**Christmas Carols- week 4**

***O Come O Come Emmanuel***

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

*And ransom captive Israel*

*That mourns in lonely exile here*

*Until the Son of God appear*

*[Refrain]*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*

*Shall come to thee, O Israel*

1. Emmanuel means God with us.

*"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."* ***Matthew 1:23***

1. **God with us means:**

* He was with you.

*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!* ***Philippians 2:6-8***

* He is with you now.

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.* ***John 14:16-17***

*But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.* ***Isaiah 43:1-3***

* You will be with Him.

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.* ***John 14:3***

1. God will always be with you.

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."* ***Revelation 1:8***