

worship as communal exchange . Trinity God renews us, and we respond

Theme: Preparing to spend eternity with Jesus

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

## **Psalm 24:7-8**

(leader) Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

## (song) Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

1) Come Thou long-expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free From our fears and sins release us Let us find our rest in Thee Israel's Strength and Consolation Hope of all the saints Thou art Dear Desire of every nation Joy of every longing heart

2) Joy to those who long to see thee Dayspring from on high appear come thou promised Rod of Jesse of thy birth we long to hear O'er the hills the angels singing news glad tidings of a birth Go to him your praises bringing Christ the Lord has come to earth

- 3) Come, to earth to taste our sadness he whose glories knew no end by his life he brings us gladness our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend Leaving riches without number born within a cattle stall this the everlasting wonder Christ was born the Lord of all
- 4) Born Thy people to deliver Born a child, and yet a King Born to reign in us forever Now Thy precious kingdom bring By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne

#### <u>prayer</u>

#### (song) O Come O Come Emmanuel

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, thou Dayspring come and cheer Our Spirits by Thine advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadow put to flight Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Wisdom, from on high and order all things far and nigh to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go 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 time dids't give the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel

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## Isaiah 40:2-5

(*leader*) Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

#### prayer of confession

(*all*) Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

## declaration: 1 Timothy 1:15

*(leader)* The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

## (song) My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again Who crushed my curse of sinfulness And clothed me with His light And wrote His law of righteousness With pow'r upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly Whose ev'ry promise is enough For ev'ry step I take Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness To him who reigns above Whose wisdom is my perfect peace Whose ev'ry thought is love For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King So I will give my life, my all to love and follow him

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## greeting, children and announcements

## prayer for the congregation and the world

# **CONSECRATED BY THE WORD**

#### **Pastor Mark Howard**

Text: Colossians 3:1-14 (page: 984) Title: Secure Enough to Dress for Christ Introduction: Preparing for the party

1. Put off your earthly rags (vs. 5-11)

2. Put on your heavenly robes (vs. 12-14)

Notes:

What does Paul say about our: identity (vs. 12) and destiny (vs. 1-4) as believers? Why might having confidence about these things motivate us to change the way we live?

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## (song) Glorious Christ

The radiance of the Father before the dawn of time You spoke and all creation came to be The molecules and planets reveal Your great design And every one was made so we could see. So we could see

You are the glorious Christ the greatest of all delights Your power is unequaled Your love beyond all heights No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life We join the song of angels who praise You day and night Glorious Christ

You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth And dwell among the outcast and the poor You came to be forsaken and died to take our curse So You could be our joy forevermore. Forevermore

You are the glorious Christ the greatest of all delights Your power is unequaled Your love beyond all heights No greater sacrifice than when You laid down Your life We join the song of angels who praise You day and night Glorious Christ

You're seated now in heaven enthroned at God's right hand You've shattered death and freed us from our fears And though we cannot see You You're coming back again And all will be made right when You appear And all will be made right when You appear

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## (song and offering) New Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim The power and might of His great Name Let us exalt on bended knee Praise God, the Holy Trinity

Praise God, praise God, praise God, Who saved my soul Praise God, praise God, praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise to the King, His throne transcends His crown and Kingdom never end Now and throughout eternity I'll praise the One Who died for me

Praise God, praise God, praise God, Who saved my soul Praise God, praise God, praise God from Whom all blessings flow (repeat)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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## benediction . I Thessalonians 5:23-24

*(leader)* Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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