



CHRIST CHURCH
CONWAY

Praise

Call to Worship - Psalm 98.1-3

[1] Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

[2] The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

[3] He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God. (ESV)

Invocation

Hymn of Praise - All People That On Earth Do Dwell

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1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. The Lord ye know is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

3. For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

4. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From earth and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Affirmation of Faith - The Nicene Creed

Minister: Brothers and sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

Congregation: **We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;**

**by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father;**

**and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;**

**and we believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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1. Infant holy, infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall.
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping.
Shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow.
Christ the babe was born for you.
Christ the babe was born for you.

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Confession

Scriptural Warning - Isaiah 29.13-16

[13] And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

[14] therefore, behold, I will again

do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;

and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,

and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

[15] Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,

and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

[16] You turn things upside down!

Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,

“He did not make me”;

or the thing formed say of him who formed it,

“He has no understanding”? (ESV)

Way of Salvation - Isaiah 42.1-4

[1] Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

[2] He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

[3] a bruised reed he will not break,

and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

[4] He will not grow faint or be discouraged

till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law. (ESV)

Confession of Sin - Book of Common Prayer Second Advent Collect

Congregation: Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:

Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn of Confession - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

*(Chorus) Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, O come, thou Lord of Might
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

3. O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
(Chorus)

4. O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
An death's dark shadows put to flight.
(Chorus)

5. 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.
(Chorus) 2X

Assurance of Pardon - Isaiah 53.5-6

[5] But he was pierced for our transgressions;
 he was crushed for our iniquities;
 upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
 and with his wounds we are healed.
 [6] All we like sheep have gone astray;
 we have turned—every one—to his own way;
 and the LORD has laid on him
 the iniquity of us all. (ESV)

Exhortation to Holiness - Isaiah 66.22-23

[22] “For as the new heavens and the new earth
 that I make
 shall remain before me, says the LORD,
 so shall your offspring and your name remain.
 [23] From new moon to new moon,
 and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
 all flesh shall come to worship before me,
 declares the LORD. (ESV)

Hymn of Response - Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Words by Johannes Olearius (1671)

Music by Lance Johnston & Treva Blomquist

1. “Comfort, Comfort now my people; speak of peace!” so says our God.
 Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow’s load.
 To God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon waits for them!
 Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.
2. For the herald’s voice is crying in the desert far and near,
 Calling us to true repentance since the kingdom now is here
 Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
 Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!

3. Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading - [Acts 13.42-52](#)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon - Isaiah 49.1-7

The Servant Songs of Isaiah (pt. 2): A Light for the Nations

Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn - Advent Hymn

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1. Christ whose glory fills the skies
 Christ the Everlasting Light
 Son of Righteousness arise
 Triumph o'er these shades of night

2. Come Thou long awaited one
 In the fullness of Your Love
 Loose this heat bound up by shame
 And I will never be the same

*(Chorus) So here I wait in hope of You,
 All my soul's longing through and through
 Dayspring from on high be near
 Daystar in my heart appear*

3. Dark and cheerless is the morn
 'Till Your love in me is born
 Joyless is the evening sun
 'Till Emmanuel has come
(Chorus)

Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Amen.

Response

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Thanksgiving - Joy to the World

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1. 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.

2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While field and floods,
Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. 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.

4. 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, wonders of His love.
And wonders wonders of His love.

Benediction - Benediction - Numbers 6.24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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