

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# Come Rejoicing!

TUNE: O SANCTISSIMA

C F C G<sup>7</sup><sub>C</sub> C G<sup>7</sup><sub>C</sub> C F C G<sup>7</sup><sub>C</sub> C G<sup>7</sup><sub>C</sub> C G<sub>B</sub>

1. Come re - joic - ing! Come with sing - ing! Christ is  
2. Come re - joic - ing! Come with sing - ing! Love is  
3. Come re - joic - ing! Come with sing - ing! Joy that's

D A G C G D D D<sup>7</sup> G G C G F C E G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> B C G<sup>7</sup><sub>C</sub> C G<sup>7</sup><sub>C</sub>

here, and all is well! He has come to win us From the sin with -  
here, and all is well! Hear the time - less sto - ry, Full of grace and  
more than words can tell! In the Son are giv - en All the gifts of

C E C A<sub>m</sub> C M<sup>7</sup> E C C E C D<sub>m</sub><sup>6</sup> C E D<sub>m</sub> C G G<sup>7</sup> C

in us. Glo - ri - fy Em - man - u - el!  
glo - ry: God Him - self has come to dwell!  
heav - en! Praise His name, Em - man - u - el!

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TOPICS: Advent; Christmas

LEAD-IN: *Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.  
He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God. (Psalm 98:1, 3, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## **Free, Fearless, and Complete**

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:  
Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,  
but made himself nothing,  
taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself.  
(Philippians 2:5-8, NIV)*

We humans spend much of our time and energy trying to look as good as possible in the eyes of other people. Our appearance, the way we carry ourselves, the things we say, and the way we say them are often calculated to maximize our respect in the eyes of others...and perhaps to maximize our respect for ourselves.

When God came as a human being, He didn't puff Himself up. He humbled Himself. He intentionally made Himself far less than He was.

We humans are not so confident. We resist giving ourselves and our resources too completely. Our love is limited by fear. We fear vulnerability. We fear giving away too much and leaving ourselves with too little.

Almighty God has no such fear. He has no need. All that is flows from Him. He is complete and all-encompassing, all-sufficient in Himself. He is full and overflows with love. Giving is His nature, His delight.

When God came, He gave Himself without holding anything back. He willingly took upon Himself our lowliness, our weakness, and our poverty so that we could share His completeness. He made Himself like us in order that we might be like Him.

Because He came, we too can be thoroughly human, yet free, fearless, and complete by trusting our almighty, all-giving God. We can live and love as fully as He does. *Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!* (2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV)