Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us.In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

COMMUNION LITURGY & RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

*HYMN OF INVITATION JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME #469, v. 1 & 4 Words & Music By Will L. Thompson Used by Permission. CCLI License #1203752

1. Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all; he is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall. When I am sad, to him I go, no other one can cheer me so; when I am sad, he makes me glad, he's my friend.

4. Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend; I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end. Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end; eternal life, eternal joy, he's my friend.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

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4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

> **POSTLUDE**THE JOY OF THE LORD ALLIENE G VALE

"God's Relationship with the Chosen People and the Gentiles"

Isaiah 9:6-7 & Isaiah 42:5-7



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER

> WELCOME HOME! **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

MY TRIBUTE ANDRAÉ CROUCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.

Congregation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,

And shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HAMMERSCHMIDT FAMILY MARK 1:4

*HYMN OF PRAISE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

#213

WORDS BY GEORG WEISSEL

MUSIC FROM PSALMODIA EVANGELICA

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- 1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!
- 2. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

 3. Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide; let us thy inner
- presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.
- 4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won; eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

#381, v. 1 & 3

Words Attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp

Music by William B. Bradbury

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1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to

relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

*Doxology

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN

MUSIC FROM GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE
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God from whom all blessings flow project Code all greatures have below.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN OF FAITH COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING #61, v. 1 - 3 WORDS BY ANONYMOUS MUSIC FROM FELICE DE GIARDINI USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #1203752

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise! Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend! Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,

now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

SCRIPTURE READINGS ISAIAH 9:6-7. & ISAIAH 42:5-7

SERMON

"GOD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHOSEN PEOPLE AND THE GENTILES" REV. LARAINE WAUGHTAL

ANTHEM
I COME WITH JOY ANONYMOUS, THE SOUTHERN HARMONY ARR. BY BRIAN WREN & C.H. WEBB

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF INVITATION & PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.