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CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 72:1-8, 11-14

SONG – COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free
From our sins and fears 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 every longing heart

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!

Come, King of heaven
Come, hope of life and love
Come to die, and save Your people

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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CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we have not kept watch for You, but rather have too often occupied ourselves with our own concerns. Enjoying this world, we do not long for Your Kingdom as we ought. We have acted impatiently, and we have sought to fix problems in prayerlessness. We have often not noticed the needs of others, and we routinely neglect the love and grace which You have poured out on us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know Your will for our lives. Help us to look for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for Your coming in growing hope and expectation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

SONG – GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name

Speak peace to all God's children, their war is at an end
Iniquity is pardoned, delivered by His hand
A gift of blood and righteousness, exchanged for all our sin

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas all others may deface

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SONG – WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

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 praise, the Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate
where ox and lamb are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here,
the silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant, king to know Him
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise, raise a song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

We profess and affirm that God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. – Taken from Colossians 1

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

SONG OF ILLUMINATION LORD, I NEED YOU

Lord I come, I confess; bowing here, I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You, oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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SCRIPTURE READING ISAIAH 9:1-7

PREACHING OF THE WORD

COMMUNION

SONG – HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss,
the Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One,
bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom

How deep, how vast, how great:
His love

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SONG – LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Lo! He comes with clouds descending
Once for favored sinners slain
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Hail the King who comes again
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign

Every eye shall now behold Him
Robed in dreadful majesty
Those who mocked despised and sold Him
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree
Deeply mourning, deeply mourning
Shall the true Messiah see

Now redemption long expected
See with solemn joy appear
All His saints by man rejected
Meet their Savior in the air
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
See the day of God appear

Yes, amen let all adore Thee
High on Your eternal throne
Savior take the power and glory
Claim the kingdom for Your own
Come Lord Jesus! Come Lord Jesus!
O come quickly! O come quickly!
Everlasting God come down

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