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Christ, Circle Round Us
SAB Choir, Keyboard, Guitar,
Handbells, Assembly

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Advent Gathering Song

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Based on Advent "O" Antiphons

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Based on *Salve Regina*

INTRO: *Confidently, with rubato* (♩ = ca. 50)

Keyboard

mf *rit.*

C Dm7 C/E F C/E Dm7 Dm7/G G

VERSES:

Melody a tempo

C Dm7 C/E F Dm7 Gsus4 G

1. Come, O Ra-diant Dawn, splen-dor of the morn-ing light. _____
 2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho-ly branch of Jes-se's tree. _____
 3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know-ledge from on high. _____
 4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho-ly door of heav-en's throne. _____
 5. Come, O Might-y Lord, mas-ter of the stars of night. _____
 6. Come, E-man-u-el, cher-ished hope of Is-ra-el. _____
 7. Come, Lord Je-sus Christ, long a-wait-ed Prince of Peace. _____

Baritone

Come, O Lord! O come, E-man-u-el!

a tempo

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Am C/E Dm7 G Am C/E G C Csus4

1. Come, Sun of Jus - tice, turn a - way the pow'r of night. _____
 2. Come, Bough of Bless - ing, bloom for all the world to see. _____
 3. Come, Ho - ly Wis - dom, be our faith - ful friend and guide. _____
 4. Come, Key of Da - vid, o - pen wide the path - way home. _____
 5. Come, Strength of Pil - grims, keep us in your lov - ing sight. _____
 6. Come, live a - mong us, ev - er in our hearts to dwell. _____
 7. Come, Hope of Na - tions, ev - er make our love in - crease. _____

Come, Lord Je - sus! Come, O Lord! _____

REFRAIN:

C Dm7 C/E Am C/E F Dm7 Gsus4 G

Soprano
 Alto
 Baritone

Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur - round us.

Am C/E Dm7 G Am C/E F Dm7

Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts with great thanks -

G7sus4 G C Csus4 1-6 C Csus4 *D.S.* Final C Csus4 C *Fine*

giv - ing.

molto rit.

Fine

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HANDBELLS



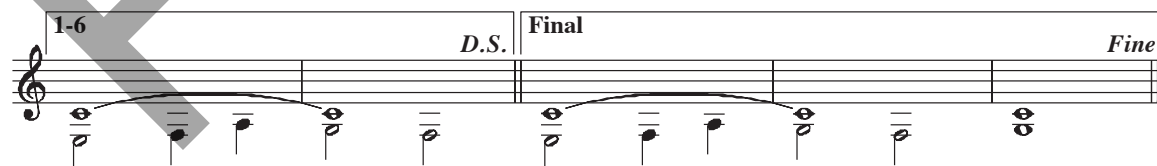
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VERSES 1-7:



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Preview

Performance Notes

Christ, Circle Round Us, a gathering song with verses based on the “O” antiphons, can easily incorporate the blessing of the Advent wreath, since the primary image is of Christ surrounding us like the circle of the wreath. Begin instrumentally—perhaps handbells alone—as the ministers assemble around or beneath the wreath. The instruments continue quietly while the presider proclaims a short prayer. Then all sing the refrain. Several verses can be sung as the presider and other ministers enter the sanctuary. Enough verses are provided so that different ones can be used for each Sunday of the season.

The Christmas Eve liturgy suggests another effective performance. In subdued lighting, the choir processes, singing and bearing lighted candles as they encircle the assembly. The Christmas proclamation is then read, all standing surrounded by Christ’s light. Immediately, a strong opening carol, such as *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, is sung by all.

The melody of this piece is adapted from the chant *Salve Regina*. The verses are best performed in a free, flowing manner, reminiscent of chant, by a soloist or the women of the choir. The men sing the cello-like harmony below. The refrain, moving more steadily, is arranged for SAB choir supporting the singing of the full congregation.

—D.S.

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Assembly Edition

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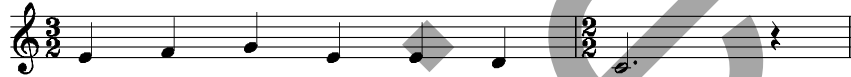
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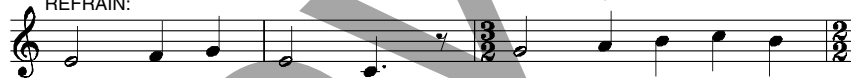


1. light. Come, Sun of Jus - tice,
2. tree. Come, Bough of Bless - ing,
3. high. Come, Ho - ly Wis - dom,
4. throne. Come, Key of Da - vid,
5. night. Come, Strength of Pil - grims,
6. el. Come, live a - mong us,
7. Peace. Come, Hope of Na - tions,



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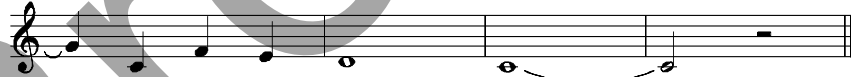
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