

Lord's Day Worship

The Church of the Redeemer



**First Sunday in Advent
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When you came in, you received two booklets:

- ❖ *This* one is changed weekly and includes the hymns, songs, and Scripture readings for this week.
- ❖ The *other* stays the same each week. It's the liturgy we follow – the shape of our Sunday worship – and comes from the *Book of Common Prayer*. Its language is not our informal, everyday language, but a more formal, elevated language that connects us to the majesty of God and to the larger body of Christ both on earth and in heaven that worships God together in one Spirit.

Please *don't* get stressed about whether you're "doing everything right". Like most things, both liturgical and spontaneous worship are things we grow into with time, practice, and devotion.

Do focus on the words we sing and pray.

Do join your heart and voice with ours toward God.

Do receive the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

We're so glad you came to worship the Lord with us!

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears;
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,
high on thy eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

The Word of God (Liturgy, 1)

The Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Isaiah 64:1-9

- ¹ **O**H THAT you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
^{2[a]} as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴ From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?^[b]
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in^[c] the hand of our iniquities.
⁸ But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Footnotes:

- a. Isaiah 64:2 Ch 64:1 in Hebrew
- b. Isaiah 64:5 Or *in your ways is continuance, that we might be saved*
- c. Isaiah 64:7 Masoretic Text; Septuagint, Syriac, Targum *have delivered us into*

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

- 1 **H**EAR, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,*
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*
world without end. Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹PAUL, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

It Is Well With My Soul

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1876

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain

*It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life,
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

Refrain

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

You Have Been So Good to Me

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You have been so good to me.
You have been so good to me.
I came here broken; you made me whole.
You have been so good; you have been so good.
You have been so good to me!

You have been so good to me.
You have been so good to me.
I came here mourning; you gave me joy.
You have been so good, you have been so good.
You have been so good to me!

Chorus:

How can I thank you?

There is just no way.

How can I thank you?

Lord, how could I repay

For your kindness,

For your tenderness,

For your constant presence here with me?

You have been so good to me.
You have been so good to me.
I came here broken; you made me whole.
You have been so good; you have been so good.
You have been so good to me!

Chorus

You have been so good to me.
You have been so good to me.
I came here mourning; you gave me joy.
You have been so good; you have been so good.
You have been so good to me!

As the Deer

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As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

Gospel Procession: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Words and Music: Tyler Crocker and Paul C. Edgerton
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Prepare ye the way of the Lord!
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
And make his paths straight!
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

O EMMANUEL,*
our King and Lawgiver,

the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation:*

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

St. Mark 13:24-37

²⁴**B**UT in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake.^[a] For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants^[b] in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows,^[c] or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

Footnotes:

- a. Mark 13:33 Some manuscripts add *and pray*
- b. Mark 13:34 Greek *bondservants*
- c. Mark 13:35 That is, the third watch of the night, between midnight and 3 a.m.

O WISDOM,*

which camest out of the mouth of the Most High, and reachest
from one end to the other,

mightily and sweetly ordering all things:*
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Nicene Creed (Liturgy, 4)
Sermon, Offertory
Holy Communion (Liturgy, 7)

My Hope Is Built

Words: Edward Mote, *circa* 1834;
Music: Solid Rock, William B. Bradbury, 1863

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Refrain

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain

Post-Communion Prayer (Liturgy, 14)

Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel

Translated: John Neal, 1818-66 Music: French Processional, *Veni Emmanuel*

Oh, come, oh, 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!

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

Pastoral Blessing (Liturgy, 16)

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

Words: Martin H. Franzmann, 1969 Music: Ton-y-Botel (Ebenezer)

Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee
While thine ordered seasons run
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing thy glory,
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak thy holy name.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send,
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light from Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the Holy Trinity!



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