

Hymnal
#225
(adapted)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And with your captive children dwell.
Give comfort to all exiles here,
And to the aching heart bid cheer.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come within as Faith to dwell.

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy shades of night,
Break through the clouds and bring us light.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come within as Hope to dwell.

O come, O come, thou Lord of Love,
Declare thy law all law above;
From dire oppressions bring release,
And lead us in the way of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come within as Love to dwell.

O come, thou Splendor very bright,
As joy that never yields to might,
O come and turn all hearts to peace,
That greed and war at last shall cease.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come within as Joy to dwell.



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What if God was One of Us

In the faces of men and women, I see God.
- Walt Whitman

Preliminaries Announcements, two readings, chalice lighting,

Opening / Chalice Lighting *Are you looking for me? I am in the next seat.*
My shoulder is against yours.
Read *You will not find me in stupas, not in Indian shrine rooms,*
responsively *not in synagogues, not in cathedrals: not in masses, nor kirtans, not in legs winding around your own neck,*
- Kabir *nor in eating nothing but vegetables. When you really look for me, you will see me instantly*
you will find me in the tiniest house of time.
Kabir says: Student, tell me, what is God?
[God] is the breath inside the breath.

Check-in Share one joy and one sorrow from the past weeks. (Please take no more than one to two minutes each.)

Story Leader tells tale of the monastery

Silence During this time of silence, instead of closing your eyes take your time and look deeply into each other's eyes.

Sharing / Deep Listening Share your thoughts about this topic.

Singing Alleluia

Feedback After all have shared, you may wish to acknowledge one another in a very brief response. For example: "I was touched when you described ...," "I really felt connected with you when you said ...," or "When you said '...', I remembered something that happened to me, too."

Singing "O Come O Come Emmanuel" on back cover

Closing / Extinguishing the Chalice *Join hands or link arms and read together:*
Let God love you through others;
let God love others through you.