### NARRATION FOR "COME, EMMANUEL, COME"

#### **HOPE** (Verse 1)

Long ago, the prophets foretold of Your coming. With all that is within us, our hearts yearn for You to make Your appearance.

Yet we wait...and put our hope in You!

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! (*Psalm 42:5*) Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (*Isaiah 40:31*) Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come." (*Isaiah 35:3-4*)

[Begin introduction.] Shine Your light into our darkness! Come, Emmanuel...come!

#### **PEACE** (Verse 2)

Where is peace to be found? All around us, we see chaos and despair. And yet, we know that One is coming who will displace all fear and hatred. He will establish peace between God and mankind.

He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God," (Isaiah 41:10)

[Begin introduction.] Bring peace to our hearts and minds. Conc. Emmanuel,...come!

## **JOY** (Verse 3)

How we long to find true joy in this world! Sorrow and sadness threaten to overwhelm us. When You come to save us, our joy will be unspeakable.

We will rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Holy One of Israel. (*Isaiah 41:16*) Then will the lame leap like a deer and the mute tongue shout for joy. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (*Isaiah 35:6, 10*)

[Begin introduction.] Through You, we will find the meaning of real joy! Come, Emmanuel,...come!

#### LOVE (Verse 4)

Your covenant of love was established with Your people long ago. We remember, and trust in Your promises as we walk by faith.

He tends His flock file a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart. (Isaian 40:11)

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness. (*Jeremiah 31:3*)

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken. (*Isaiah 54:10*)

[Begin introduction.] We wait in anticipation! Let Your love fall on us! Come, Emmanuel....come!