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 Apostalic Creed:

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

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

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

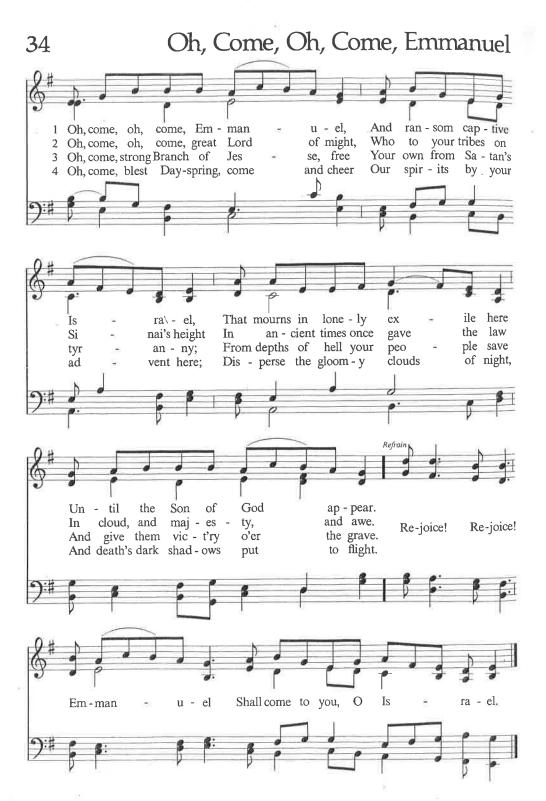
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.

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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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

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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