
Emmanuel!

SONG OF WORSHIP

(choir)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

(all, standing)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**O come, Desire of nations,
Bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

CALL TO WORSHIP: Matthew 1:18-23

SONG OF EXPECTATION

**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 every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Come to earth to taste our sadness, He who glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born with in 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!**

(please be seated)

WELCOME

Taylor Park, Executive Pastor

GOD AT WORK

Men's and Women's India/Nepal Teams

PASTORAL PRAYER

PSALMS OF CHRISTMAS IN LUKE'S GOSPEL

The Benedictus of Zechariah (Luke 1)

CHORAL PRAISE

(choir)

*Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His incarnate Word.*

Chosen first among the priests
To serve within the temple walls,
Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.
*Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His incarnate Word.*

“Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
Will come to raise salvation's horn.
God incarnate, Word made flesh, to a virgin shall be born.”
*Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His incarnate Word.*

Christ brings light to sin's dark night:
Our Dayspring, Jesus from on high,
Saints and angels sing God's praise. All the earth and Heav'ns reply:
*Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.
Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome His incarnate Word.*

SONG OF HOPE

(choir)

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, Who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

(all, standing)

**Come behold the wondrous mystery, He, the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.**

**Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord, upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.**

(please be seated)

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 17:24-25, 30-31

Lynn Ballinger

SERMON

Seth Stevens, Associate Pastor

The God Not Served By Human Hands

COMMUNION

RESPONSE

(all, standing)

**Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be, when He comes.**

UNISON READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham.

Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

SONGS OF INCARNATION

**What hope we hold this starlit night:
A King is born in Bethlehem.
Our journey long, we seek the light that leads to the hallowed manger ground.**

**What fear we felt in the silent age,
Four hundred years can He be found?
But broken by a baby's cry; rejoice in the hallowed manger ground.**

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel.*

**The Son of God, here, born to bleed;
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow.
And we beheld this offering, exalted now, the King of kings,
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground.**

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel. (repeat)*

Praise His name, Emmanuel.

(please be seated)

**You stepped down from heaven, humbly You came.
God of all creation here with us. In a starlit manger, Emmanuel.
Light of the world here to save.**

***Adore, come let us adore. O, come let us adore Him the Lord.
Worship Christ the Lord, let all that is within us adore.***

**Wise men bring their treasures, shepherds bow low.
Angel voices sing of peace on earth. What have I to offer to heaven's King?
I will bring my life, my love, my all.**

***Adore, come let us adore. O, come let us adore Him the Lord.
Worship Christ the Lord, let all that is within us adore.***

**Angels sing, praises ring to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, here with us, joy awakening. At Your feet we fall. (repeat)**

***Adore, come let us adore. O, come let us adore Him the Lord.
Worship Christ the Lord, let all that is within us adore. (repeat)***

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

**Praise the Lord, whose loving splendor shines into the darkest night;
O what praises shall we offer for this neverending light?
Praise the God of our salvation; praise Him who redeemed our loss;
Sing with joy and celebration: "Hallelujah! God with us!"**

BENEDICTION

CHRISTMAS, ADVENT

A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes, does various unessential things, and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas
WorshipQuotables Dec 1, 2016*

Worship Leaders: The *Worship Choir*; Trent England, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Leesa Wilkinson, flute; Shelly Sublett, oboe, English horn; Grace Cumbee, violin; Audrey Fuhrman, violin; Beth Luscombe, viola; Sarah Nowlin, cello; Betsy Man, string bass; Doris Shifflette, French horn; Jonathan Fratesi, guitar, vocal; Nick Toebe, bass guitar; Brandon Herrington, electric guitar; John Rawlinson, drums
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