

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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NEW CITY

God initiates the
dialogue by calling us
through his Word.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

ISAIAH 9:6-7

LEADER For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

ALL and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

LEADER Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,

ALL on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.

We respond to God's
gracious initiative
through corporate
prayer and songs of
adoration.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

PSALM 110

ALL The Lord says to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."
The Lord sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!
Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

*prayer of invocation continues onto the next page

ALL The Lord has sworn
 and will not change his mind,
 “You are a priest forever
 after the order of Melchizedek.”
The Lord is at your right hand;
 he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
He will execute judgment among the nations,
 filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs
 over the wide earth.
He will drink from the brook by the way;
 therefore he will lift up his head.

SONGS OF APPROACH*

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing and heaven and nature sing
And heaven heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love and wonders of His love
And wonders and wonders of His love

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SONG OF APPROACH*

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

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As the Lord, Jesus
reveals his will for
those that belong to
his Kingdom. In turn,
we recognize our sin
and respond with
confession.

READING OF THE LAW*

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

LEADER If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM 26

LEADER How is Christ a king?

ALL As a king, Christ brings us under His power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and all our enemies.

We pray with full confidence that our holy God is merciful to sinners because of Jesus Christ.

CORPORATE AND SILENT CONFESSION

ADAPTED FROM "JESUS IS THE KING WE ALWAYS WANTED" IN EVERY SEASON PRAYERS

ALL Dear Lord Jesus, your righteousness is our surety and your sovereignty is our sanity. Hallelujah, many times over! How could we have possibly imagined that your humble Advent entrance through a stable would lead to the stabilization of the universe and that your cradle would eventually rock our peaceless world? Truly, there's only one government and one peace sufficient to meet the needs of our sinful hearts and broken world. You are already installed as "the ruler of kings on earth" and of everything else. King David's throne has become a throne of grace, from which you are actively ruling the world with your truth and grace. You don't promise to do all things easy, but you are always doing all things well. Forgive me when I get impatient with your timing, don't enjoy all your providences, and second guess your involvement. As the gospel of your kingdom continues its transforming work in my life, may it advance through my life. Give me more joy than I've ever had before in loving and serving people. Intensify my hope in the day you will return and finish making all things new. I pray in your mighty and merciful name. Amen.

We believe that on the cross all our sins--past, present, and future--have been paid for.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

LUKE 2:10-11

LEADER "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

Having received
mercy in Christ
Jesus, we give
thanks to God.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING*

KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

**Praise the Father praise the Son praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory Majesty praise forever to the King of Kings**

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

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We embrace our
new family in Christ
with the peace Jesus
has accomplished
by his death-and-
resurrection.

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

LEADER Because the Lord is our Messiah, we can rejoice and be glad
in Him. May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL And also with you!

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THIS IS OUR GOD

A Refuge for the poor a Shelter from the storm
This is our God
He will wipe away your tears and return your wasted years
This is our God

So call upon His name He is mighty to save this is our God

A Father to the orphan a Healer to the broken
This is our God
He brings peace to our madness and comfort in our sadness
This is our God

**This is the One we have waited for
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Jesus Lord and Savior this is our God**

A Fountain for the thirsty a Lover for the lonely
This is our God
He brings glory to the humble and crowns for the faithful
This is our God

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ELDER PRAYER

NewCity is led by a
Session, a leadership
body of ruling and
teaching elders.
They lead the
family in prayers of
adoration, confession,
thanksgiving, and
supplication.

Because the Bible
is God's inspired,
infallible, and
authoritative word,
we incline our hearts
to hear the reading of
Scripture and
the proclamation of
the gospel with
a resolve to obey
our risen King.

SCRIPTURE READING*

ISAIAH 9:6; GENESIS 1:26-31

SERMON

A DIFFERENT KIND OF KING: PART 4

The Lord's Supper is a
sacrament instituted by
God and to be shared
only by baptized
believers who are
members in good
standing of a local
church.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*we use gluten-free bread for the Lord's Supper

Having received
instruction and
blessing, we commit
to proclaim the hope
of eternal life and
pursue philanthropy.

SONG OF FAITH*

WHEN LOVE CAME DOWN TO EARTH

When love came down to earth and made His home with men
The hopeless found a hope the sinner found a friend
Not to the powerful but to the poor He came
And humble hungry hearts were satisfied again

**What joy what peace has come to us
What hope what help what love**

When ev'ry unclean thought and ev'ry sinful deed
Was scourged upon His back and hammered through His feet
The innocent is cursed the guilty are released
The punishment of God on God has brought me peace

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Come lay your heavy load down at the Master's feet
Your shame will be removed your joy will be complete
Come crucify your pride and enter as a child
For those who bow down low He'll lift up to His side

**What joy what peace has come to us
What hope what help what love**

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We give glory to God
who is the source of
every blessing.

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Finally, as God
initiated the dialogue
of worship, so now he
concludes our time
together by sending us
out with a word of
blessing so that we
might be a blessing
to all.

BENEDICTION*

HEBREWS 13:20-21

LEADER May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

ALL Amen. Thanks be to God!



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