

## Hymns – Sunday, December 20, 2020

### O Come, O Come Emmanuel -VU 1

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

6. O come, O Dayspring, from on  
high,  
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to  
flight. R

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease,  
and be for us the Prince of Peace. R

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### O God We Call – VU 411

O God we call,  
O God we call,  
from deep inside we yearn,  
from deep inside we yearn,  
from deep inside we yearn for you.

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### Of the Father's Love

#### Begotten Verses–VU 61

1. Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
Christ is Alpha and Omega,  
Christ the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are and have been,

and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

4. This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore.

5. O ye heights of heaven, adore him,  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
powers, dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore.

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### Go, Tell It on the Mountain – VU 43

*Refrain:*

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their  
watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

2. The shepherds feared and  
trembled  
when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Saviour's birth!

*Refrain:*

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**3. Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent our salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.**

*Refrain:*

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

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## **Have Yourself a Bonnie Little Christmas**

**Have yourself a Bonnie little  
Christmas,  
Let your groups be tight.  
For these days,  
Your faces should be out of sight.**

**Have yourself a Bonnie little  
Christmas,  
Tell your family nay.  
If you do,  
The virus will stay far away.**

**Wish we were as in olden days,  
No such golden days this year.  
Faithful friends who are dear to us,  
Can't be near to us, we fear.**

**Future years, we all will be together,  
If the plague allows.  
We'll hang our COVID masks upon  
the highest boughs,  
But have yourself a Bonnie little  
Christmas now.**

*The idea for "Bonnie Christmas" came into my head as members of the Sechelt Hospital Foundation Board were saying our "Merry Christmas" wishes to one another via Zoom. I thought, "We should be saying 'Bonnie Christmas' instead!" and the idea took off from there. Enjoy!  
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**Isaiah 9:2-7 (The Inclusive Bible)**

**The people walking in darkness are seeing a brilliant light –  
upon those who dwell in a land of deep shadows light is shining!  
God, you have made the nation greater-- you have brought them abundant  
joy!**

**They celebrate in your presence as with the harvest celebrations,  
or as warriors celebrate when dividing spoils.**

**For the yoke that burdened them,  
the weight on their shoulders, the rod of their oppressors,  
you have shattered it, as you did at the defeat of Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,  
every cloak that was dragged through blood  
is now used as fuel for the fire.**

**For a child is born to us, an heir is given us;  
upon whose shoulders dominion will rest.  
This One shall be called Wonderful Counsellor,  
the Strength of God, Eternal Protector, Champion of Peace.  
This dominion and this peace will grow without end,  
with David's throne and realm, sustained with justice and fairness,  
now and forever.  
The zeal of Yahweh Omnipotent will accomplish it!**