



Sunday Evening Worship
December 5, 2021

Reflection

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"
(which means God with us).

—Matthew 1:23

Call to Worship: Psalm 2:1-9

- Leader Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
- People **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."**
- Leader He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
- People **Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."**
- Leader I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- People **Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

Prayer of Invocation

O Come O Come Emmanuel

(Words: 1400's French Mass, Music: Veni Emmanuel Chant)

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, thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times did give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Son of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

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.

Wait for the Lord

(Words & Music: Taizé)

Wait for the Lord
Whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord
Keep watch, take heart.

Call to Confession:

John 3:19-21

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

Prayer of Confession:

Father, as we draw near to Christmas, help us to draw near to you, and to walk in the light. We confess that we often run from the light toward darkness, for fear that our evil thoughts and deeds will be exposed. We thank you that in Jesus we can be fully known, both our good and our bad, and our sin atoned for. Let your light shine in our hearts this season, and forever more.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Corporate Prayer

Song of Renewal

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Isaiah 2 | Come Let Us Walk In The Light

(Words & Music: Daniel Snoko 2019)

Come to the mountain of the LORD
A home for the nations
Come to the hill above all hills
Greater than kingdoms
People from all the earth will flow
Into his presence

*Come let us walk in the light of the
LORD. (2x)*

Let us go up to meet with God
And follow his pathway
Let the LORD teach us in the word
That goes out from Zion
The Law of the LORD will be the light
That leads us to worship

Bring your dispute before the LORD
And look for his justice
Bring to our God your love for war
Replace it with mercy
Nations will lay their weapons down
And take up forgiveness

Scripture & Homily:

Colossians 1:11-20, 2:8-10

"The Incarnation"

- Elder Dave Snoke

¹¹Being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

^{2:8}See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Sermon Outline

I. Basics of the Trinity

A. Three persons, one God errors: modalism, polytheism, Aryanism, "two persons and a force"

B. Jesus: One Person, two natures

II. Why did God take on human flesh?

A. The need for Atonement in the flesh

B. Union with Christ and the role of the Holy Spirit

III. Applications

A. Awe and confidence

B. Do not be led astray

Additional Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20/ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

John 1:1-3, 14/ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 8:58/ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

Romans 8:3, 11, 16, 26/ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,... If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you... The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God... Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Hebrews 1:1-3/ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Song of Thanksgiving

King of Kings

(Words & Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood 2018)

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
'Till from heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfill the Law and Prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
Now we see that in your suff'ring
You saw glory to behold
Knowing you were our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

For the morning that you rose
All of heaven held its breath
'Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
Then the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are re-stored

Then the Church of Christ was born
And the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By his blood and in his name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Benediction

Notes

Announcement

Evening Service Coordinators Needed

We are recruiting Evening Service Coordinators who will arrive at 5PM to unlock the building, greet people, answer questions, and close the building by 7PM. There is compensation and training provided for this position. Contact Zachary@cityreformed.org for more information.

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Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, we will pray for you. Please send prayer requests to Pastor Joseph through prayer@cityreformed.org.

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10:15 AM
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5:30 PM
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