

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25, 2022

Prelude

O Come O Come Emmanuel

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 you, O Israel.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

Holy God,

We confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition.

We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.

**We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word,
swaddle our hearts with your peace, and empower our lives to reflect your love born among us.**

Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary,
Christ the Lord. In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

1. I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.
2. The little Child in Bethlehem, he was a King indeed!
For he came down from heav'n above to help a world in need.
3. He dwells again in heaven's realm, the Son of God today,
And still he loves his little ones and hears them when they pray.
4. I am so glad each Christmas Eve! His praises then I sing,
He opens now for every child the palace of the King.
5. And so I love each Christmas Eve, and I love Jesus, too,
And that he loves me every day I know so well is true.

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Hymn of Praise

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice,
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now,
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice,
Now ye hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice,
Now ye need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Prayer of the Day

God of promise, you sent your son, Jesus, into the world so that he would be a Savior to all.
By your grace, adopt us all as your children, and enlighten us with your Spirit
so that all may know the saving grace of your son. In your name we pray.

Amen.

Reading

John 1

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not extinguish the light. A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself was not the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light. The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world. The light was in the world, and the world came into being through the light, but the world didn't recognize the light. The light came to his own people, and his own people didn't welcome him. But those who did welcome him, those who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, born not from blood nor from human desire or passion, but born from God. And the Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Message

Hymn of the Day

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, and meek, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love.
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Offertory Response

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, through the birth of your Son you have made this holy day shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

The Bells of Christmas

1. The bells of Christmas chime once more, the heav'nly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still, with new year gifts of peace, good will.
2. This world, though wide and far outspread, could scarcely find for you a bed.
Your cradle was a manger stall, no pearl nor silk nor kingly hall.
3. Now let us go with quiet mind, the swaddled babe with shepherds find,
To gaze on him who gladdens them, the loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.
4. Oh, join with me, in gladness sing, to keep our Christmas with our king,
Until our song, from loving souls, like rushing mighty water rolls!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Prayers this Week:

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