



# ***The Incarnation of our Lord***

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## The Bells Announce The Birth of a King!

Opening Hymn: #55 *"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"*  
(Please rise for verse 4)

## Invocation

## Call to Worship

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

**C: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

**C: The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.**

P: We gather for worship on this holy morning in the name of the true and only God,

**C: May his name be praised forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Confession of Sins and Absolution

P: Let us now join and make confession of the sins which we have committed in thought, word and actions.

**C: (please sing) tune CW #11**

**Faithful Father, now before you do I come with fervent plea. Though unworthy, I implore you still be merciful to me. Let your face upon me shine when before you I recline; Let your Gospel give me gladness, and relieve my soul's sadness.**

P: In his wonderful mercy, God promised to send his own Son to be our Savior and Substitute. Again in love God accepted the perfect life and innocent death which Jesus offered on our behalf to atone for our sins. Therefore, on the basis of Christ's work and God's own promise, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: (please sing)**

**Praise and thanks and adoration, Son of God, to you we give, for you chose to serve creation died that Adam's heirs might live. Dear Lord, Jesus, guide my way; faithful let me day to day follow where your steps are leading, find your love and joy exceeding.**

Christmas Collect

Confession of Faith

(Sung to the tune of CW #65)

*Select voices:*

*In God the Father we believe, the Lord of hosts his name.*

*All things from him their form receive;*

*by his strong Word they came.*

*By him was all created in earth and heav'n above.*

*He made them all, things great and small,*

*by his great pow'r and love.*

**C:** In God's Son Jesus we believe,  
who came at God's own hour,  
whom Virgin Mary did conceive by Holy Spirit's pow'r.  
He suffered and was buried, was raised at God's own call  
To reign on high, and to draw nigh  
at last as Judge of all.

**C:** In Holy Spirit we believe  
and in Christ's Church on earth.  
The saints united, faith receive,  
a gift of precious worth.  
He sanctifies and keeps us by his empow'ring love.  
For-gi-ven, we the grave shall flee, to live with God above.

Choir Anthem: "Good Christian Men, Rejoice Medley"

## ***Christmas Day Meditation on the Names of Jesus***

### ***The Branch or Rod***

#### Meditation and Scripture

Sung Response: *"Behold a Branch is Growing"*

Behold, a Branch is growing Of loveliest form and grace,  
As prophets sang, foreknowing; It springs from Jesse's race  
And bears one little flow'r In midst of coldest winter,  
At deepest midnight hour.

This flow'r, so small and tender, With fragrance fills the air;  
His brightness ends the darkness That kept the earth in fear.  
True God and yet true man, He came to save his people  
From earth's dark night of sin.

### ***The Bright and Morning Star***

#### Meditation and Scripture

Sung Response: *"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"*

How lovely shines the Morning Star! The nations see and  
hail afar The light in Judah shining. O David's Son of  
Jacob's race, My Bridegroom and my King of grace,  
For you my heart is pining. Lowly, Holy, Great and glorious,  
O victorious Prince of graces, Filling all the heav'nly places.

Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are  
Lord, beginning without end, The first  
and last, eternal! And you at length -- O  
glorious grace -- Will take me to that holy  
place, The home of joys supernal.  
Amen, Amen! Come and meet me,  
Quickly greet me! With deep yearning,  
Lord, I look for your returning.



## ***The Light of the World***

### Meditation and Scripture

Sung Response: “*On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*”

On Christmas night all Christians sing; to hear the news the angels bring;  
On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring,  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King’s birth.

From out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night.  
From out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night:  
“Glory to God and peace to men now and forevermore. Amen.”

## ***The Key of David***

### Meditation and Scripture

Sung Response – select voices: “*Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*”

## ***Prince of Peace***

### Meditation and Scripture

Sung Response: “*The People that in Darkness Sat*”

To us a child of hope is born,  
To us a son is giv’n,  
And on his shoulders ever rests  
All pow’r in earth and heav’n,  
All pow’r in earth and heav’n.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored,  
The God by all adored.

**HE WILL  
BE CALLED**  
*Wonderful Counselor,*  
**MIGHTY GOD,**  
*Everlasting Father,*  
**PRINCE OF PEACE.**  
Isaiah 9 : 6

# ***The King of Kings – Lord of Lords***

## Meditation and Scripture

### Sung Response: “What Child is This”

vv. 1,3 congregation; v. 2 select voices

**C:** What child is this who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet With anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!

*Select voices:           Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where oxen now are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear; For sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through;  
The cross he'll bear for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!*

**C:** So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings Salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high;  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the Son of Mary!



## We Gather Our Offerings of Thanks

### ***The Christmas Gospel***

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

***The Incarnate Lord Comes to us  
in bread and wine!***

The Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you, his servant.**

P: Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**C: (please sing) tune CW #2**

**For your mercy and your grace,**

**Faithful Lord, we now implore.**

**Hear our songs of thankfulness;**

**Grant us mercy evermore**

**Yes, our sins on you were cast,**

**You, the Christ whom we adore**

**Hear our song of thankfulness;**

**Grant us mercy evermore.**

The Proper Preface

P: Thanks and praise to you, Father, almighty Creator, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old your faithful people waited for the day of your visitation which at last you showed forth when the time had fully come and you sent Jesus Christ, your Son. Having seen his glory, we now wait for the day of his Second Coming, when he will arrive as Judge and King. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

**C: (please sing) tune CW #61**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!**

**Heaven and earth cannot contain all the glory of your**

**name! Hail, Hosanna, God most high! Blest is he who now draws nigh. In the name of God the King!**

**Hal-le-lu-jahs, glad we sing: Hail, Hosanna! Praises due be forever, Lord, to you!**

The Lord's Prayer – spoken in unison

The Words of Institution – Pastor and Select voices

## The Agnus Dei – Choir

Close Communion: *In accordance with God's command in Corinthians, we at Christ practice close communion. This means that only members of our church or of one in fellowship with us may commune.*

Distribution Hymn: CW #38 *“From Heaven Above”*

## The Thanksgiving

**(At the Pastors direction please rise and sing the song of thanksgiving sung to the tune “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”) v. 1 select voices v. 2,3 congregation**

Select voice: *Oh, thank the Lord and sing his praise,  
What he had done proclaim!  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
And proudly bear his name  
Who leads his thankful people forth  
His promises to claim.  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!*

**C:** Lord, let your servant go in peace,  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My eyes have seen the saving work  
Which for the world you willed.  
The glory of your chosen race  
As light for all revealed.  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

**C:** Oh, praise to God the Father,  
And praise to God the Son,  
And praise to God the Spirit,  
Most blessed three in one,  
As ‘twas is now, and e’er shall be  
While endless ages run!  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

## The Blessing

The Closing Hymn: CW #62 *“Joy to the World”*