

# Sing Hallelujah



DECEMBER 14, 2025 • 6:00 PM  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Tonight we celebrate the glorious truth that Jesus Christ was born as a babe in Bethlehem, so that He could ultimately be the final, atoning sacrifice for sin—the pure and spotless Lamb of God—who stepped into this fallen world to redeem His Bride:

*Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy,  
cast off that I might be brought in,  
trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend,  
surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain heaven's best,  
stripped that I might be clothed,  
wounded that I might be healed,  
athirst that I might drink,  
tormented that I might be comforted,  
made a shame that I might inherit glory,  
entered darkness that I might have eternal light.*

— *The Valley of Vision*, “Love Lustres at Calvary”

As we come to the Lord’s Table tonight, we remember this great exchange that Christ accomplished at His first coming, and we look forward to an even greater feast—the marriage supper of the Lamb—that awaits those who are united to Him at His second coming.

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We are grateful to be led in worship this evening by our Faithline Youth Choir;  
True North, our high school ministry; Shine, our special needs ministry;  
and our Crossroads and Kairos young adult classes.

Many thanks to Will Nease, Mary Raine Ivy, Lillie Kate Prather, Caleb Causey, Phoebe Carter, Ian Lazenby, Audrey Hamm, Brad Morrow, Brian Lewis, and Brett Wynne for their steadfast leadership of these ministries and their enthusiastic support of tonight’s service.

✦ *Congregation stands as directed*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: Bring a Torch, Jeanette-Isabella/Gesú Bambino . . . . . arr. Liz Story  
*Brad Jones, piano; Joe Mariencheck, bass*

**Call to Worship:** God invites us into His presence to worship in spirit and in truth—beginning a dialogue that continues throughout the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS . . . . . Brad Morrow

♠CALL TO WORSHIP

♠O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL . . . . . ADESTE FIDELES

*Words and Music: John Francis Wade; arr. James Ryan / Luke 2:15*



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:



O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;  
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;  
 glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

♠INVOCATION

**Invocation:** The word invocation means “to appeal to” or “cry out to.” In this prayer, we lift our hands and call on our Father to come and help us worship Him for who He is and all He has done.

## CREATION

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (*John 1:1*) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible...And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (*Colossians 1:15-16*) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have

dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (*Genesis 1:26-27*) And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. (*Genesis 1:31*)

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD .....TERRA BEATA

*Words: Maltbie D. Babcock / Music: Franklin L. Sheppard; arr. James Ryan / Acts 4:24*



1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my list - 'ning ears, all  
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise, the



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres. This  
morn - ing light, the li - ly white de - clare their Ma - ker's praise. This



is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; in the



rocks and trees of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.  
rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.

## THE FALL

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (*Genesis 2:15-17*) Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the

garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. (*Genesis 3:1-6*) Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, so death spread to all men (*Romans 5:12*), for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (*Romans 3:23*)

KYRIE ELEISON . . . . . Dan Goeller

*Words and Music: Dan Goeller / Psalm 51:1*

Kyrie eleison. (*Lord, have mercy.*)

## THE PROMISE

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. And he shall stand

and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace. (*Micah 5:2, 4-5*)

THE PROMISE . . . . . Michael W. Smith

*Words and Music: Michael W. Smith, Ryan Smith*

*Ronshel Kurusanthony, soloist:*

Fear not, O Israel, for there is peace still to come—  
A word to break the silence, a promise yet to bloom.

The promise to redeem us, one to free us,  
Break this silence in the violence in our hearts.

Emmanuel is sure to find us soon,  
The mighty Root of Jesse's star of truth,  
And bring our sons to glory, tell His story,  
Heal the broken, and restore thee to His name.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (*Galatians 4:4-5*) For to us a child is born

to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9:6*).

*Brody Melton, soloist:*

The star will guide us to the humble place  
Where Christ the King reveals His earthly face  
And we will see Emmanuel, God is with us  
God is for us, God is in us, we will sing.

# THE BIRTH OF A KING

NOEL (HE IS BORN) ..... THE FIRST NOEL

Words and Music: Traditional English Carol, additional words and music by Tommee Proffitt, arr. Dan Galbraith

♣ Congregation stands as directed



1. The first No - el the an - gel did say  
2. Then let us all with one ac - cord



was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay.  
sing prais - es to our heav - en - ly Lord



In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep  
that hath made heav'n and earth of nought,



on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
and with His blood man - kind has bought.



No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el!



Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

## Chorus



He is born, He is born! The Son of God has come to  
No - el, No - el, No - el, No -



dwell. The King of Kings, and Lord of lords, Em - ma - nu - el.  
- el, The King of Kings, and Lord of lords, Em - ma - nu - el.



He is born, He is born! Hope for all, now go and  
No - el, No - el, No - el, No -



tell: He has come to save the world, we sing No - el!  
- el, He has come to save the world, we sing No - el!

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NO EYE HAD SEEN. . . . . arr. Bob Krogstad

*Words: Amy Grant / Music: Michael W. Smith / Luke 2:8-14*

No eye had seen, no ear had heard, 'til hosts on high proclaimed the birth.  
And heaven brought down its only child—the Son of Man, the world reconciled.  
Quietly, with no one watching, from the womb of perfect peace,  
Wellspring of our joy delivered into earthly destiny.  
And song broke forth—angelic strain—and none could help but sing the name:  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel.  
Kyrie eleison we sing; glory to the newborn King!  
Mortal and immortal voices, endless praises echoing.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. . . . . Hebrews 9:23-26  
*(page 1006 in pew Bible)*

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** *(Isaiah 40:8)*

HOMILY: Christ Appeared . . . . .Brett Wynne

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

♠PROFESSION OF FAITH . . . . . The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated on 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.**

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SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

**The Apostles' Creed:** This concise summary of core Christian beliefs offers a clear framework for understanding who God is, the work of Jesus, the nature of the Christian life, and our hope for eternity. Though not written by the apostles, it summarizes what they taught.  
\*universal

O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL ..... Sovereign Grace Music

Words and Music: Bob Kauflin, Lisa Clow / Matthew 11:28-29



1. O come, all you un - faith - ful, come, weak and un - sta - ble,  
 2. O come, bit - ter and bro - ken, come with fears un - spo - ken,  
 3. So come, though you have noth - ing. Come, He is the of - f'ring;



come, know you are not a - lone. O come, bar - ren and wait - ing  
 come, taste of His per - fect love. O come, guilt - y and hid - ing  
 come, see what your God has done.



ones, wea - ry of pray - ing, come, see what your God has done.  
 ones, there is no need to run; see what your God has done.

*Chorus*



Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

*Bridge*



He's the Lamb who was giv - en, slain for our par - don. His



prom - ise is peace for those who be - lieve.

A CHRISTMAS ALLELUIA/CHRISTUS VICTOR ..... Chris Tomlin, Getty Music

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Jonas Myrin, Getty Music / Revelation 5:11-14



1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ the  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To the

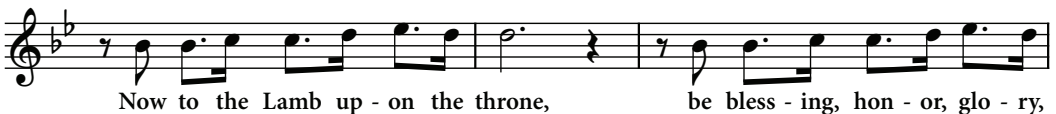
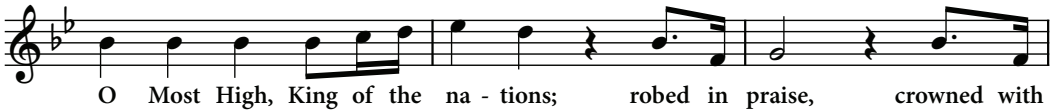


Sav - ior of the world, He has come.  
 high - est name of all, al - le - lu - ia!

## THE KING'S RETURN

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready"... Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in

righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. *(Revelation 19:6-8, 11-13, 16.)*



With ev - 'ry tribe and ev - 'ry tongue, we join the an - them of the

an - gels in the tri - umph of the Son. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!

This is my Fath - er's world: O let me ne'er for - get

that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ru - ler yet!

This is my Fa - ther's world! Why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King: let the hea - vens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

Benediction: God's people receive the Lord's blessing and are sent into the world, carrying the hope of the Gospel.

♠BENEDICTION

♠BENEDICTION RESPONSE..... Andrew Peterson

*Words: Andrew Peterson, Isaac Watts / Music: Andrew Peterson, George Frederic Handel; arr. James Ryan / Luke 2:8-14*

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ is born!

POSTLUDE: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" ..... Andrew Peterson

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Following the service, please join us for refreshments in the lobby outside the Bookmark Bookstore.

# Advent

## Nine Lessons and Carols

*December 21, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.*

Based on the original service held on Christmas Eve in 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, our Nine Lessons and Carols service will tell the story of Christ's redemption through Scripture reading and responses of carols, hymns, and choral music. We invite you to join us for worship next Sunday!

## Christmas PJ Party

*December 21, 4:30 p.m.*

## A Gospel Christmas

*December 21, 6:00 p.m.*

## Christmas Eve Worship

*4:00 p.m. Family Service*

*5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.*

*Candlelight Communion Services*

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