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“Lo! He comes, with clouds descending”

Song of Praise Blue Hymnal 56, vs. 1 & 2
“O Come, o come, Emmanuel”

Collect for the Day

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Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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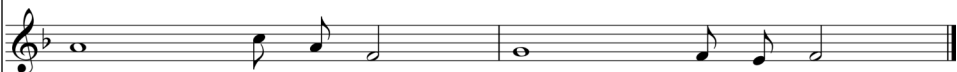
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Romans 13:11-14

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The Gospel

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Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
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People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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“Jesus came, adored by angels”
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