

Child of promise come,
Revealer of God come,
Bringer of life come,
Come to the beaten and the battered,
Come to the despised and rejected
Come to all in whom the divine image is
still distorted

We wait in joyful expectation.

Come not as an distant emperor but as a helpless babe Come not as a prince in a gold palace, but as a displaced and frightened refugee

Come not as a man of power, but in love and compassion Come to those outcast like shepherds in the field Come to foreigners like Magi watching from afar Come to rich and poor, young and old, male and female,

We wait in hopeful anticipation

Come to bless all creation with your love
Come to bring salvation on the earth
Come to rule with justice and in peace
Come Child of promise, open the windows of our hearts
Come Christ of compassion, open the doors of our homes
Come Prince of Peace, open the pathways to our lives
We wait with all the peoples of the earth
Child of hope we welcome your coming
Christ of life we welcome your coming
King of glory we welcome your coming

Amen.