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CALL TO WORSHIP

LUKE 2:8-14

SONG – COME AND WORSHIP

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er the earth
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth

Come and worship
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Worship Christ, the newborn King

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er the flocks by night
God with man is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
in His temple shall appear

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CONFESSION

O Great God, in Jesus Christ You did not disdain the company of sinners, but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; we cannot fix our idolatrous hearts. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. By Your grace, turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with You. Cause us to love You as we ought and to welcome others into covenant with You. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOHN 1:1-4, 14, 16

SONG – JOY HAS DAWNED

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love: Jesus, born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life, shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast, vulnerable and helpless

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands, prophesy the story
Gold: a King is born today; incense: God is with us
Myrrh: His death will make a way, and by His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious mystery!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history

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SONG – ANGELS, WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strain
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyful strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem, and see He whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another. But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty. The Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God: And yet there are not three gods, but one God. For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man. Although He is God and man, He is not divided, but is one Christ. He is united because God has taken humanity into Himself; He does not transform deity into humanity. He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing His natures. He suffered death for our salvation, and rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. – Taken from The Athanasian Creed

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

SONG OF ILLUMINATION 'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus; just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus; precious Jesus, Savior, Friend
And I know that Thou art with me; wilt be with me to the end

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SCRIPTURE READING ISAIAH 42:1-9

PREACHING OF THE WORD

COMMUNION

SONG – TO CHRIST THE LORD LET EVERY TONGUE

To Christ the Lord let every tongue its noblest tribute bring
When He's the subject of the song, who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face and on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace and all His triumphs tell

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon His awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned,
His lips with grace overflow
No mortal can with Him compare among the sons of men
And fairer He than all the fair that fill the Heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress, He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours
and guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode, He brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete

Since from His bounty I receive such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they should all be Thine
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

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SONG – HEAR THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM

Hear the call of the kingdom; lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom to be children of light
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right
That the light of Christ may shine through us

King of heaven, we will answer the call
We will follow, bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim:
Salvation in Jesus' name

Hear the call of the kingdom to reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him

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BENEDICTION LUKE 2:10, 14