



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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Third Sunday of Advent : DECEMBER 13TH, 2020

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

WELCOME

REFLECTION

All we could ever imagine, could ever hope for, He is....He is the Prince of Peace whose first coming has already transformed society but whose second coming will forever establish justice and righteousness. All this, and infinitely more, alive in an impoverished baby in a barn. That is what Christmas means—to find in a place where you would least expect to find anything you want, everything you could ever want.

— *Michael Card*

Christmas, then, is not a dream, a moment of escapism. Christmas is the reality, which shows up the rest of reality. And for Christmas, here, read Christianity. Either Jesus is the Lord of the world, and all reality makes sense in his light, or he is dangerously irrelevant to the problems and possibilities of today’s world. There is no middle ground. Either Jesus was, and is, the Word of God, or he, and the stories Christians tell about him, are lies.

— *N.T. Wright*

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.

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP - ADAPTED FROM ISAIAH 42

Minister: Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth...

People: You who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.

Minister: Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice...

People: Let them sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

Minister: Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastlands.

People: For the LORD goes out like a mighty man, like a man of war he stirs up his zeal; he cries out, he shouts aloud, he shows himself mighty against his foes.

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

Crown Him With Many Crowns

WORDS: MATTHEW BRIDGES; MUSIC: GEORGE ELVEY

Crown Him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed over the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love,
behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

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

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

15TH CENTURY GERMAN HYMN, TRANSLATED BY THEODORE BAKER (1864)

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.

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 Angels & Shepherds Candle

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

Leader: We light this candle to remember this truth: Jesus is the Word through whom all things were made. In him is life and his life is the light of all people. If we receive his light, our joy is made complete.

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

Advent Reading - from Isaiah 40:11, Revelation 7:17, & Luke 2:11-14

“He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.”

“For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
‘Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard On High
EDWARD BARNES & JAMES CHADWICK

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

See within a manger laid
Jesus Lord of heav'n and earth
Mary Joseph lend your aid
With us sing our Savior's birth
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

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 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Offerory: 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. JOSH HAHNE

Comfort, Comfort

Please stand.

SONG OF RESPONSE

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, O come great Lord of might
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe
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 victory over 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

O come, thou Key of David come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery
Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

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 the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

WORDS: SAMUEL TREVOR FRANCIS, MUSIC: WELSH MELODY (ADAPT. THOMAS JOHN WILLIAMS)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee!

Please stand.

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

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

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 Christmas (and Three Kings Cake) | January 10 at 10:00AM

Celebrate Twelve Days of Christmas & Epiphany with us.

Women's Christmas Ornament Exchange | 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 on 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, sarahpringle@gmail.com, or Gabriella Ayerst, gabriella.ayerst@gmail.com, with questions or to RSVP.

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.

Third Week of Advent

Sunday

Evening: Psalm 103 / John 3:22-30

Monday

Morning: Psalms 41, 52 / Isaiah 8:16-9:1 / 2 Peter 1:1-11

Evening: Psalm 44 / Luke 22:39-53

Tuesday

Morning: Psalm 45 / Isaiah 9:1-7 / 2 Peter 1:12-21

Evening: Psalms 47, 48 / Luke 22:54-69

Wednesday

Morning: Psalm 119:49-72 / Isaiah 9:8-17 / 2 Peter 2:1-10

Evening: Psalms 49, 53 / Mark 1:1-8

Thursday

Morning: Psalm 50 / Isaiah 9:18-10:4 / 2 Peter 2:10-16

Evening: Psalm 33, 59, 60 / Matthew 3:1-12

Friday

Morning: Psalm 40, 54 / Isaiah 10:5-19 / 2 Peter 2:17-22

Evening: Psalm 51 / Matthew 11:2-15

Saturday

Morning: Psalm 55 / Isaiah 10:20-27 / Jude 17-25

Evening: Psalms 138-139:23 / Luke 3:1-9

Sunday

Morning: Psalms 24, 29 / Isaiah 42:1-12 / Ephesians 6:10-20

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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