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PREFATORY NOTE

THESE PRAYERS, composed by a layman for the choir in his church, have been offered in the moment before the choir enters the sanctuary for its part in the service. They have proved a means of uniting the singers in a due sense of their sacred office, and of lifting them to aspiration above that of mere artistic success. It is hoped that they may serve many other choirs as they have served the choir for which they were composed.

ADVENT

LORD JESUS, as we again draw near to Bethlehem in expectant adoration, wilt Thou replenish us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and make Thy perpetual Advent in our hearts, that we may attain to a due sense of Thine inestimable gift to us, and faithfully serve Thee with single purpose and humble voices to the glory of Thy name and the endless triumph of Thy kingdom. Amen.

CHRISTMAS

DEAR Lord Emmanuel, as shepherds and princes brought Thee their choicest gifts, when Thou tookest upon Thee the burden and sin of mankind, so now, at Thy Nativity, we bring Thee this gift of our best effort to glorify Thee with voice and instrument. Sanctify our gift with Thy presence, we pray Thee, and make it a means of grace to us and to all who worship with us. Amen.

CHRISTMAS

BLESSED Lord Jesus, wilt Thou so fix in us the perennial joy of Thy coming into this world, that we may serve Thee and glorify Thee with our whole mind and heart and utterance both now and all the days of our life. And to Thee be all honor and glory evermore. Amen.