

**honest
advent**





prelude

*O come, let us adore Him...
Christ the Lord*

*We give You all the glory...
We praise Your name forever...*

*Come, Lord Jesus, Come
Holy Spirit, Come*

call to worship

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom.

In our walking, let us rejoice with joy and singing!

Strengthen weak hands; make firm feeble knees.

**Be strong; do not fear. Here is your God!
Let us worship our God with joy!**

come thou long expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee
Day-spring from on high, appear.
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth, we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end.
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

open up

The Brilliance

You heard the cry of our hearts
And You came down
Freely You gave us Your love
Showing us how

*Make me an instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me show love
Where there is darkness let me shine light and*

*May Your love cause us to open up
Cause us to open up our hearts
May Your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark*

All that we do without love
It means nothing
Grant us the courage to give
As You're calling

Hope for the hopeless, Your love is
Strength in our weakness, Your love is
May we love, as You love

candle lighting and scripture reading

God of hope, God of gladness,
May our ever renewing joy be found in Your salvation.
Let our hearts unceasingly rejoice in the glorious Good News
incarnated in Your Son Jesus Christ.

**God of promise, God of joy,
into our darkness come.**

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 139:13-18

John 1:1-4; 9-11; 14; 18

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

Embodiment

communion

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

o come all ye unfaithful

Bob Kaufflin

O come, all you unfaithful,
Come, weak and unstable,
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones,
Weary of praying,
Come, see what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for you*

O come, bitter and broken,
Come with fears unspoken,
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done

He's the Lamb who was given,
slain for our pardon,
His promise is peace
for those who believe.

So come, though you have nothing,
Come, He is the offering,
Come, see what your God has done

Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

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.

angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria

In excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

Come to Bethlehem and see
He whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise

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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