

Entrance: O come, O come, Emmanuel *(From the 'Great O Antiphons')*

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.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent
here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put
to flight.

O come, thou key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height
in ancient times, didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Preparation of the Gifts: Hail Mary *(Carey Landry© 1968 ICEL)*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among
women, and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of
death. Amen.

***Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.***

You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women and for women, shining one.

Blessed are you, among women, blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.

Communion: A noble flower of Judah *(German 15th century)*

A noble flow'r of Juda from tender roots has sprung, a rose from stem of
Jesse, as prophets long had sung; a blossom fair and bright, that in the
midst of winter will change to dawn our night.

The rose of grace and beauty of which Isaiah sings is Mary, virgin
mother, and Christ the flow'r she brings. By Gods divine decree she bore
our loving Saviour who died to set us free.