

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

The Promise

TUNE: The Holly and the Ivy
2 Corinthians 1:20

F F Gm7 F F Gm7 C⁷_{sus} C⁷

1. The Prom - ise is a vi - sion, A fu - ture far a - way.
2. The Prom - ise comes in dark - ness, Sur - pris - ing us at night.
3. The Prom - is - es are man - y. The Prom - is - es are one.
4. The Prom - ise is great bless - ing. The Prom - ise is great wealth.

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

C⁷ E C⁷ F F A B^b F C F F B^b F C⁷ F

The Prom - ise is re - al - i - ty. The Prom - ise is to - day.
The Prom - ise is sur - pris - ing Love. The Prom - ise is our Light.
The Prom - is - es are Je - sus Christ. The Prom - is - es have come.
The Prom - ise is E - ter - nal Life. The Prom - ise is Him - self.

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Refrain

F F Gm7 F F Gm7 C⁷_{sus} C⁷

O come em - brace the Prom - ise! O come and live the joy!

The Refrain section features the same melody and bass line as the first system.

C⁷ E C⁷ F F A B^b F C F F B^b F C⁷ F

O come and love the Liv - ing Christ, Sweet Mar - y's lit - tle boy!

The final system concludes the piece with the same melody and bass line.

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MUSIC: Traditional English Melody;
arr. by Ken Bible

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY
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TOPICS: Advent; Christmas

LEAD-IN: **Christmas Is the Story of a Promise**

Christmas is the story of a Promise.

For hundreds of years
God had been making
promises to His people.

He had promised

a Prince,
a Shepherd,
a Healer,
a Conqueror,
a Prophet,
a Priest,
a Lion,
a Lamb.

He had promised

Peace.

He had promised

Freedom.

He had promised

Love and Life
without end.

Finally,

one evening,

in the blackness of midnight,

the promises all came wrapped together
as one magnificent Promise.

The Promise was

a Baby.

The Promise was

Emmanuel.

The Promise was

God Himself.

Christmas is the story of a Promise,

and the Promise is

Jesus.