



December 10, 2023 — Advent, Week 2

At Home Bulletin

WELCOME and ADVENT READING

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For He has visited and redeemed his people.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

**Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

Psalm 105:1-6

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Psalm 89:17-35

Tune: Ode to Joy

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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 ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry 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."

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.

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GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." *Matthew 5:33-37*

O Lord, we are your children, adopted by grace and made heirs through Christ.

But we are discontent to be children and seek to be masters.

We are unwilling to live in dependence upon Christ.

We have been ashamed to confess that our hope is in a crucified savior.

Hear us as we confess our sin.

**We confuse cynicism with maturity, and glorify ambition over humility.
We confess that we have allowed our thoughts and words to tear down,
instead of building a household of faith knit together in love.**

Lord, we have fed on poisoned food and drunk from polluted wells.

Tear down the walls to dependence on you.

May our hunger be solely for Christ, in whom is true nourishment.

Help us to be a holy priesthood, offering our lives in sacrifice to you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:2-4

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.

What has Christ done?

All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Why should we follow Christ?

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

-Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20 & Hebrews 1:1-4

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

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

Luke 1:26-38

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Humble King”

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.

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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

All to Jesus I Surrender

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give;
May I ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

Refrain

I surrender all, I surrender all.

All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now. (*refrain*)

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly thine
May thy Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy pow'r divine. (*refrain*)

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee
Fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. (*refrain*)

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: The Humble King