

*** Closing Hymn**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
203 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. [Refrain]**

*** Benediction**

*** Doxology**

#731 *Trinity 3Hymnals*

*Please stand if able

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LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

December 22, 2024



GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude *A time to be quiet and prepare for holy worship.*
When the music begins, please take your seats.

Silent Reflection

Salutation

Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Carol**

O Come, All Ye Faithful
208 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-2 & 4)

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him
born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2 God of God, Light of Light;
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; very God,
begotten, not created; [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father,
late in flesh appearing; [Refrain]**

*** Invocation** (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COPC Choir*My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord*

My soul now magnifies the Lord; my spirit leaps, by joy possessed.
 You keep me in your kind regard; all generations call me blessed.
 For you alone, O God of might, have done amazing things for me.
 Your mercy flows; your name like light remains in time perpetually.
 Your arm is strong; your strength is great.
 You scatter those of proud intent and cast them down from high estate; then
 give the low your nourishment.
 You feed the hungry as your own; the wealthy leave with empty hands.
 You give your help to Israel; your gracious promise always stands.
 Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the incarnate Word,
 and praise the Pow'r of God most high, from age to age by all adored.
 O praise the Pow'r of God most high, praise God most high. CCLI License # 2604271

God's Law

Isaiah 50:4-10 (p 726 pew Bible)

Confession of Sin

Isaiah 59:14-20 (p 735 pew Bible)

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer of Confession**Assurance of Pardon***** Carol of Response**

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
 # 197 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1-3)

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
 Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
 tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.
 2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
 all that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed.
 She hath suffered many a day now her griefs have passed away;
 God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.
 3 For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
 bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
 O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
 let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.**

We Petition God

Congregational Prayer

Offering**Prayer****Carol***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

221 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1-2, 5)

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
 of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
 It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,
 when half-spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
 with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
 To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,
 when half-spent was the night.

5 O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;
 O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know,
 bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven
 and to the endless day.**

*** Gloria Patri**

#735 Trinity Hymnal

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE*** Hymn of Preparation**

See, Amid the Winter's Snow
 # 199 Trinity Hymnal (verses 1-2, 5)

1 See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below,
 see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail, thou ever-blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
 Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

2 Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies:
 he who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. [Refrain]

5 Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
 thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this! [Refrain]**

*** Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Readings**

Luke 2:1-20 (p 1018 pew Bible)

John 1:14-18 (p 1053 pew Bible)

Sermon

God Hangs Everything on The Scarlet Thread of Incarnation

Prayer of Application