

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INVOCATION & THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: The time of Christ's coming is at hand; the day is drawing near.

C: **Let us lay aside the works of darkness; let us put on the armor of light.**

P: Lest that day surprise us unprepared, let us confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us his promised forgiveness.

(Silence for meditation and self-examinations)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. We have grown complacent and content, desiring darkness rather than the light. We are helpless to free ourselves. We beg your mercy for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: He who is coming has come! His birth among us brings us light; his death for our transgressions brings us life. For his sake your sins are forgiven!

C: **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

THE HYMN – “Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and come.
Protect us by your strength**

**and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins,
for you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE OFFICE HYMN – “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

THE SERMON: “Get Ready Get Set ... Wait!”

THE APOSTLES CREED (not spoken on Saturday evening)

LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:

CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of
the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERTORY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – “Shine Jesus Shine”

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

15. COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose You now.

Repeat

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JESUS: HIS ADVENT

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CHARLES WESLEY, 1707-1788

HYFRYDOL

ROWLAND H. PRICHARD, 1811-1887
Arr. by Norman Johnson, 1928-

1. { Come, Thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
From our fears and sins re-lease us: Let us find our rest in Thee.

2. { Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us for-ev-er; Now Thy gra-cious King-dom bring.

Is-rael's Strength and Con-so-la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
By Thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;

Dear De-sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all suf-fi-cient mer-it, Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

Other harmonization of this tune, in a higher key: 49
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Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

INVITATION

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Softly and Tenderly

WILL L. THOMPSON, 1847-1909

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1. Soft-ly and ten-der-ly Je-sus is call-ing, Call-ing for
2. Why should we tar-ry when Je-sus is plead-ing, Plead-ing for
3. Time is now fleet-ing, the mo-ments are pass-ing, Pass-ing from
4. O for the won-der-ful love He has prom-ised, Prom-ised for

you and for me; See, on the por-tals He's wait-ing and watch-ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin-ger and heed not His mer-cies,
you and from me; Shad-ows are gath-er-ing, death-beds are com-ing,
you and for me; Tho we have sinned He has mer-cy and par-don,

CHORUS

Watch-ing for you and for me.
Mer-cies for you and for me? Come home, come home,
Com-ing for you and for me. Come home, come home,
Par-don for you and for me.

Ye who are wea-ry, come home; Ear-nest-ly,

ten-der-ly, Je-sus is call-ing- Call-ing, "O sin-ner, come home!"

**LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS
SHINING (SHINE, JESUS, SHINE)**

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

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