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At Home Bulletin

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 100*

## INVOCATION

## SONGS OF PRAISE

*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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*To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the son,  
And give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. *(refrain)*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be,  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *(refrain)*

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## GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." *Genesis 2:16-17*

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?

**Lord we have turned away from you, our only hope.**

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us,  
**yet we act as if there is no reason for hope.**

Your Son sacrificed for us, rose victorious over sin and death.

**Forgive us Lord for our cynicism, our doubt,  
and our hopelessness.**

**We confess that we find it easier to trust in our gadgets,  
our bank account, and our reputations  
than in the hope of the Eternal King.**

**We claim to have the hope of the gospel,  
but despair at the prospect of suffering and persecution.**

**Awake in us afresh a hopeful trust in you.**

**You are our only hope for forgiveness and restoration.**

**Restore to us a love of holiness and delight in your way.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

**Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.**

How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

**Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation?**

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

**Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.**

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**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.**

*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 21, 23-26*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*1 John 5:1-2*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

## 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

*Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to receive the food of your holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness;  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, til your church is built,  
And the earth is filled with your glory.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:21-38

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

## SERMON

“Born for This”

Pastor Ian Hard

## 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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Sermon NOTES: Born for This

## 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

#### *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;  
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed;  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever - that name to us is Love.

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## BENEDICTION