

**Prayer of Invocation for Advent**

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Leader: O come, O come, Emmanuel—

**People: God with us.**

Leader: Come into our brokenness;

**People: Come into our joy.**

Leader: Come into our captivity;

**People: Come into our freedom.**

Leader: Come into our fear;

**People: Come into our compassion.**

Leader: Our souls have had their fill.

**People: Have mercy upon us, O God,**

**All: *And come, O come, Emmanuel.***

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**Hymn of Praise****“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”****UMH #203**

1. Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for signing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go, and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.
4. To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand forever, that name to us is love.

**Hymn Response O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verse 1)      UMH # 211**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Doxology**

**UMH #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Hymn of Anticipation “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” UMH #196**

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to they glorious throne.