



REDEEMER
ORANGE COUNTY

{ *order of worship* }



WELCOME

We are delighted to have you with us for worship!

We hope that today will be a day that you will meet with God. We want to invite you to join with us in experiencing joy, beauty, and awe as we encounter God in the reading & preaching of the Scriptures, the offering of prayers, the singing of his praises, the sacraments of baptism & the Lord's Supper, and the fellowship of the church community.

We want you to know that Redeemer is a safe place for you to be in process. You are free to explore, voice objections, be real, and find community. We have people from diverse backgrounds and recognize that everyone is in a different place in their Spiritual journey.

As you are leaving stop by our Welcome Table in the Narthex to pick up a complimentary coffee mug. There are also Connect Cards 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 box to check if you are interested in meeting for conversation over a coffee.

To our Families with Children

We want to be a good church to your family by helping your little ones learn to worship. A few things we do to serve families...

Nursery for ages 0-3 years old. Feel free to use the nursery as needed (if kids get too restless) or throughout the service.

Children's Bulletins to help young children in church. We know that this takes time and promise not be bothered by an occasional squeal, laugh, or tear.

Sermon Time Class is an age-appropriate lesson for children 3 years old to 5th grade (use at your discretion). Note: All children need to be checked in using KidCheck prior to the service or at the children's dismissal. Nursery – kindergarten children need to be checked out directly with a nursery worker or their child's teacher following the sermon.

About our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e. worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's people.

The main movements are as follows:

Calling - God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to know and worship him.

Cleansing - God forgives us and reminds us of his great love in Christ.

Constitution - God builds us up and nourishes us through the Scriptures.

Communion - God draws near to us and invites us to partake of his grace in the sacrament.

Commission - God sends us out into his world empowered to be his ambassadors.

We realize that the flow and content of the service may be new so we've included a few notes in the margins that offer some explanations. Feel free to participate actively or to just listen and observe.

Again, we are glad that you have joined us today. Let us worship!

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To learn more about our church please check the following pages in the back of this Order of Worship

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Fourth Sunday of Advent : DECEMBER 20TH, 2020

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

WELCOME

REFLECTION

“Wrong will be right, when Aslan comes in sight,
At the sound of his roar, sorrows will be no more,
When he bares his teeth, winter meets its death,
And when he shakes his mane, we shall have spring again.”

— C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

“All suffering, all pain, all emptiness, all disappointment is seed: sow it in God and he will, finally, bring a crop of joy from it. Christian joy is not an escape from sorrow. Enjoyment is not an escape from boredom but a plunge by faith into God’s work. Joy is what God gives, not what we work up.”

— Eugene Peterson

CALENDAR

- ADVENT Hopeful waiting. Expectancy. Longing. Things are not right within us nor in the world around us, so we
- CHRISTMAS wait. We wait for the arrival of King Jesus. The word “advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning
- EPIPHANY “coming” or “arrival.” During Advent we remember the first coming of Jesus and we long for his second
- LENT coming. Robert Webber explains Advent as, “a corporate spiritual journey that calls for expectant waiting and
- EASTER readiness for the coming of the Christ. When the Church travels this journey and treats it as a discipline of life
- PENTECOST and prayer, the joy of Christmas is immeasurably intensified.”

Calling

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 126

In the call to worship God begins the dialogue that occurs in worship and graciously invites his people to draw near to him.

Minister: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations,

People: "The LORD has done great things for them."

Minister: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

People: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

Minister: Those who sow in tear shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

People: shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF ADORATION

Prayer concludes by praying in unison:

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.

OPENING SONG

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 every 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

Cleansing

Please be seated.

CONFESSION OF SIN

In the prayer of
repentance we
speak honestly
with God about
ourselves by
confessing our
sins and
shortcomings
and seeking
forgiveness in
Christ.

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

SONG OF COMFORT

Give Me Jesus

WORDS AND MUSIC BY TRADITIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN TUNE

In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
But give me Jesus

When I am alone
When I am alone
When I am alone
Give me Jesus

Please stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - ZEPHANIAH 3:15, 17

Having been
forgiven by
God, we greet
one another
with joy and
speak peace to
each other.

Minister: The LORD has taken away the judgments against you...
The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

PASSING THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Constitution

Please be seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Magi Candle

The lighting of
Advent Candles
dramatically
depicts the
growing
expectation we
have for the
coming of Christ.

Leader: We light this candle to welcome God's light into our lives and we welcome the full revelation of God's unfailing love for us and for all of creation. For Jesus is the Word of God, the lamp to our feet and the light to our path.

People: Therefore, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Advent Reading - from Matthew 2:1-11

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, "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." 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, "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."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 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. 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PRAISE

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

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God on high

Chorus

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

Chorus

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, alleluia
Earth to heaven replies

Chorus

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Requests?
Let us know
how we can
pray for you. Fill
out the Prayer
Request form on
our church app
or website by
scanning the QR
Code.



CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(At the parents' discretion, children 2 years old to 5th grade may go to a Sermon Time class or remain in the service. Children nursery age - kindergarten need to be checked in using KidCheck prior to the service or at this dismissal and checked out directly with their child's teacher following the sermon.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61

¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁵ Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; ⁶ but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast. ⁷ Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

⁸ For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Offertory: In response to God's grace, we worship him and seek to honor him with our lives. One way that we do so is by giving financially to Christ and the work of his Church. We invite all who are a part of this church to continue their worship in this way (Philippians 4:18-19; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; Malachi 3:6-12; Matthew 6:24). If you are visiting with us today please do not feel any pressure to contribute.

During our outdoor service, we encourage you to give electronically and you may also give in person at the Welcome Table. To donate through our church APP, download the APP on your smartphone and set up a Subsplash account.

To donate online, scan the QR code.



The Spirit uses
the reading and
preaching of
God's Word
to impart new
Spiritual life as
well as to nourish
and comfort
God's people in
their faith.

SERMON

REV. ADAM FEICTMANN

"The Weary World Rejoices"

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

O Holy Night

WORDS AND MUSIC BY ADOLPHE CHARLES ADAM, CHAPPEAU DE ROQUEMAURE AND JOHN S. DWIGHT

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees, oh hear the angel voices
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, O holy night, O night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here came the wise men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our Friend
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name
Christ is the Lord, oh praise His name forever
His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim

Communion

Our communion liturgy is adapted from Scripture as well as the earliest traditions of the church. The liturgy begins with *The Sursum Corda* which is Latin for “lift up your hearts,” and calls us to be heavenly minded in the Lord’s presence (cf. Psalm 25:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:16).

The Sanctus is a prayer that has been used by the church since the first century to respond to the mystery of Christ’s presence in the sacrament (cf. Psalm 118:26; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8).

The Memorial Acclamation is a triumphant declaration of the gospel of Christ as portrayed in this holy meal (cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7, 11:26; 1 Timothy 3:16).

INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord God almighty. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name; saying together:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: These are the Gifts of God, for the People of God. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Communion (i.e. the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist) is a holy meal in which we remember Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. In the sacrament, God comes near to his church and we experience his grace anew.

Who should participate? This is a meal for all those who have been made a part of a Christian church by baptism, who profess faith in Christ, and who endeavor to live for him. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to partake, but instead to use this time to consider the things you have seen and heard, including God’s love for humanity as portrayed in this meal. You may come forward to receive prayer (simply cross your arms over your chest as you pass the servers) or, if you prefer, simply remain in your seat.

How should I participate? Starting with the front rows, come forward. As you are served, partake of the bread and wine then return to your seat.
Note: We use bread and red wine, but gluten free wafers (containing organic brown and white rice flour only) and white grape juice are also available.

Parents: If your children are too young to understand the meaning of this meal please instruct them to cross their arms over their chest. As soon as they are able to appreciate these things in an age appropriate way our leaders would love to meet with them, hear of their faith, and admit them to the table.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION SONG

O Little Town of Bethlehem

WORDS: PHILIPS BROOKS; MUSIC: LEWIS REDNER

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light
The hopes and fears
Of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep
The angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

Where children pure and happy
Pray to the blessed Child
Where misery cries out to Thee
Son of the mother mild
Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door
The dark night wakes the glory breaks
And Christmas comes once more

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, O God, that through Word and sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Commission

SONG OF DEPARTURE

Good Christian Men Rejoice

GERMAN HYMN

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say
News! News!

Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow
And He is in the manger now
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!

Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall
Christ was born to save
Christ was born to save

Just as we
begin with
God's gracious
invitation, so
we end with
God's promise
to always be
with us.

BLESSING - ROMANS 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded by scanning the QR code.



Announcements & Events

(To see additional announcements & events please visit the Redeemer website, calendar and app)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

Mark your calendars for the following dates to celebrate Advent and Christmas at Redeemer

Advent Sundays | November 29, December 6, 13, 20 at 10:00AM

Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service | December 24 at 4:00PM

Join us for our annual Christmas Eve service. We will sing the great Christmas songs interspersed with readings from Scripture, and a short Christmas message.

Christmastide Sundays | December 27 and January 3 at 10:00AM

First Sunday after Epiphany (and Three Kings Cake) | January 10 at 10:00AM

Women's Christmas Ornament Exchange | Today, December 20 post-worship service at 11:30am
Due to the increase of Covid cases and hospitalizations, we have rescheduled and simplified our annual Women's Christmas Ornament Exchange to occur outdoors today, Sunday December 20th directly after the worship service for approximately 45 minutes. All ladies are invited to bring a wrapped ornament and to enjoy sharing Christmas traditions. Following health and safety measures, we will not be "stealing" gifts during the exchange (multiple hands on each gift), or providing food. Contact Sarah Pringle or Gabriella Ayerst with questions.

Amazon Smile for Redeemer

If you are planning to buy Christmas gifts via Amazon, would you consider designating Redeemer as the charity of your choice? .5% of your purchases will be donated directly to Redeemer! Click on the QR code to sign up for Amazon Smile and designate Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach as your selected charitable organization.



Daily Scripture Readings

Please use your Order of Worship as a personal, family or group worship resource for prayers, hymns and readings this week. The scripture readings below are part of a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice and the Psalms frequently.

Fourth Week of Advent

Sunday

Evening: Psalms 8, 84 / John 3:16-21

Monday

Morning: Psalms 61, 62 / Isaiah 11:1-9 / Revelation 20:1-10

Evening: Psalms 112, 115 / John 5:30-47

Tuesday

Morning: Psalms 66, 67 / Isaiah 11:10-16 / Revelation 20:11-21:8

Evening: Psalms 116, 117 / Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday

Morning: Psalm 72 / Isaiah 28:9-22 / Revelation 21:9-21

Evening: Psalms 111, 113 / Luke 1:26-38

Thursday

Morning: Psalms 45, 46 / Isaiah 35 / Revelation 22:12-17; 22:21

Evening: Luke 1:67-80

Friday

Morning: Psalms 2, 85 / Zechariah 2:10-13 / 1 John 4:7-16

Evening: Psalms 110, 132 / John 3:31-36

Saturday

Morning: Psalms 28, 30 / 2 Chronicles 24:17-22 / Acts 6:1-7; 7:59-8:8

Evening: Psalm 118

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 93, 96 / Isaiah 62:6-7; 62:10-12 / Hebrews 2:10-18

To sign up for our daily morning and evening prayer emails with these scripture readings along with prayers and liturgy from the Order of Worship, go to redeemeroc.org/daily/ or scan the QR code.



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