

**honest
advent**





prelude

*O come, let us adore Him, Come let us adore Him
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord*

call to worship

God comes! So don't let go
of all the reasons to rejoice.

**We will sing a song of Advent
to the One who fills our lives with joy.**

God comes! So don't stop
lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

**We will sing a song of Advent,
to the One who hears our words and silence.**

God comes! So don't stop
giving your hearts to God.

**We will sing a song of Advent
to the One who graces us with a peace
we cannot begin to understand.**

o come o come emmanuel

John Mason Neale

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Thou Key of David come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery

baby son

John Mark McMillan

We thought You'd come with a crown of gold
A string of pearls and a cashmere robe
We thought You'd clinch an iron fist
And rain like fire on the politics

*But without a sword no armored guard
But common born in mother's arms
The government now rests upon
The shoulders of this Baby Son*

Have you no room inside your heart
The inn is full the out is dark
But upon profane shines sacred sun
Not ashamed to be one of us

Gloria, Allelu
Christ the Lord we've longed for You

candle lighting and scripture reading

God of hope, God of love
Teach us how to love one another
as reflections of Your light in the world.
May the love of God compel us to care
for Your children, Your creation, and Your world.
God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come.

Isaiah 9:2-7
John 3:16-20

come light our hearts

Sandra McCracken

*For You O Lord our souls in stillness wait [2x]
Truly our hope is in You [2x]*

O Lord of life our only hope
Your radiance shines on all who look
To You in the dark, Emmanuel come
Come light our hearts

O joy above all other loves
In You we find more than enough
We come as we are O heal and restore
Come light our hearts

kids dismissal

sermon

Love

communion

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

behold

Phil Wickham

Behold the King has come
Divinity incarnate
Creator of the world
Breathing our air
Behold what light has come
And the dark cannot contain it
The Savior of the world
Is finally here

*Oh, come, let us adore Him
Come, let us adore Him
For He alone is worthy
Christ the Lord*

Behold, the Father's love
Beyond all comprehension
He gave His only Son
To die in our place
Go and see that empty tomb
He's not there, for He is risen
Every heart prepare Him room
Jesus Christ, the King of Heaven

a prayer for generosity

Father, You are an abundant giver.
There is nothing that we have
that You have not given us.
The way of Your kingdom is the way of generosity.
Help us to honor You with our resources.
Free us from the deceit of riches.
Lead us on the path of generosity.
May it be for Your glory,
for the abundance of our lives,
and for the sake of others. Amen.

hark the herald angels sing

Charles Wesley

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 angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with us to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that we no more may die
Born to raise the child of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
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Gloria
In excelsis Deo

benediction

announcements and invitations

- **Christmas Extravaganza:** December 15th, 6pm
Kids Program, Christmas Karaoke, Ugly Sweater Contest, and more!
- **Christmas Eve Gathering:** December 24th, 4pm
- **No Church Gathering:** Sunday December 31

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