



CHRIST THE KING  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

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“O Come All Ye Faithful”

*by C. Frederick Oakeley and John Francis Wade*

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels

Sing in exultation

O sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n above

Glory to God

All Glory in the highest

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** *The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the purple flower.*

**People:** It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting!

**Leader:** *Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees.*

**People:** Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.  
He will come and save you.

**Leader:** *Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.*

**People:** For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert,

**All:** and all sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

# PRAYER OF ADORATION

# “Joy To The World”

*by George Frederic Handel and Isaac Watts*

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders wonders of His love

“God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”

*English traditional melody*

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas day,

To save us all from Satan's power  
when we were gone astray;  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father,  
a blessed angel came;  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same:

How that in Bethlehem was born  
the son of God by name.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the angel,  
"let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior  
of a pure virgin bright,

To free all those who trust in him  
from Satan's pow'r and might.”

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind  
and left their flocks a-feeding  
in tempest, storm, and wind

And went to Bethlehem straightway,  
the Son of God to find.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:2-19

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

# CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus Christ, righteous judge and eternal king,  
We confess that our hearts are often darkened  
by sin. Like those who grumbled in the  
wilderness, we resist your gracious rule. We are  
fallen, we are finite, fragile, and faltering.

Forgive our pride and our failure to trust your ways. In our impatience, we have not waited. Though you call to us, we prefer our own counsel. We want to be happy, you call us to be holy. Turn our hearts, O Lord, to listen, to trust, and to obey your commands.

Renew our minds, Father God, by the power of your Spirit. Cause our hearts to bud with the flower of righteousness. Help us walk in humility, welcome our neighbor, and live in readiness for the coming of Christ, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Hear this Good News:*

*Though we were dead in our sin, God, who is rich in mercy and great in love, made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved!*

# “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

*by Julia Harriette Johnston and Daniel Brink Towner*

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss  
Grace that is greater yes grace untold  
Points to the refuge the mighty Cross

Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide  
What can avail to wash it away  
Look there is flowing a crimson tide  
Whiter than snow you may be today

Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin

Marvelous infinite matchless grace  
Freely bestowed on all who believe  
You that are longing to see His face  
Will you this moment His grace receive

Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin

## 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

Numbers 17:1-11, 21:4-9

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!



# “I Surrender All”

*by Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter*

All to Jesus I surrender  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In His presence daily live.

I surrender all

I surrender all

All to Thee my blessed Savior

I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender  
Humbly at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken  
Take me Jesus take me now

I surrender all

I surrender all

All to Thee my blessed Savior

I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender  
Make me Savior wholly Thine  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit  
Truly know that Thou art mine

I surrender all

I surrender all

All to Thee my blessed Savior

I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender  
Lord I give myself to Thee  
Fill me with Thy love and power  
Let Thy blessing fall on me

I surrender all  
I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior  
I surrender all

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

**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.*

# “King of Kings”

*by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram,  
and Scott Ligertwood*

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus, for our sake You died

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

# Announcements

# Benediction

*May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
you may abound in hope. 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.



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