



CHRIST CHURCH
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Prelude - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here,
 Until the Son of God appear.

*(Chorus) Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, O come, thou Lord of Might
 Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
 In ancient times didst give the law
 In cloud and majesty and awe.

3. O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
 Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
 From depths of hell thy people save,
 And give them victory o'er the grave.
(Chorus)

4. O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 An death's dark shadows put to flight.
(Chorus)

5. O come, thou Key of David, come
 And open wide our heavenly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery.
(Chorus) 2X

Praise

Call to Worship - Psalm 31.23-24

- [23] Love the LORD, all you his saints!
 The LORD preserves the faithful
 but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.
- [24] Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
 all you who wait for the LORD! (ESV)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise - Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

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1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
 Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
 Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
 Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
 In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
 And wither and perish - but naught changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
 Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
 All praise we would render; O help us to see
 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Affirmation of Faith - Westminster Shorter Catechism

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Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

***Congregation:* Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

Hymn of Praise - Holy, Holy, Holy

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1. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
who were, and are,
and evermore shall be.

3. Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r,
in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
blessed Trinity!

Confession

Scriptural Warning - Psalm 2.1-6

- [1] Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
- [2] The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- [3] “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”
- [4] He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
- [5] Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- [6] “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.” (ESV)

Way of Salvation - Psalm 2.7-12

- [7] I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
- [8] Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- [9] You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
- [10] Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- [11] Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
- [12] Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (ESV)

Confession of Sin - Book of Common Prayer Second Advent Collect

Congregation: Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:

Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn of Confession - Thou Who Was Rich, Beyond all Splendor

By Frank Houghton, 1874-1972, Trinity Hymn 230
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1. Thou who was rich beyond all splendor,
All for love's sake became poor;
Throne surrendered for a manger,
Sapphire courts for a stable floor.

2. Thou who art God beyond all praising,
All for loves sake became man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising,
Heavenward by thine eternal plan.

*(Refrain) So we would know,
How far you'll go
In order to show us love.*

3. Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior, we crown you our King.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us into what you'd have us be.
(Refrain)

4. Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Nothing in my hands I bring.
All that I am, I ask, be melting,
Make me into what you'd have me be.

Assurance of Pardon - 1 Peter 2.9-10

[9] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. [10] Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (ESV)

Exhortation to Holiness - 1 Peter 2.13-17

[13] Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, [14] or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. [15] For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. [16] Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. [17] Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Hymn of Response - Advent Hymn

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1. Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the Everlasting Light
Son of Righteousness arise
Triumph o'er these shades of night

2. Come Thou long awaited one
In the fullness of Your Love
Loose this heat bound up by shame
And I will never be the same

*(Chorus) So here I wait in hope of You,
All my soul's longing through and through
Dayspring from on high be near
Daystar in my heart appear*

3. Dark and cheerless is the morn
'Till Your love in me is born
Joyless is the evening sun
'Till Emmanuel has come
(Chorus)

Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading - [2 Samuel 7](#)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon - [Luke 1.26–36](#)

Waiting on the Promises of God (pt. 2)

Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn - O, Come All Ye Faithful

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1. 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;

*(Chorus) O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

2. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens
Of Heaven above;
Glory to God glory in the highest;
(Chorus)

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee
Born this happy morning:
Jesus to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing;
(Chorus)

Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Response

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Thanksgiving - Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Words by Johannes Olearius (1671)

Music by Lance Johnston & Treva Blomquist

1. “Comfort, Comfort now my people; speak of peace!” so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow’s load.
To God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.

2. For the herald’s voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance since the kingdom now is here
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!

3. Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God’s word is never broken.

Benediction - Revelation 1.4–7

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, [5] and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood [6] and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. [7] Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. (ESV)

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