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At Home Bulletin

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
O Lord shine your light upon us. We await the coming of Christ.*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.**

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Psalm 118:26-29

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning over us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.

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Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me (*chorus*)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me. (*chorus*)

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus is the Light of the World.

**O, Father, we have not worshipped Christ as we ought.
We have treated the gospel as merely a good idea,
instead of the good news of Christ's light
breaking into a world trapped in darkness.
Forgive us, O Lord.**

Christ commands us to make disciples of all nations.

**Yet, we have subsumed the mission of Christ
under our own priorities and desires.
We have lifted ourselves up instead of Christ.**

Gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

**Forgive us for the way we have hidden the light of the gospel
with our impure motives, our foolish actions,
and our hurtful words.
Purify us and make us vehicles of blessing,
as we proclaim Christ.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand

of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

Apostles Creed

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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 thee, O Israel.

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. *(refrain)*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse,
free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(refrain)*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing night,
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *(refrain)*

O come, thou 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)*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-5, 14-19; Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27

Pew Bible pp. 1 & 1041

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“The Source of Light”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen. Public Domain

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ

HYMN OF SENDING

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and for evermore be thine.

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; tr. 1850, 1873;

CRUSADER'S HYMN Silesian Folk melody; *Schlesische Volkslieder*, Leipzig, 1842

BENEDICTION*