



*December 5, 2021 | Advent Week 2*

**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**

Lord, send out your Light and your truth;  
let them lead us;  
let them bring us to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!

**Then we will go to the altar of God,  
to God, our exceeding joy,  
and we will praise Him with the lyre,  
O God, our God.**

*adapted from Psalm 43:3-4*

**INVOCATION\***

**SONGS OF PRAISE\***

*O Worship the King* Hymn 2

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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***Forever***

Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

**Chorus**

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us, forever

From the rising to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise (*chorus*)

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.  
**Yet, we have closed our eyes to the light of your Word.  
We have claimed sight that we do not possess  
and we have stumbled in our arrogance.  
Forgive us for thinking our ways superior to your law.**

The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,  
**But we have not trusted in the King of Kings,  
the Creator of all.**

Forgive us for trusting ourselves instead of You.  
**Forgive us for disobedience  
which displays a delight in ourselves  
instead of a delight in you, O Lord,  
the author and perfecter of our salvation.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Titus 2:11-14  
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,  
training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live  
self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for  
our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior  
Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness  
and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are  
zealous for good works.

## 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

### 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 \*

### *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 13:17-14:31

*Pew Bible p.55*

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

## SERMON

“Emmanuel: God With Us”

Pastor Ian Hard

The Presence of God...

1. Leading

2. Constant

3. Mighty to Save

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

### *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. 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*

## MERCY OFFERING

## HYMN OF SENDING

### *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 bringin; 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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## BENEDICTION\*