

Order of Worship

Dec 01, 2024

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Chanted by Singers)

Psalm 25:1-6, 10, 20-21

*Please rise as you are able, in body
or in spirit as we sing together.

GATHERING SONG (STAND)

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper
ACS 901 v. 1, 2, 3

*Now the heavens start to whisper,
as the veil is growing thin.
Earth from slumber wakes to listen
to the stirring, faint within:
seed of promise, deeply planted,
child to spring from Jesse's stem!
Like the soil beneath the frost-line,
hearts grow soft to welcome him.*

*Like the soil beneath the frost-line,
hearts grow soft to welcome him.*

*Heavy clouds that block the moonlight
now begin to drift away.
Diamond brilliance through the darkness
shines the hope of coming day.
Christ, the morning star of splendor,
gleams within a world grown dim.
Heaven's ember fans to fullness;
hearts grow warm to welcome him.*

Heaven's ember fans to fullness;

hearts grow warm to welcome him.

*Christ, eternal sun of justice,
Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
come to bless with fire and fragrance
hours of yearning, hurt, and need.
In the lonely, in the stranger,
in the outcast hid from view;
Child who comes to grace the manger,
teach our hearts to welcome you.*

*Child who comes to grace the manger,
teach our hearts to welcome you.*

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Music: Welsh melody, arr. hymnal version
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(STAND)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one
God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence
of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human
authority alone.
We grow fearful.
We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,

**we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our
neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,

**we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness,
life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of
God through + Christ Jesus,
whose day draws near

Amen.

(STAND)

KYRIE/THIS IS THE FEAST

Kyrie

*Hear us now, O Prince of Peace,
O come, Emmanuel.*

*Heal our hearts and set us free,
O come, Emmanuel.*

O come.

O come.

*Light for all the world to see,
O come, Emmanuel.*

*Grant us mercy, grant us peace,
O come, Emmanuel.*

O come.

O come.

O come.

Come, Emmanuel.

(STAND)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power,
Lord Christ, and come.
By your merciful protection
alert us to the threatening
dangers of our sins,
and redeem us
for your life of justice,
for you live and reign
with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*You may be seated.
The children are invited to come
forward for the Children's Message.

(Piano: "Jesus Loves Me")

WORD

KIDS TIME

LIGHTING OF THE
ADVENT CANDLES

(Reading by one of the children)

Congregational Response:
**Come, Lord Jesus.
Light of the World.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord
be with you always.
And also with you.

Let us share a sign of peace
with one another.

(Sharing of the Peace)

SCRIPTURE SONG

Hope of the Earth

*Hope of the earth, promise of ages.
light for the world to see.
Spirit of wisdom, power and love.
Come, bring us peace.*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-36

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

AND

SERMON SONG

(SLIDES)

(Song will be interwoven with Sermon)

O Come O Come Emanuel

ELW 257 v 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1

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

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

2 *O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.*

Refrain

3 *O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.* Refrain

4 *O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.*

Refrain

5 *O come, O 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.* Refrain

6 *O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.*

Refrain

7 *O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.* Refrain

1 *O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.* Refrain

*Please rise as you are able,
in body or in spirit.

(STAND)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together.

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand
of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

(STAND)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

For the Healing of the Nations

After each petition: *Peace be yours.*

Chorus:

***For the healing of the nations,
we pray to you, O God.***

(2x)

MEAL

OFFERING

*(the Presider presents the Offering
plates to the Ushers)*

We return to God
what was first given to us.

*(the Offering plates are passed
—the Ushers wait at the back)*

*(Presider motions the Ushers forward
and receives the Offering plates)*

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, receive and bless
these gifts of your own bounty.
Let them be a sign of your steadfast
love and faithfulness for all people,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

(STAND)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks
to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

It is our duty and delight
that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ,
whose coming the prophets and John
the Baptist announced with great joy,
and so with the church on earth,
all creation and the host of heaven,
we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

***Hosannah
in the highest!
Hosannah! Hosannah!
Holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosannah
in the highest!
Hosannah! Hosannah!***

***Holy, holy Lord,
we bring our praise to thee.
Blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosannah
in the highest!
Hosannah! Hosannah!***

Words and Music: Janine Dexter and Leah Cole

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying:
Take and eat; this is my body,
given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying:
This cup is the new covenant
in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by God's Holy
Spirit we pray together:

The Lord's Prayer **(SLIDES)**

*You may be seated.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

During communion,
Prayer Ministers are available in the
entrance area (to my right) for
personal intercessory prayer requests.
Anyone is invited to meet with them
throughout our time of communion.
The communion bread we serve is
gluten free; the wafers are not.
Red wine is around the outside
of the tray;
white grape juice is in the center.
If you wish to receive a blessing only,
you may indicate that
with folded hands.
This is Christ's table.
As such, all are welcome.
Come, receive.
The ushers will guide you forward.

(Communion begins)

LAMB OF GOD

*Lamb of God,
have mercy.
Grant us peace,
grant us peace.*

(Repeat)

Words and Music: Leah Cole

*(Communion continues
—Communion concludes)*

* Please rise as you are able, in body or
in spirit.

(STAND)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,
we thank you for coming among us,
for showering us with mercy,
for leading us into peace.
In bread and cup you have revealed
your glory for all people to see.
Nourished by this meal, send us out to
proclaim your good news to
everyone.

Amen.

SENDING

*You may be seated for Our Life
Together Announcements.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

*(Announcements—
Worship Team Lay Leader will facilitate)*

*Please rise as you are able, in body or
in spirit, as we sing together.

SENDING SONG

(STAND)

In the Day of the Lord

v, 1, 3, 4, 5

Chorus:
***In the day of the Lord,
the sun will shine
like the dawn of eternal day.
All creation will rise
to dance and sing
the glory of the Lord!***

Verse 1:
***And on that day
will justice triumph,
on that day will all be free:
free from want,
free from fear, free to live!***

Chorus

Verse 3:
***And they shall beat
their swords to plowshares;
there will be an end to war:
one in peace,
one in love, one in God!***

Chorus

Verse 4:
***For Israel
shall be delivered,
and the desert lands will bloom.
Say to all,
“Do not fear, Here is your God!”***

Chorus

Verse 5:
***And on that day
of Christ in glory,
God will wipe away our tears,
and the dead
shall rise up from their graves!***

Chorus

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BLESSING

(STAND)

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God our hope for the journey,
+ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

(STAND)

Go in peace.
Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

