

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near....*

Eagle Scout Presentation:

Bo Blossom

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Call to Worship:

Isaiah 40.3-5

Leader: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**People: Every valley shall be lifted up, and
Every mountain and hill be made low;**

Leader: The uneven ground shall become level,
And the rough places a plain.

**People: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”**

Leader: Let’s worship the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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;

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

God of God, Light of Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above:
“Glory to God, all glory in the highest!”

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv’n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

Refrain

God Cleanses Us by His Grace

Conviction of the Gospel:

2 Corinthians 3.18

**And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being
transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For
this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

Confession of Sin

Comfort of the Gospel:

2 Corinthians 5.21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become
the righteousness of God.

God Consecrates Us by Praise and Prayer

Hymn of Thanksgiving:

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus!

Come, thou long expected Jesus, / born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins 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.”

Advent Reading:

Luke 1.26-38

Hymn of Meditation:

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus!

Come to earth to taste our sadness, / he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, / our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, / born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, / Christ was born the Lord of all.

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

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.

God Counsels Us through His Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 15.1-21; Luke 2.134-14; John 1.14

Sermon:

Jesus, the Glory Cloud

God Communes with Us in the Sacrament

Profession of Faith:

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 35. What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the
virgin Mary?”

**A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God,
took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and
blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become
David’s true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.**

Hymn of Preparation

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, / and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, / for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, / our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, / as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, / in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful / his own self for heav’nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven / spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth/ from the realms of endless day,
that the pow’rs of hell may vanish / as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, / cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, / as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia, / alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Sursum Corda:

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

God Commissions Us to Serve Him

Hymn of Response

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

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 pow’r / when we were gone astray;

Refrain

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

From God our heav’nly 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,

Refrain

“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.”

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.