

Lord's Day Worship

The Church of the Redeemer



**Second Sunday in Advent
December 4, A.D. 2011**

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!

Jesus Shall Reign

Words: Isaac Watts, *The Psalms of David*, 1719.
Music: *Duke Street*, attributed to John Hatton, 1793

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound wherever He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Where He displays His healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more:
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

The Word of God (Liturgy, 1)

The Collect of the Day

MERCIFUL God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ **C**OMFORT, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare^[a] is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries:^[b] "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!"
And I said,^[c] "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty^[d] is like the flower of the field.

⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;^[e]
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;^[f]
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Footnotes:

- a. Isaiah 40:2 Or *time of service*
- b. Isaiah 40:3 Or *A voice of one crying*
- c. Isaiah 40:6 Revocalization based on Dead Sea Scroll, Septuagint, Vulgate; Masoretic Text *And someone says*
- d. Isaiah 40:6 Or *all its constancy*
- e. Isaiah 40:9 Or *O herald of good news to Zion*
- f. Isaiah 40:9 Or *O herald of good news to Jerusalem*

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Benedixisti, Domine

- 1 **Y**OU have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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.

2 Peter 3:8-17

B⁸UT do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,^[a] not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies^[b] will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.^[c]

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, ¹⁶as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. ¹⁷You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

Footnotes:

- a. 2 Peter 3:9 Some manuscripts *on your account*
- b. 2 Peter 3:10 Or *elements*; also verse 12
- c. 2 Peter 3:10 Greek *found*; some manuscripts *will be burned up*

Welcome Your Reign

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We will run after the Father's calling.
We will be quick to obey.
No greater joy than to be your servants
Following all that you say.

We will rejoice in the Spirit's moving.
We will be fervent in praise.
No human vessel can hold your glory;
All of the earth is amazed!

Chorus:

Breathe your breath! Speak your Word!
Come and dwell in your people here!
We cry out, "Take your place!"
We know the time of your coming is near
And we welcome your reign!
Welcome your reign!

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty

Words & Music by Bob Fitts

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Father in heaven, how we love you;
We lift your name in all the earth.
May your kingdom be established in our praises
As your people declare your mighty works.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who reigns forevermore!

Savior of the Nations, Come

Words : Ambrose of Milan, circa 397; paraphrased by Martin Luther, 1523; trans.
William Morton Reynolds, 1851.

Music: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's Son, here make thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood;
by the Spirit of our God
was the Word of God made flesh,
woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous child
of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned,
still to be in heaven enthroned.

From the Father forth he came
and returneth to the same,
captive leading death and hell
high the song of triumph swell!

Thou, the Father's only Son,
hast over sin the victory won.
boundless shall thy kingdom be;
when shall we its glories see?

Praise to God the Father sing,
praise to God the Son, our King,
praise to God the Spirit be
ever and eternally.

Gospel Procession: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Words: Tyler Crocker from Mark 1:3; 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 Adonai and Leader of the house of Israel,*
who appearedst in the bush to Moses in a flame of
fire,

and gavest him the Law in Sinai:*
Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

St. Mark 1:1-8

¹THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.^[a]

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,^[b]

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Prepare^[c] the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,"

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Footnotes:

- a. Mark 1:1 Some manuscripts omit *the Son of God*
- b. Mark 1:2 Some manuscripts *in the prophets*
- c. Mark 1:3 Or *crying: Prepare in the wilderness*

O Root of Jesse,*
which standest for an ensign of the people, at
whom kings shall shut their mouths,

to whom the Gentiles shall seek:*
Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Words: German composite; tr. 1850; Music: *St. Elizabeth*, 1842

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

Post-Communion Prayer (Liturgy, 14)

Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel

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

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Pastoral Blessing (Liturgy, 15)

Once He Came in Blessing

Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt
Music: *Gottes Sohn is kommen*, Michael Weisse (d. 1534)

Once He came in blessing,
All our ills redressing,
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us,
Hope and freedom gave us.

Still He comes within us,
Still His voice would win us
From the sins that hurt us;
Would to truth convert us
From our foolish errors,
Ere He comes in terrors.

Thus if Thou hast known Him,
Not ashamed to own Him,
Nor dost love Him coldly,
But will trust Him boldly,
He will now receive thee,
Heal thee, and forgive thee.

He who well endureth,
Bright reward secureth;
Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us;
Let us here confess Thee,
Till in Heav'n we bless Thee.

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We are a mission of the Reformed Episcopal
Church, committed to:

loving God,
loving one another,
loving the world for which Christ died and rose again.

Our love is expressed in our worship, our dedication to one another's growth in grace, and our passion in bringing the Gospel to the world in which we live. We have a rich heritage of Scripture, sacrament, and life in the Spirit, and we want to share these great blessings with you!

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