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WELCOME

“OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

[Verse 1]

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the King of angels.

[Chorus 1]

Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

[Verse 2]

God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, to earth he comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father.

[Chorus 1]

[Verse 3]

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, All glory in the highest.

[Chorus 1]

[Chorus 2]

Glory to God, All glory in the highest.
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: This Christmas, this year is different than anyone has experienced considering the pandemic. The very first Christmas when Jesus was born was just as different, maybe even more so. That first Christmas people were waiting for a Savior and we too are awaiting his second coming. We need to stay vigilant, and not let ourselves be distracted. No matter what is going on this year, the first Christmas sets an example to set our eyes on the hope found in the manger. It is the only thing that we need to focus on, because anything else going on does not matter. So let us come together before God and ask him for to forgive us for the times we have fallen short, for any time we have allowed ourselves to be distracted, and be reminded of the forgiveness found in Jesus:

Congregation: Loving Lord, you have given me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my mind and all my abilities. You have richly and daily provided all I need to support my body and life. Yet with all these blessings I have continued to sin—in thought, word, and deed. Lord, I pray that you have mercy on me. Not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Remove my sin as far as the East is from the West. Take away my guilt and grant me strength. Assure me of your love for me. Renew me to live so others may come to know your Son—the new born king.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. He sees you are blameless and holy because of the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every sin you have ever committed has been wiped away. He remembers your sins no more and has made you alive in Christ. Go in peace knowing that your sins are forgiven. Amen.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:20-25

Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save.

²¹ Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.

²² Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

²³ By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.

²⁴ They will say of me, "In the Lord alone are deliverance and strength."

All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame. ²⁵ But all the descendants of Israel will find deliverance in the Lord and will make their boast in him.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

"COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"**[Verse 1]**

Come, thou fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing;
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet;
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it;
Mount of Thy unchanging love

[Verse 2]

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here there by Thy help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure;
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger;
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger;
Interposed His precious blood

[Verse 3]

O to grace how great a debtor; Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter; Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above

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MESSAGE:

“HOLD YOUR SAVIOR IN THE ARMS OF FAITH!”

LUKE 2:25-40

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother:

“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

PRAYER

Vicar David will offer the Prayer. Following the prayer:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

"GOD OF WONDERS

[Verse 1]

Lord of all creation
Of the water, earth and sky
The Heavens are Your Tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

[Chorus 1]

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

[Bridge 1]

Lord of Heaven and Earth
Lord of Heaven and Earth

[Verse 2]

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
And when I stumble into darkness
I will call Your name by night

[Chorus 1]

[Bridge 1]

[Bridge 2]

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth

[Chorus 2]

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me
Father, hold me; hold me
The universe declares your majesty
You are holy, holy

[Bridge 2]

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WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

-*UPDATED*- If you would like to know the songs that we are planning on using during the this series, and listen to them on your own, in the car while commuting, or with your family, you can follow our playlist on Spotify. This playlist will be updated throughout the series.

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You can search for it there or you can scan this code in the app. To scan a Spotify Code, go to the search bar, tap the search bar and you will see a camera icon, tap the camera and then hover the camera over this code:



WANT TO LISTEN TO MORE?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise. =)*



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