

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

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## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

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### The Song of Ascent

*God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.*

### Congregation

*Come, People of the Risen King*

Come, people of the Risen King, Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach To gather children in.

#### Refrain:

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land— Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands— Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing— Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!"

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### The Kids of the Kingdom

*Good News! Great Joy!*

## ADORATION OF GOD

### Call to Worship:

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth... sing for joy. Shout from the top of the mountains... give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastlands.  
— Isaiah 42.10-12

## Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

### Declaration of Truth:

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*This creed traditionally dates back to the early 2nd century.  
The word "catholic" means "universal", meaning the one true church made up of all believers in Jesus Christ from every tribe, language, people and nation.*

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 ever-lasting 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.

**CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE****Reception of New Members and Sacrament of Covenant Baptism  
Pastoral Prayer***Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD****The Gift of Music****Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings***The Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Prayer of Thanksgiving****Hymn of Testimony***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

Angels lifting praise before You Sing throughout this holy night  
Joyful, joyful they adore You God of glory, Lord of light.

Praise resounds as earth rejoices Trumpets sound and anthems raise  
And with joy our hearts are lifted Joined in wonder, love and praise.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

### Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 49.1-10

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— or I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus say the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, <sup>9</sup>saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; <sup>10</sup>they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.

**All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.**

### Prayer of Illumination

#### Sermon

*"Christmas Impact"*

Pastor John

### OUR RESPONSE

#### Prayer of Application

#### Hymn of Response

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

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Refrain: *Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;*

*Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold! thro'-out the heavens There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

### The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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**CMPC Sermon Notes for December 5, 2021**

- **Message:** “The Christmas Impact”
- **Text:** Isaiah 49.1-7

### **Preliminary Matters**

- This is the beginning of a new section of Isaiah, marked off by 48.22.
- In the last section, deliverance from Babylon—the return from the exile—was in view.
- The Lord has redeemed Jacob—the people of Israel specifically in view (48.20).
- Babylon not mentioned in this section as a threat.
- Is the Servant the nation Israel, or the Messiah?
- This Servant has a ministry *to* Israel (cf. 49.5).
- The Incarnation: God becomes flesh, Immanuel, God with us.

### **The Call to Incarnation (49.1)**

- The Speaker
- His call
  - Emphatic: “The LORD from the womb has called Me.”
  - “Has called My name to be remembered.”
- The Audience
- The Topic: the right of the Servant of God to speak when He comes.

### **The Incarnate Word (49.2-4)**

- The power
- The display
- Servant
- God’s glory
- The triumph

### **The Triumph of the Incarnation (49.5-7)**

- Reclaiming Israel
- Too small
- The ends of the earth
- The assurance

### **The Wide Impact of the Incarnation (49.8-10)**

- The covenant made with Abraham becomes “incarnational”: a person, 8
  - He will fulfill the covenant
  - He will be the basis of it, cf. Isaiah 53
- Brings dramatic change, 10

### **So What About Us?**

- Incarnational Ministry: The Church that Moves the World
  - Modeled by Jesus
  - Practiced by Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13.46-47)
  - Challenge for us