



4th Sunday
OF
Advent
CHURCH OF THE KING

Call to Worship:

Where God calls us into His presence

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began, That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us, To perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. *Luke 1:68-75*

God's people respond with a hymn of praise based on Luke 2:15

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels;**

Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;**

Refrain

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb.
Son of the Father, begotten not created;**

Refrain

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;**

Refrain

Salutation & Response [based on Mt. 28:19, Ruth 2:4; Is. 9:6 & Ps 72:11]

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit **AMEN**

Jehovah be with you

And also with you

For unto us a child is born

Unto Us a Son is given

And let all kings fall down before Him,

All nations serve Him

Lord's Day Service ~ December 13th 2009

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us in Christ

The call for confession from God's Word

"Now, therefore," says Jehovah, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to Jehovah your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm." *Joel 2:12,13*

God's People Join in a Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." *Isaiah 7:14*

VENI EMMANUEL (8 8. 8 8. 8 8)
13th century plainsong
arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856

Latin antiphon, 12th century
tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on
3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
4. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un -
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the law In
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And

til the Son of God ap - pear.
cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Silent Confession

"Be merciful to me, O Jehovah, for I cry to You all day long. Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Jehovah, I lift up my soul. For You, Jehovah, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. Give ear, O Jehovah, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, for You will answer me." Psalm 86:3-7

Corporate Prayer of Confession

"Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers." Nehemiah 9:2

O God, we confess that we often live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We have often ignored Christ whom you sent to be among us, and to be in us. Forgive us our sins, we beseech You, and cleanse us, for the sake of Jesus whom You sent to be our Savior and Lord. Forgive us, O Lord, for not opening our eyes to your coming. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. AMEN!

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness

From Psalm 85:1-4

"But while Joseph thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

[Jesus said] "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost."

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification; and for His sake forgives you all your sins.

This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

Angels We Have Heard On High

"And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"." Luke 2:9-14

GLORIA (7 7. 7 7. Ref.)
French carol
arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

French carol

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Glo - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

The Coming of the Savior *John 1:1-14* [read responsively]

1 In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

4 In Him was life,

and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness did not comprehend it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

"Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night." Luke 2:8

MEDELSSOHN (7777, 7777, 77)
Felix Mendelssohn, 1840
arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Come, De - sire of na - tions, come, Fix in us Thy hun - ble home;
4. Ad - am's like - ness, Lord, ef - face, Stamp Thine im - age in its place:
5. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time, be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Rise, the wom - an's con - qu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head.
Sec - ond Ad - an from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Now dis - play Thy sav - ing pow'r, Ru - ined na - ture now re - store;
Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain, Thee, the Life, the in - ner man:
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Now in mys - tic un - ion join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.
O, to all Thy self im - part, Formed in each be - liev - ing heart.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, And teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

"Far As the Curse is Found"

From Pastor Michael Denna, based on Luke 2:34-35 & Revelation 6:7-8

God's People Sing a Hymn of Praise:

[congregation standing]

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY (8 7. 8 7. 8 7)
French traditional carol, 17th century
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
Unison

Litany of St. James
tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way, As the Light of light de - scend - eth
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

For with bless - ing in His hand, Christ our God to
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to
From the realms of end - less day, That the pow'rs of
As with cease - less voice they cry: Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.
all the faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
hell may van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

God receives our tithes and gifts as a Tribute Offering [read in unison]

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the Lord of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. ”And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” Says the Lord of hosts; “And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land,” Says the Lord of hosts.” Malachi 3:10-12

The Collection of our tithes and offerings

The singing of Psalm 134 & the Doxology

The Collection of our tithes & offerings and the singing of the Doxology

[First three verses based on Psalm 134, with credit to Anglo-Genevan Psalter & Jamie Soles]

*1: Come bless the Lord with one accord,
You faithful servants of the Lord
Who in His house do stand by night
And praise Him there with all your might*

*2: Lift up your hands in prayer draw nigh
Unto His sanctuary high
O bless the Lord, kneel at His feet
And worship Him with reverence meet*

*3: The Lord now bless you from above
From Zion in His boundless love
Our God, who heaven and earth did frame
Blest be His great and holy Name*

*4: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Prayer, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

“Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer.” Psalm 6:9

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy 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 the evil one,
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN** [Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

*“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?
The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?” 1 Corinthians 10:16*

Preparation for Communion:

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized and are in good standing in Christ’s Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Apostles' Creed

Music by Amber Fisher

Piano

I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-might-ty, Ma-ker of hea-ven and earth;

8

And in Jc-sus Christ, His on-ly be-got-ten Son, our Lord, Who was con-ceived by the

16

Ho-ly Spi-rit, born of the vir-gin Ma-ry, Suf-fered un-der Pon-tius

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Pi-late, was cru-ci-fied, dead and bur-ied; He de-scend-ed in-to

35

hell, the third day He rose a-gain from the dead; He as-cend-ed in-to

43

heav-en, and sit-teth at the right hand of God the Fath-er Al-might-ty; From

52

thence He shall come to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit;

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I be-lieve a ho-ly catholic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins; the

70

re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, and the life ev-er-last-ing. A-men.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A word of encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the bread

God's People Sing a hymn of thanks and celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

Good Christian Men Rejoice

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Medieval Latin carol
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.
Arr. 1961

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German melody, 14th cent.
Arr. by W. D., 1978

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the bread together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning* *The LORD Blesses and Sends Forth His People

"But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." [Matthew 2:20-23]

Our Final Responsive Reading: **Psalm 98**

1 Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!

For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

2 The Lord has made known His salvation;

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

5 Sing to the Lord with the harp,

With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

The world and those who dwell in it;

8 Let the rivers clap their hands;

Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord,

9 For He is coming to judge the earth.

With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

The Singing of Joy to the World

DESERT (LYNGHAM)(C.M. rep.)
Thomas Jarman, c. 1803

1. Joy to the wor - ld the Lo - rd is - come! Let

earth re - ceive her - King, Let ear - th re - ceive her King!

Let ev - ery hea - rt pre - pa - re him - room.

2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy!

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love!

And
And heaven - and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture

And heaven - and na - ture sing, and
heaven - and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture sing, and

sing, and hea - ven and na - ture sing!

hea - ven and na - ture sing!

hea - ven and na - ture sing!

God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22

“Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains!
For Jehovah has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.

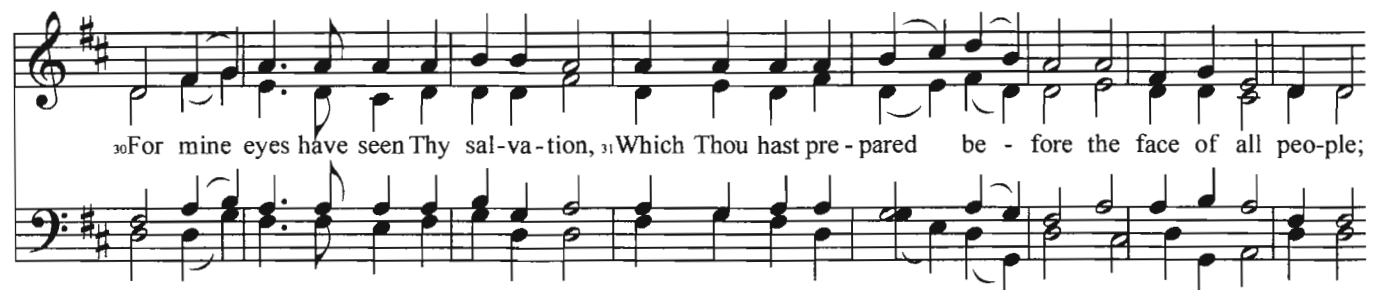
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Amen.**” *Isaiah 49:13; I Thessalonians 5:28*

God’s People Depart to Serve the Risen & Reigning Savior by Singing:

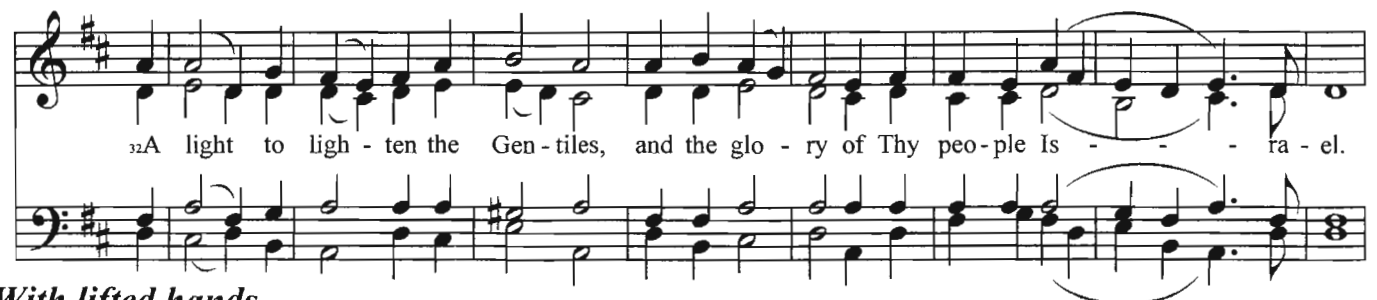
Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri



²⁹Lord, now let- test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word:

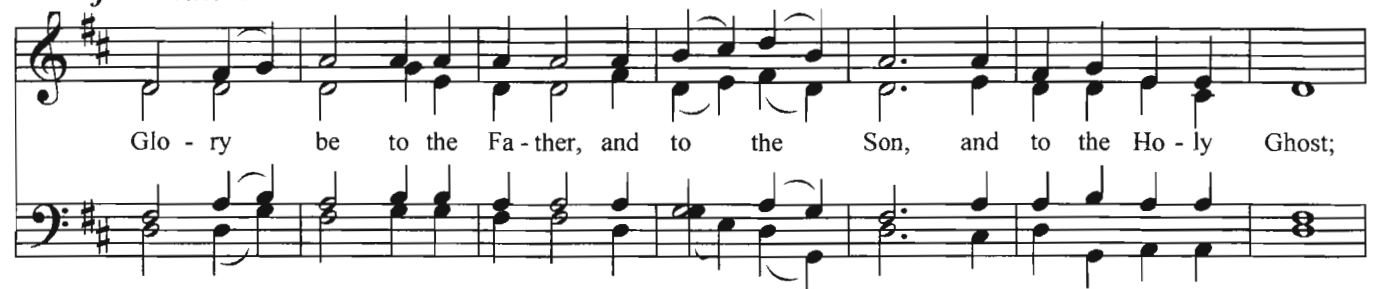


³⁰For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va- tion, ³¹Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo-ple;



³²A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tiles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - - ra- el.

-- *With lifted hands* --



Glo- ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost;



as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now and ev- er shall be, world with- out end. A- men.