

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let earth and heaven combine, Angels and men agree,
To praise in songs divine, The incarnate Deity,
Our God contracted to a span, Incomprehensibly made Man.

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship: Philippians 4.4-5

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.
People: I will say it again: Rejoice!
Leader: Let your gentleness be evident to all.
People: The Lord is near!
Leader: Let’s rejoice in the hope of Christ’s coming!
People: Let’s worship God!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Immanuel, / and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here / until the Son of God appear.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel / shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,/ who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show / and teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain

O come, O come, great Lord of might, / who to your tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times did give the law / in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

O come, O Bright and Morning Star, / and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night / and turn our darkness into light.

Refrain

O come, O King of nations, bind / in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease / and be yourself our King of Peace.

Refrain

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel: 1 Corinthians 15.47-49

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel: Romans 5.17

For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, / wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye who sang creation’s story / now proclaim Messiah’s birth

Refrain
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, / watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; / yonder shines the infant light

Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations, / brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; / ye have seen his natal star

Refrain

Advent Reading: Luke 1.5-25

Hymn of Meditation: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow;
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Prayer of Intercession:

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.

Children dismissed for Little Church

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1-3; Luke 3.23-38

Sermon: Jesus, the New Adam

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Profession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam’s first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Q. 20. Did God leave mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

Hymn of Response: As with Gladness Men of Old Men

As with gladness men of old / Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,/ Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious God, may we / Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped / To that lowly cradle bed,
There to bend the knee before / Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet / Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare / At that cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, / Pure, and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, / Christ, to thee, our heav’nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev’ry day / Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past, / Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, / Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav’nly country bright / Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, / Thou its Sun which goes not down;
There for ever may we sing / Alleluias to our King.

Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.