



CHRIST THE KING
— PRESBYTERIAN —

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“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free -
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times did'st give the Law,
In cloud, and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

CALL TO WORSHIP - Based on Matthew 1:1-5

Leader: *Come, people of God, let us worship the Lord, who weaves His faithfulness through every generation.*

People: We come to celebrate the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, whose promises stand firm forever.

Leader: *Through flawed and ordinary lives, God brought forth extraordinary grace.*

People: We praise the Lord who worked through Rahab's courage, Ruth's devotion, and David's lineage to bring us Jesus Christ.

Leader: *In Christ, we see the fulfillment of all God's promises, the hope for all nations, and the light of the world.*

People: Let us worship our Redeemer, who is faithful to His covenant and rich in mercy.

Leader: *Come, let us rejoice in the God of grace, who calls us to be part of His redemptive story.*

All: We lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving! Glory to God forever! Amen.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

“Come, Thou Fount”

Words: Robert Robinson

Music: Asahel Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let thy goodness like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Faithful God, we come before You confessing that we are a people marked by weakness and failure, yet held by Your unshakable grace. Your Word reveals the story of redemption through the generations leading to Jesus Christ.

We acknowledge our own reflection in this story: We, like Abraham, are called to faith but often fall into doubt. We, like Judah, pursue self-interest instead of Your ways. We, like Rahab, need rescue from sin and restoration by grace. We, like Ruth, often feel like strangers in the land of promise.

Forgive us, Lord, for our collective pride and self-reliance, for distrusting Your plan and forgetting Your faithfulness. Forgive us for the ways we fail to love one another and the times we neglect to reflect Your mercy to the world. Lord of Grace, help us to marvel at Your wisdom, rejoice in Your steadfast love, and trust in the redemption You offer through Christ.

By Your Spirit, unite us as one body in Christ, that we may glorify You together and reflect Your kingdom to the world.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer and King. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of every promise, God has shown us His mercy and grace. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

“All Glory Be To Christ”

by Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king

All glory be to Christ

His rule and reign we'll ever sing

All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king

All glory be to Christ

His rule and reign we'll ever sing

All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

GREETING

Leader: *May the peace of Christ be with you!*

People: And also with you!

Leader: *Let us share His peace with one another.*

Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.

Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:1-5

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

by Robert J. Hughes and Charles Wesley

Come Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free
From our sins and fears release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth we long to hear!

O'er the hills the angels singing
News, Glad tidings of a birth
“Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to Earth.”

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit;
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

Minister: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People: And also with you!

Minister: *Lift up your hearts!*

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.

As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.

Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Words and Music: Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Announcements

Benediction

May the God who fulfills His promises through every generation, and who brought forth Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, fill you with faith, hope, and love as you walk in His grace. Go in peace, trusting His unchanging mercy and proclaiming His goodness to the world. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen (4x)



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