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Preface

The heart of MorningStar's publishing vision has always been to encourage congregational song. *Within the Seasons of Our Lives* is a collection of hymns and songs, some new with this compilation and some drawn from published choral anthems and other editions, compiled especially for congregational singing. This may be considered a companion volume to *Break Forth in Joyous Song*, published by MorningStar Music Publishers in 2006.

The hymns and songs fall into several categories: new texts with established tunes, established texts with new tunes, and new texts with new tunes, including short-form songs—often called ostinato refrains—that are intended to be repeated multiple times. This last genre of music lends itself to adaptation to specific worship needs. The amount of repetition should be determined by use, and it is often appropriate to “layer” the performance, beginning simply and quietly, building on repetition, and possibly tapering off to end the piece.

The collection begins with hymns organized by church year and ceremonies/rituals and continues in alphabetical order by topic. It includes useful index material, such as topical and scriptural indexes for help in worship planning. An index of tunes and their meters will assist in creating new pairings of texts and tunes—a wonderful option when a particular congregation is not familiar with the given tune. With this in mind, some alternate tunes are suggested—or even included—to increase usefulness. The index of publications gives information about full versions of many of the titles.

Melody-only versions, for inclusion in worship bulletins, are available to purchasers of this collection. Contact MorningStar Music for more information.

The Church continues to look for new words and music for worship, whether for times of celebration and joy or times of challenge and pain. Many of today's writers and composers are addressing this need with commitment and creativity. It is our hope that these hymns and songs will help give voice to the many facets of today's Church and be a source of inspiration and devotion to all who use them.

—The Publisher

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A Flickering Candle

GREENSLEEVES 8 8 8 7 with Refrain
English trad., arr. Stephen P. Folkemer

Mark W. Oldenburg

Verses, Year A

1. A flick'ring candle sheds its light In
Advent 1 2. From God's own house will come the dream, God's
Advent 2 2. From Jes - se's bar - ren stump will spring A
Advent 3 2. Though night is long, do not grow weak, To
Advent 4 2. The dawn of God's re - deem - ing grace Lit

hope of dawn's vic - to - rious might, And back - ward scur - ries
pledge of peace shine like a beam; From all the na - tions
no - ble branch, a right - eous King; To earth's des - pair - ing
all who suf - fer, clear - ly speak: 'The Lord, the Sav - ior
Beth - le - hem, that hum - ble place, Now ra - diant beams from

cow - rd - ly night Re - mind - ed of the morn - ing.
crowds shall stream And war will be no more.
lands he'll bring Both jus - tice and sal - va - tion.
whom you seek, Be - hold, is come a - mong you!"
Je - sus' face Il - lu - mine all cre - a - tion.

Refrain



Watch, watch for Christ is near, The prom-ised Son of God most dear.

Hope, hope, his light will clear The shades of death and sin.

This hymn may be sung during the lighting of Advent candles, or at other times during Advent. Alternate Verse 2 texts, related to the first lessons for the Sundays in Advent for Years B and C, are provided below.

Verse 2, Year B

Advent 1

2. Come down, O Lord, do not delay;
In sin's dark night we long for day.
Your presence is the warming ray
That kindles all creation.

Advent 2

2. God's messenger prepares the way,
On sin he shines a piercing ray;
He bids us greet the dawning day
Renewed and purified.

Advent 3

2. Though night is long, do not grow weak,
To all who suffer, clearly speak:
"The Lord, the Savior whom you seek,
Behold, is come among you!"

Advent 4

2. From Jesse's barren stump will spring
A noble branch, a righteous King;
To earth's despairing lands he'll bring
Both justice and salvation.

Verse 2, Year C

Advent 1

2. From Jesse's barren stump will spring
A noble branch, a righteous King;
To earth's despairing lands he'll bring
Both justice and salvation.

Advent 2

2. God's messenger prepares the way,
On sin he shines a piercing ray;
He bids us greet the dawning day
Renewed and purified.

Advent 3

2. Though night is long, do not grow weak,
To all who suffer, clearly speak:
"The Lord, the Savior whom you seek,
Behold, is come among you!"

Advent 4

2. The dawn of God's redeeming grace
Lit Bethlehem, that humble place,
Now radiant beams from Jesus' face
Illumine all creation.

Come, Lord Jesus

Carol Browning

Carol Browning
Alt. accompaniments by Kathy McGrath

Ostinato Refrain

Last time

Come, Lord Je-sus, come to us. Ma-ra-na-tha, come.

Come, Lord, come. Ma - ra-na-tha, come.

Dm Am7/D Bb/D Am7

Last time
Am6/D

Accompaniment Variation 1

Dm Am7/D Bb/D Am7

Variation 2

Dm Am7/D Bb/D Am7

This Advent refrain is intended to be repeated several times as an ostinato, with the optional accompaniment variations, choral harmonies, and/or canon between women's and men's voices adding variety on repetitions. It could also serve as a call to worship, perhaps leading directly into "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Variation 3

Dm Am7D BbD Am7

Variation 4

Dm Am7D BbD Am7

Refrain in Canon

S, A
Come, Lord Je - sus, come to us. Ma - ra - na - tha, come.

T, B
come. Come, Lord Je - sus, come to us. Ma - ra - na - tha,

Dm Am7D BbD Am7

Come, Lord Je - sus, come to us. Ma - ra - na - tha, come.

come. Come, Lord Je - sus, come to us. Ma - ra - na - tha, come.

Dm Am7D BbD Am7

Last time
Am6/D

3 Prepare the Way of the Lord

Isaiah 40:3, adapt. Carol Browning

Carol Browning

Ostinato Refrain

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre- pare the way of the Lord.

Em Am Em E7 Am Em B7

Make straight a path for God, pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre -

C D7/C G/B Am Em/B B7 Em Bsus4

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment includes guitar chords: Em, Am, Em, E7, Am, Em, B7. The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment includes guitar chords: C, D7/C, G/B, Am, Em/B, B7, Em, Bsus4. A fermata is placed over the final note of the second system's vocal line.

*Observe fermata last time only

Like the previous piece, this simple refrain for Advent is intended to be repeated several times, or could serve as a call to worship, perhaps before "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

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