



REDEEMER  
ORANGE COUNTY

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# WELCOME

Merry Christmas! We are delighted that you have chosen to join us this evening to celebrate the birth of God's Son, our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us after the service for a cookie or two as well.

If you are a guest this evening there are also Connect Cards on the front table where you can leave your contact information and be included in our Friday email newsletter. We would also love to get to know you and there is a box to check if you are interested in meeting for conversation over a coffee.

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## CALENDAR

ADVENT	Rejoice! Advent, the season of waiting, has given birth to the joy of Christmas. Christmas is not a single day
CHRISTMAS	but a season of twelve days. Twelve days to linger over the mysterious and shocking reality that God has come,
EPIPHANY	but not as we would have expected. The incarnation, that the eternal Son of God has come in humility as a
LENT	baby, is at the heart of Christmas. Jesus was born, given to us as a gift, the gift of his life to save our own. Jesus,
EASTER	fully God and fully man, will forever have a body like ours. May we never doubt God's commitment to rescue
PENTECOST	his creation. Rejoice!



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*Christmas Eve Service* : DECEMBER 24TH, 2021

Please be seated.

**REFLECTION**

Before the service,  
there is a time for  
silent prayer and  
meditation. Please  
remember to silence  
cell phones.

Christmas hath a darkness  
Brighter than the blazing noon,  
Christmas hath a chillness  
Warmer than the heat of June,  
Christmas hath a beauty  
Lovelier than the world can show:  
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,  
Brought for us so low.

Earth, strike up your music,  
Birds that sing and bells that ring;  
Heaven hath answering music  
For all Angels soon to sing:  
Earth, put on your whitest  
Bridal robe of spotless snow:  
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,  
Brought for us so low.

- Christina Rossetti, *Christmas Eve*

**PRELUDE**

*Once in Royal David's City (Instrumental)*

*The primary reason  
for lighting one candle  
the First Sunday, that  
candle plus another on  
the Second Sunday,  
and so on, is to signal  
progression. The  
accumulation of light  
reminds us of the ever  
closer approach of the  
Light of the World,  
both at Bethlehem and  
in glory at the end of  
the age.*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

## **WELCOME**

Please stand.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP - LUKE 1:46-49**

Minister: My soul magnifies the Lord

**People: And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior**

Minister: For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed.

**People: For he who is might has done great things for me, and holy is his name.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## OPENING CAROL

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

MUSIC: JOHN FRANCIS WADE; WORDS: TRANSLATED BY C. FREDRICK OAKELEY

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

*Chorus*

*O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord*

God of God  
Light of light  
Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb  
Very God  
Begotten not created

*Chorus*

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n above  
Glory to God  
in the highest

*Chorus*

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

*Chorus*

# First Lesson

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Please be seated.

*Genesis 1:1-3; 3:8-13; 22:15-18*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>15</sup> And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven

<sup>16</sup> and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please stand.

## CAROL

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

WORDS: JOHN NEALE & HENRY COFFIN; MUSIC: THOMAS HELMORE

O come, O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel!*

O come Thou Rod of Jesse  
free thine own from Satan's tyranny  
from depths of hell thy people save  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel!*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and death's dark shadows put to flight

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel!*

## Second Lesson

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Please be seated.

*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Isaiah 11:6-9*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**



Please stand.

**CAROL**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

WORDS: CHARLES WESLEY & MARK E. HUNT; MUSIC: ROWLAND PRICHARD

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 ev'ry longing heart

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 everlasting wonder  
Christ was born Lord of all

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

# Third Lesson

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Please be seated.

*Luke 1:26-35, 38*

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

<sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please stand.

**CAROL**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

WORDS BY: CHARLES WESLEY; MUSIC BY: FELIX MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY

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 hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King*

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  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King*

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  
*Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King*

# Fourth Lesson

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Please be seated.

*Luke 2:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Reader: The gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION - REV. ADAM FEICHTMANN**

Please stand.

**CAROL**

*Joy To The World*

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS; MUSIC: GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders and wonders of His love

# Fifth Lesson

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Please be seated.

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Reader 1: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying,

*Reader 2: "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

Reader 1: When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him,

*Reader 2: "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."*

Reader 1: Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

*Reader 2: "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."*

Reader 1: After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

*Reader 2: When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.*

*Reader 2 : The gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please stand. **CAROL**

*We Three Kings*

WORDS AND MUSIC BY JOHN H. HOPKINS JR

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

*Chorus*

*O star of wonder star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign

*Chorus*

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Peals through the earth and skies

*Chorus*

Please be seated.

## **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray. Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the King of Kings, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

Minister: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming and we are preparing ourselves for the days when,

**People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.**

Minister: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world.

**People: Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."**

Minister: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world.

**People: A city set on a hill cannot be hidden, nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house.**

Minister: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

**People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**



Please stand. **CAROL**

*Go Tell It On The Mountain*

WORDS BY: JOHN W. WORK JR.; MUSIC: TRADITIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

*Chorus*

*Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

*Chorus*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth

*Chorus*

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

*Chorus*

**BLESSING**

Minister: May the One who is the Light of the World be our Light as well; and the blessing of God the Father, and the love of Christ his Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you this night and remain with you always. Go forth in peace and joy!

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**



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