



December 11, 2022 | Advent Week 3

A Home Bulletin

Jesus our joy is coming.

Jesus our Lord and Savior is coming. Praise be to God

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!

While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

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Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
O 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.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token, that his word is never broken.

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1671; Music: THIRSTING Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord God, who keeps his covenant promises,
the God of steadfast love and mercy.

**We confess that we are covenant breakers.
You are faithful, but we have been faithless.**

Even when we were sinners you sent your son to die for us.

**Instead of loving devotion,
our commitment has been weak,
and our obedience has been poor.
We have sinned against our Lord and Savior.**

We ask for forgiveness, O Lord.

**We cling to your covenant promises and ask you
to strengthen us with love for you that we might
follow you with new obedience and devotion.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

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!"

Liturgy of St. James, 5th Century; Adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864;
PICARDY, French Melody 17th Century, Arr. By Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 30:1-31

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Shepherd King”

Pastor Ian Hard

[Please find the sermon outline and/or space for notes after
the *Benediction* at the end of bulletin.]

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glori 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

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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BENEDICTION