

*This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*
—Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Choir

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 thee earth thou art, dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, 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.

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Call to Worship*

Psalm 98:4-6

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Hymn of Praise*

“Joy to the World the Lord is Come”

#195

Invocation*

Confession of Faith

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; he descended into hell. 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.

Preparation for Confession of Sin

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:7

...If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Hymn of Assurance/Advent Hymn*

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

#193

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Response

Scripture Reading*

Psalm 27
2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Doxology*

#733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Preaching of God's Word

Pastor Geoff Kirkland

“Jesus Has Come into the World”
John 12:44-50

Hymn of Affirmation

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“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Blessing*

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Benediction*

#730

“Benediction”

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

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Postlude*

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