

Come, Your Heart and Voices Raising

CHRISTMAS

(also known as Come and Christ the Lord Be Praising or Come and Let Us Christ Revere Now or Come Unite in Praise and Singing)

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Music: 'Quem Pastores' German, 1410. Setting: "The Lutheran Hymnal", 1913.
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♩ = 120

1. Come, your hearts and voi - - ces rais - - ing, Christ the
 2. Sin and death may well be groan - - ing, Sa - - tan
 3. See how God, for us pro - - vi - - ding, Gave His
 4. Christ, from heav'n to us de - - scen - - ding And in
 5. Ja - - cob's Star in all its splen - - dor Beams with

Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - - ly sing His
 now may well be moan - ing; We, our full sal -
 Son and life a - - bi - - ding; He our wear - - y
 love our race be - - frien - ding, In our need His
 com - - fort sweet and ten - - der, For - - cing Sa - - tan

love a - - ma - zing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - - ten - dom.
 va - - tion own - ing, Cast our ev - - ery care a - way.
 steps is gui - ding From earth's woe to heav'n - - ly joy.
 help ex - ten - ding, Saved us from the wi - - ly Foe.
 to surr - en - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.

6. From the bondage that oppressed us,
 From sin's fetters that possessed us,
 From the grief that sore distressed us,
 We, the captives, now are free.

7. Oh, the joy beyond expressing
 When by faith we grasp this blessing
 And to Thee we come confessing,
 That our freedom thou hast wrought!

8. Gracious Child, we pray Thee, hear us,
 From Thy lowly manger cheer us,
 Gently lead us and be near us
 Till we join the angelic choir.