Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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First Sunday of Advent
Hearts in Harmony

November 29, 2026
10:30am MT

Order of Worship

Prelude — *Intonation for Adeste Fideles* by Michael Mazzatenta — Vista Bells

Candle Lighting – Hope — Anne Loveless' Care Group

When the nights are long and the roads are hard,
we turn our eyes to the stars.
When the work is demanding and injustice unending,
we stand together, arm in arm.
When fear looms large and grief weighs heavy,
we cry out to God without holding back.
And when the dawn of tomorrow feels far away,
we gather together to light the candle of hope.

Light candle.

Like the stars above, may this light shine bright.
May it guide our path. May it inspire deeper hope.
Until God's promised day, may it be so. Amen.

*Scripture Reading: Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19 (responsively) — Charlotte Hoppe

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Many: Stir up your might, and come to save us!
One: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Many: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
One: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

Many: **You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.**

One: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Many: **But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

One: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Many: **Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

*The Lord's Prayer (in unison) Pastor Dave

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 119

Special Music *Come On, Ring Those Bells* Vista Bells
by Andrew Culverwell, arr. by Patricia S. Cota

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 Pastor Dave

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,

for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

One: A word from God for the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *Deck the Hall*

Hanging of the Greens Ritual — Pastor Dave

Sharing in Communion & Taizé Meditation

Words of Institution — Pastor Dave

Taizé Meditation *Wait for the Lord*

This sung prayer is an opportunity for all present to enter a space of openness to the voice of God. The prayer will continue throughout the distribution of communion. Please refrain from conversation during the meditation.

Receiving Communion – All are welcome at the Table of Christ

Hymn *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* 134

Silence

Special Music *Waiting for the Promise* by Lloyd Larson — Vista Voices

*Closing Hymn *Restore Us, O God*

*Blessing — Pastor Dave

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Charlotte Hoppe, Worship Leader — Therese Macali, Guest Accompanist

Wally Miller, Sound — Rev. Dave McVey, Interim Minister, Preaching & Presiding
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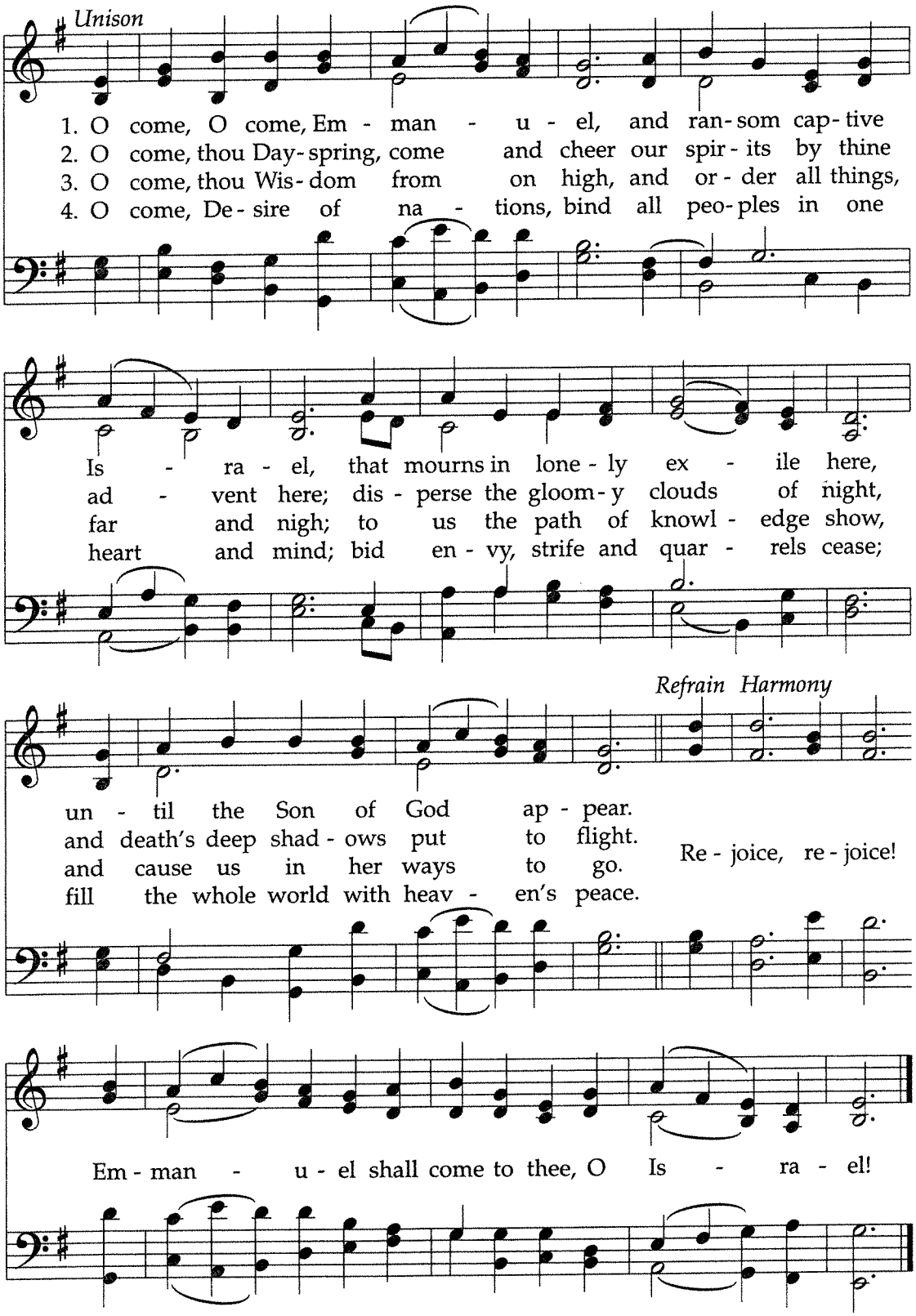

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MUSIC: French melody (15th century); arr. and harm. Thomas Helmore, 1854

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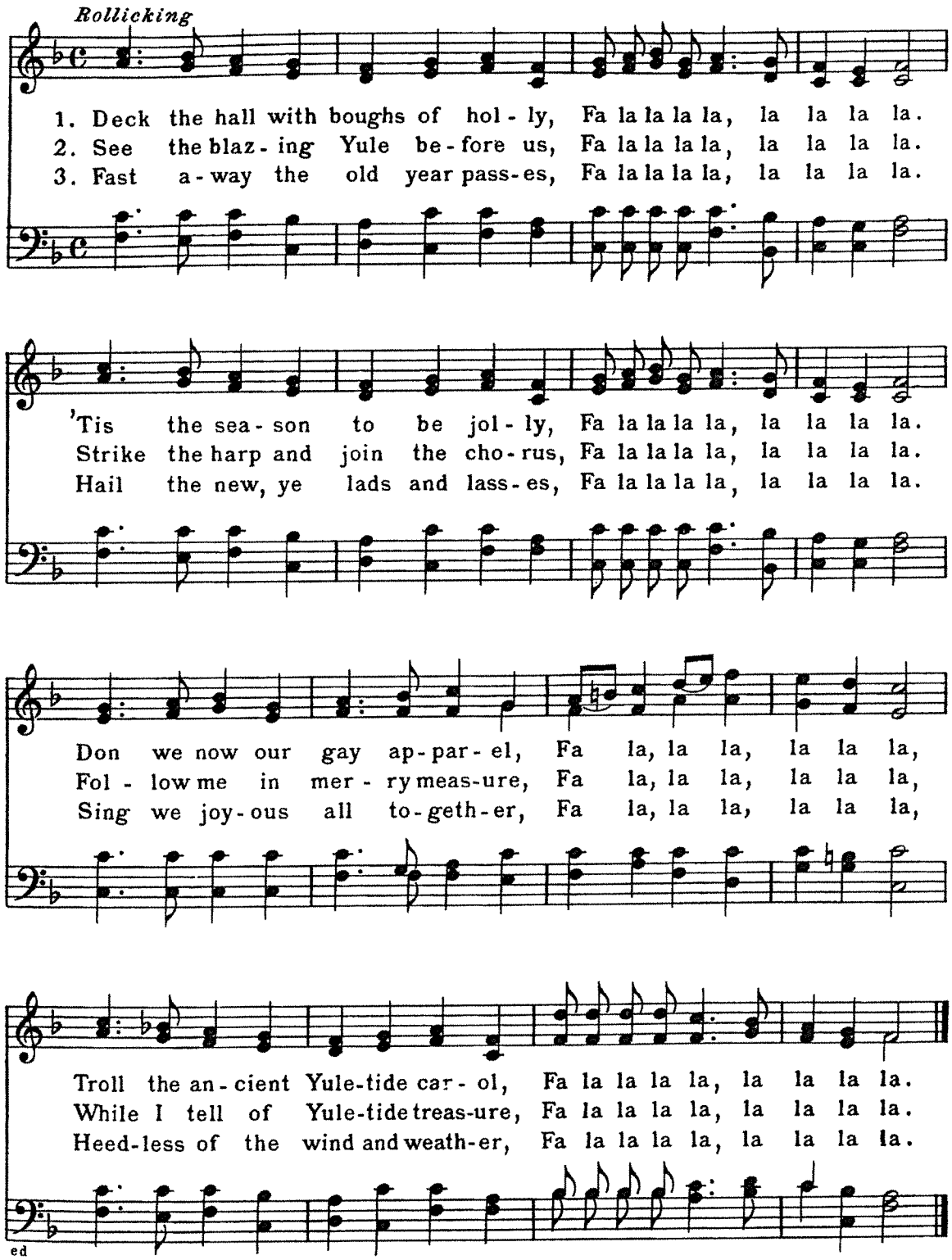

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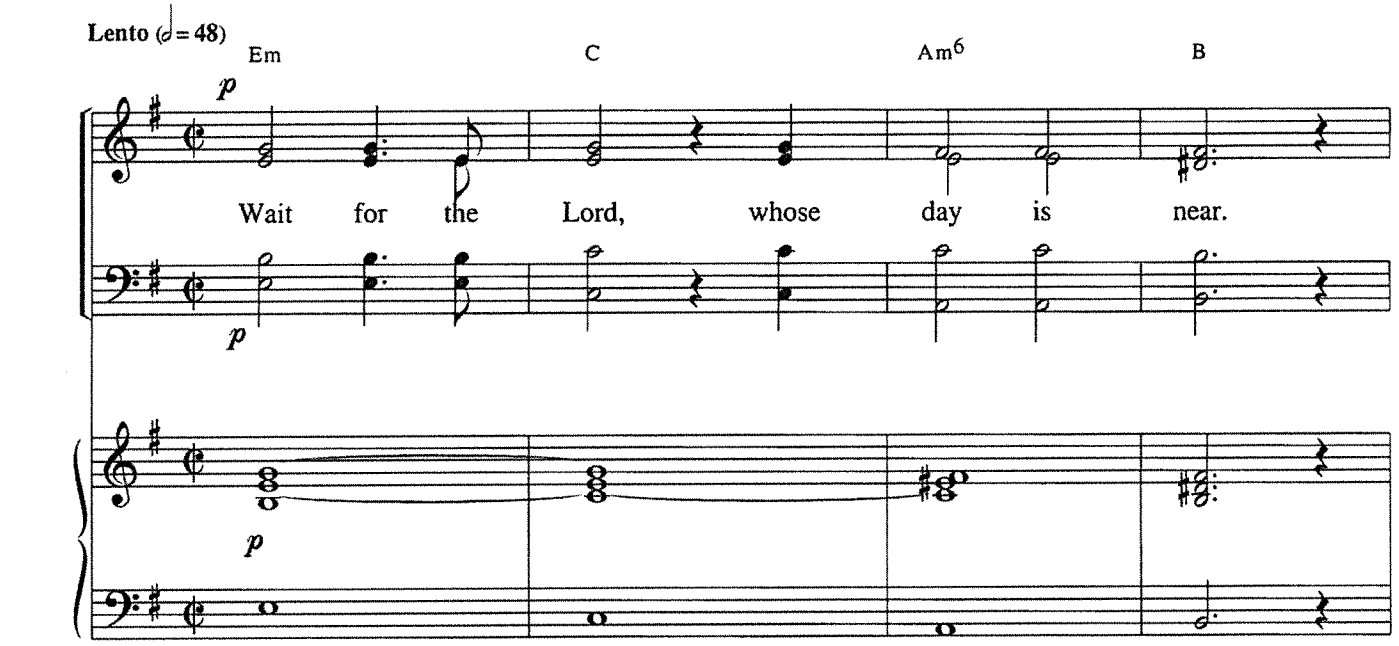
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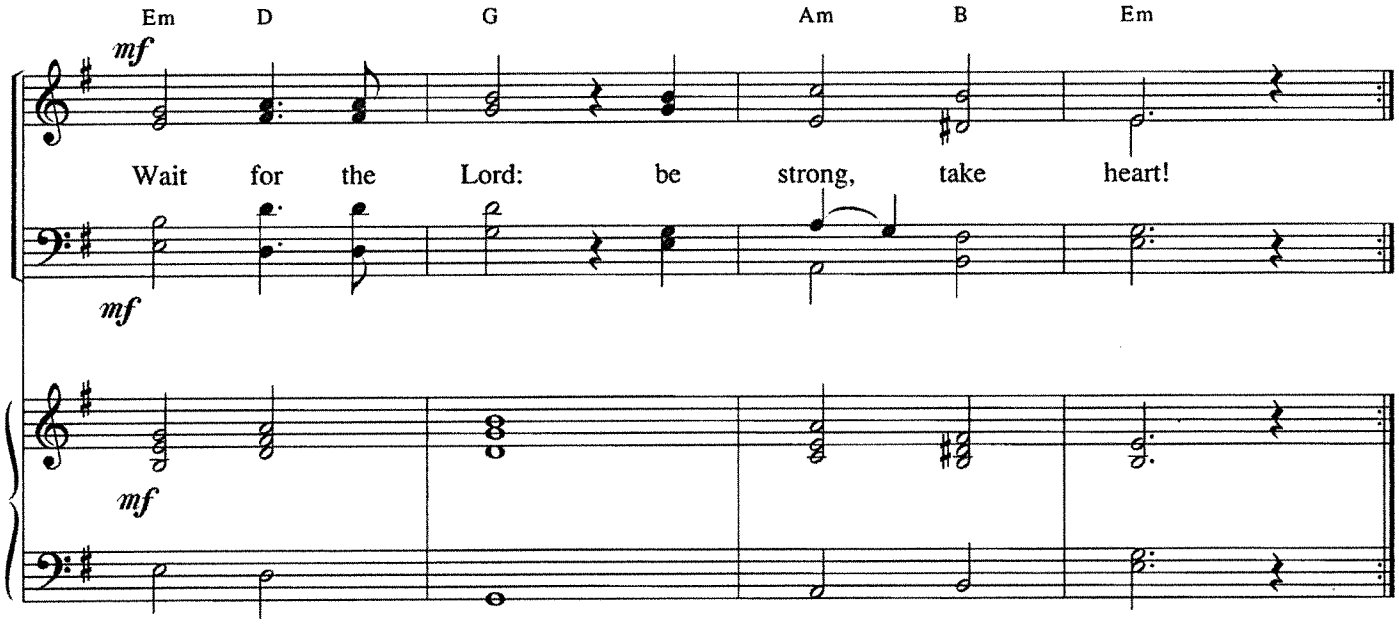
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Matthew 1:23

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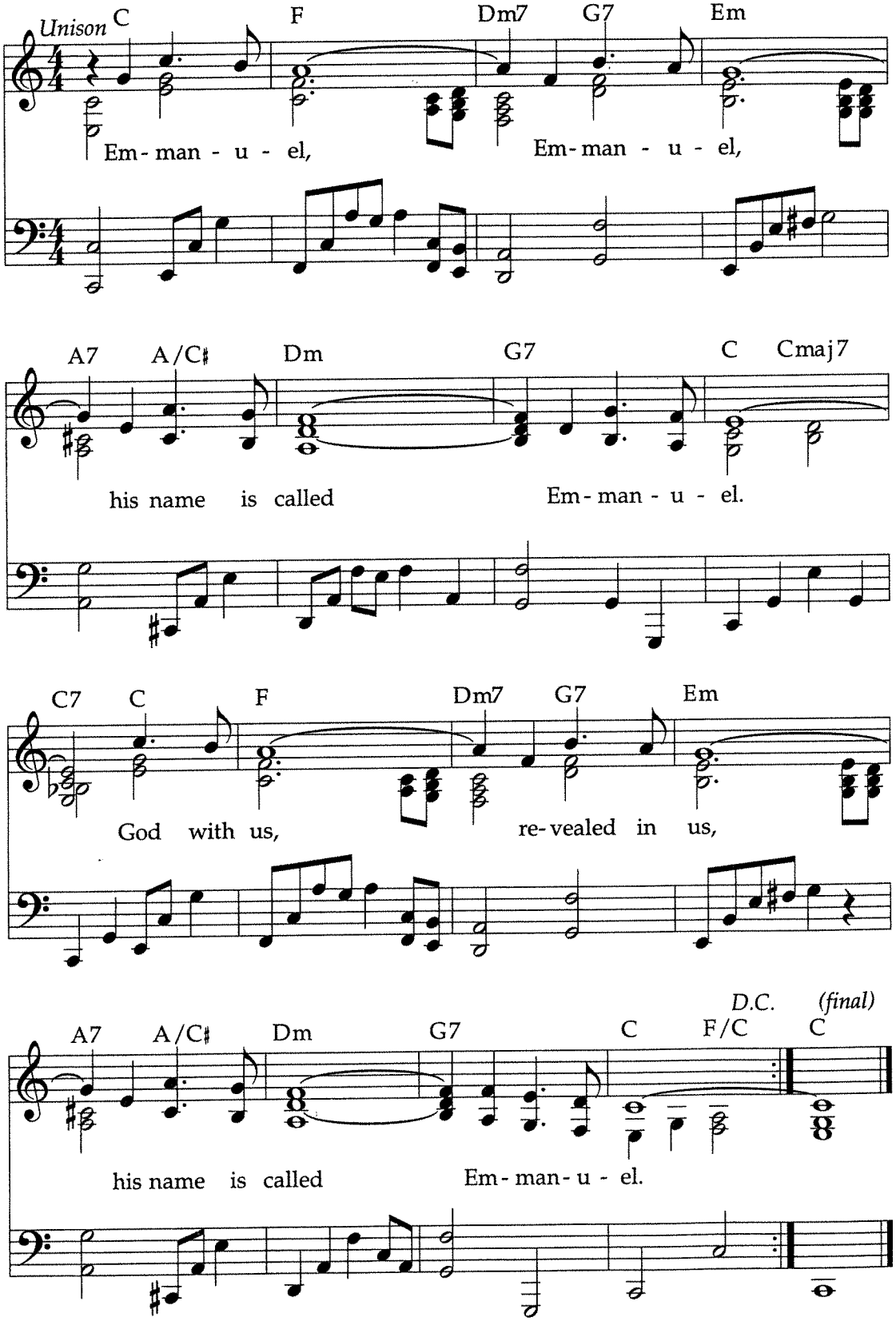

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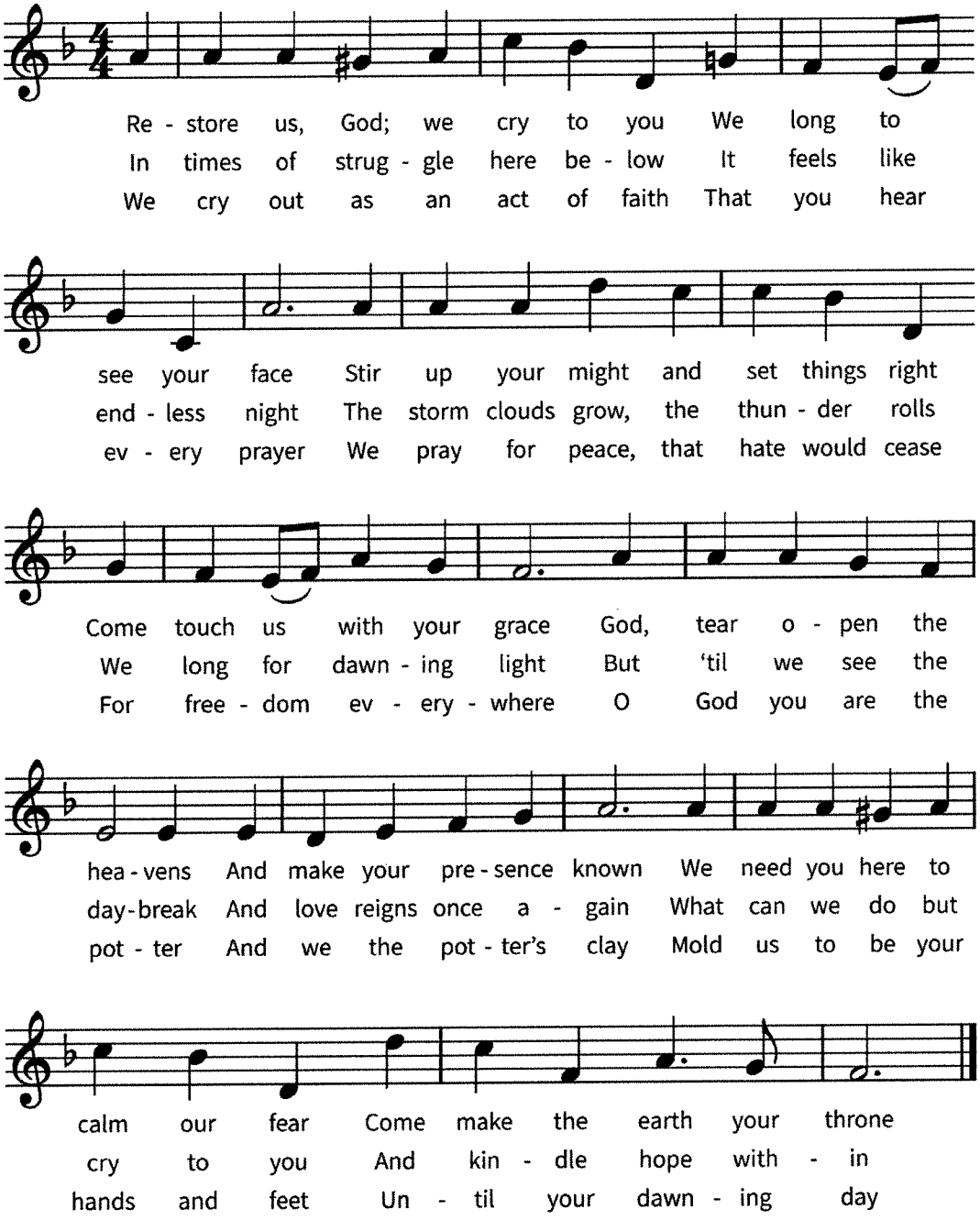

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