

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord we pray that you will wake us up to your loving presence. Reveal to us the depth of your love in all places of life. Prepare our hearts and minds to receive the coming of your son among us. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

We are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born.

-Meister Eckhart

Our world is full of injustice and unrighteousness, so something has to give where God enters the world, and it is not going to be God.

-Rosalind Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

Leader: Come, let us prepare ourselves with open hearts for the familiar Christmas story.

People: And hear the angel's disturbing message, God comes to the weak and lowly.

Leader: Then, like Joseph, swept up in events we cannot control, but with firm faith in God -

People: Let us make room for Jesus in our lives.

PRAISE SONG

"Bring In Your New World"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are arranged in five systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Bring in your new world, child of the sun,
3. Bring in your new world, child of all time,
4. Bring in your new world, child of our earth,
God's shin - ing pres - ence, bright in your es - sence,
peace with - out bor - der, peace in the new or - der,
hold - ing cre - a - tion in your com - pas - sion,
Christ - mas be - gun; bring to our sad world
li - on with lamb; come in the heal - ing,
wait - ing your birth; come lit - tle hu - man,
light and de - light, sing - ing and laugh - ter,
shar - ing of bread, jus - tice and free - dom,
cry your first breath, cry out God's kind - ness,
hope as our shel - ter, stars to our night.
signs of the king - dom, ev - 'ry - one fed.
light out of blind - ness, life out of death.

THE CONFESSION

All: Loving God, in our weakness we cry out for you to come. We do not look deep enough to see you in the midst of difficulty, to find you inside our anxious longing. We do not recognize you in our longing for someone or something to help us when we are not strong enough to face the world. We place our hopes in some mighty conqueror and miss the strength of the love which is offered to us by the child in the manger.

Persistent God, open us to seeing you in the paradoxes of life. Give us reason to smile, knowing you are born in the midst of weakness and need. Be born in us. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"No Obvious Angels"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 6/8 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column containing the main text and the second and third columns containing alternative phrasings for the first two staves. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as repeat signs and a key signature change at the end.

1.No ob - vi - ous an - gels sing
2.Our an - gel po - ten - tial is
3.Who - ev - er will take it is

through the night skies, no thun - der - struck shep - herds tell
wait - ing to start! The Spir - it will teach us the
giv - en the role: the fruit - ful, the faith - ful, the

out their sur - prise, for Christ - mas comes in - to the
song of the heart, for Christ - mas comes in - to the
joy - ous of soul, for Christ - mas comes in - to the

here and the now through star - sight - ed peo - ple, the
here and the now through peace - mak - er peo - ple, the
here and the now when we are the an - gels who

watch - ful and hope - ful, who wake us to
just and the gen - tle, the stars who will
dream and de - liv - er, the who rise who and cre

1.,2. see a new world.
light the new world.
- ate this new world!



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Messiah

Some - one's shout - ing from the des - ert.
 Some - one's shout - ing from the ci - ty
 Some - one's shout - ing I am brok - en

Some - one's shout - ing from the sea
 I am young I am cold
 Some - one's shout - ing make me whole

Some - one's shout - ing from the moun - tain
 Some - one's shout - ing from the coun - try
 Some - one's shout - ing come and change me

Some - one's shout - ing from the val - ley Mes - si - ah,
 I am lone - ly I am old
 Some - one's shout - ing save my soul.

come and be our King. Mes - si - ah,
 3

come and be our King.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

Here is a vision that Isaiah, the son of Amoz, saw about Judah and Jerusalem.

- ² In the last days
the mountain where the LORD's temple is located will be famous.
It will be the highest mountain of all.
It will be raised above the hills.
All the nations will go to it.
- ³ People from many nations will go there. They will say,
"Come. Let us go up to the LORD's mountain.
Let's go to the temple of Jacob's God.
He will teach us how we should live.
Then we will live the way he wants us to."
The law of the LORD will be taught at Zion.
His message will go out from Jerusalem.
- ⁴ He will judge between the nations.
He'll settle problems among many of them.
They will hammer their swords into plows.
They'll hammer their spears into pruning tools.
Nations will not go to war against one another.
They won't even train to fight anymore.
- ⁵ People of Jacob, come.
Let us live the way the LORD has taught us to.

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ When you do these things, keep in mind the times we are living in. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. The full effects of our salvation are closer now than when we first believed in Christ. ¹² The dark night of evil is nearly over. The day of Christ's return is almost here. So let us get rid of the works of darkness that harm us. Let us do the works of light that protect us. ¹³ Let us act as we should, like people living in the daytime. Have nothing to do with wild parties, and don't get drunk. Don't take part in sexual sins or evil conduct. Don't fight with each other or be jealous of anyone. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ as if he were your clothing. Don't think about how to satisfy sinful desires.

GOSPEL (Please stand)**Matthew 24:36-44**

³⁶ “But no one knows about that day or hour. Not even the angels in heaven know. The Son does not know. Only the Father knows. ³⁷ Remember how it was in the days of Noah. It will be the same when the Son of Man comes. ³⁸ In the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking. They were getting married. They were giving their daughters to be married. They did all those things right up to the day Noah entered the ark. ³⁹ They knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field. One will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill. One will be taken and the other left.

⁴² “So keep watch. You do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ You must understand something. Suppose the owner of the house knew what time of night the robber was coming. Then he would have kept watch. He would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready. The Son of Man will come at an hour when you don’t expect him.

MESSAGE**Robin Brodie****MESSAGE RESPONSE “Lead Us To Peace By Your Light”**

1. The na - tions. they rage, ba - bies cry through the
2. You chal - lenge our no - tion of true lib - er -
3. Not born in the com - fort of wealth, but in -

night. Your peo - ple seek shel - ter, this world needs your
ty. The rich are brought low so that ev - 'ry - one's
stead you en - ter what's mes - sy, a low - ly cow

light. Like farm - ers who first heard good news of Christ's
free. The proud come to un - der - stand hu - mil - i -
shed. Our rock through the ag - es and song through the

birth, we yearn for your "peace on the earth."
ty. The blind point the way and we see.
years, you're met in our hopes and our fears.

O great star shin - ing a - bove guide us home to the
birth - place of love. On this cold win - ter night your
peo - ple still fight; lead us to peace by your light.



THE OFFERING Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: As God’s people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family, and all of creation.

(Petitions end: “God of mercy”; “Hear our prayer.”)

P: All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

One: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hands

All: To receive God's blessing.

One: Open wide your arms

All: To receive another as a child of God.

One: Make tender your hearts,

All: And welcome God's forgiveness.

One: Open up your ears;

All: Hear the words of God meant for you.

One: Lord be born in us.

All: Amen.

One: On the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took unleavened bread, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, “*Take this and eat it, this is my body.*”

In a similar manner Jesus took a cup and after blessing it and giving thanks he said, “*Drink this because this is the new covenant I am establishing to bind us together now and throughout eternity. Do this to remember me.*”

All: Gracious God, we are thankful for these gifts of love and sacrifice and we are reminded of your love for us. In this table we find what we need for life and are set free to serve and love in all circumstances. Thank you for coming into our midst. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

*All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
are invited to commune today.*

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice*

Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

COMMUNION SONGS

"We Will Wait"

1. We will wait with ev - er watch - ful eyes. We will
(2. We will) greet You with ev - er thank - ful tears. We will
3. We will wel - come You as proph - e - sies. We will
(4. We will) sing while we wait here on earth. We will

wait with ev - er serv - ing lives. We will
greet You with ev - er less - 'ning fears. We will
wel - come You in - to our lives. We will
sing to greet You at Your birth. We will

wait with ev - er o - pen hearts. We will
greet You with ev - er hope - ful joy. We will
wel - come les - sons that you teach. We will
sing to wel - come You, the gift. We will

greet You. We will
wel - come You.....
sing for You.....
fol - low You.....

1., 3. 2., 4.

Chorus

We will wel - come You! We will sing!

We will wel - come You! We will sing! to v. 3 sing! Repeat chorus. sing!

"People of Hope"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, slurs, and repeat signs. The lyrics are: "We are peo - ple of hope a - live in the mys - t'ry, grow - ing in faith, learn - ing to love. We are peo - ple of hope through - out all of his - t'ry, held by the one who will nev - er let go. We are dead in our striv - ing for wealth and for might We are what God has made us, cre - a - ted in Christ but God, rich in mer - cy, has loved us to life. We are for jus - tice and mer - cy to be our way of life. We are In the jour - ney ev - 'ry day we're led by the Word, saved by grace. We are". The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. There are also some performance markings like "Fine" and "3rd time to Coda".

We are peo - ple of hope a - live in the mys - t'ry,
grow - ing in faith, learn - ing to love. We are
peo - ple of hope through - out all of his - t'ry,
held by the one who will nev - er let go. *Fine* *3rd time to Coda*
We are dead in our striv - ing for wealth and for might
We are what God has made us, cre - a - ted in Christ
but God, rich in mer - cy, has loved us to life. We are
for jus - tice and mer - cy to be our way of life. We are
Coda
In the jour - ney ev - 'ry day we're led by the Word,
saved by grace. We are

"The People Walk"

The peo - ple walk through - out the world to - geth - er and
cry out, "Come, O Lord;" the peo - ple who long to claim the
prom - ise, God's lib - er - at - ing Word.
1.The poor ones of the world a - wait the
2.You broke the bonds of sin, un - tied the
3.The life - blood of the world is shed in
dawn of hope, when jus - tice will shine and make op -
cap - tive's hands, re - leased us from fear and slav - 'ry
mind - less war; and fam - 'lies de - sire a home where
pres - sion flee. The emp - ty hands of all are raised to
to the law. We lift our hands in hope, we put our
con - flicts cease. With all the world we lift our hands in
you, Lord God; oh, set us free!
trust in to you, you, O God of love.
hope peace.

THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: The child is born in you whenever you bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted and proclaim liberty to the captives. In all that you say and do, let the Lord be born in you!

ALL: Amen!

THE SENDING SONG

"All Earth is Hopeful"



1. All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2. Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3. Mount - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4. We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.

Fur - rows lie o - pen, for God's cre - a - tive task; this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our

la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
world; he is pre - sent, in neigh - bors we see our

1.-3. 4.
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

After worship, please join us for a coffee hour in the Heritage Room.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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