

Verse 4... And lead us not into temptation.
Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
Hallowed be Thy name. Forever and forevermore.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name.

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“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” (Titus 3:4-6)

Verse 1...Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Verse 2...Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Verse 3...Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus...You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

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“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

(Matthew 1:21-23; Luke 1:31-33; 2 Thessalonians 1:32)

Verse 1...Jesus, name above all names; beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us; blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Verse 2...Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God,
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe,
Light of the world.

Verse 3...Jesus, Way of Salvation, King of kings, Lord, of lords,
the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

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--MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

--MEMORY VERSE

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”
(I Samuel 16:7)

--CLOSING SONG

“Hope of the Nations”

Verse...Jesus, Hope of the nations, Jesus, Comfort of all who mourn,
You are the source of Heaven's Hope on earth. Jesus, Light in the darkness,
Jesus, Truth in each circumstance, You are the source of Heaven's Light on earth.

Chorus...In history You lived and died. You broke the chains,
You rose to life.

Chorus...You are the Hope living in us, You are the Rock in whom we trust,
You are the Light shining for all the world to see. You rose from the dead,
conquering fear, Our Prince of Peace drawing us near. Jesus, our Hope living for all who will receive.

Repeat Chorus, then...

Lord, we believe. Lord, we believe. Lord, we believe.

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* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

LEADING WORSHIP

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THE CONNECTION

December 20, 2020
10:30am

**“CONNECTING PEOPLE
TO CHRIST
THROUGH GOD’S WORD!”**



--PRESERVICE SONG

“Praise the Father, Praise the Son”

Verse 1...O sov'reign God, O matchless King the saints adore,
the angels sing, and fall before the throne of grace to You belongs the highest praise.

Verse 2...These sufferings, this passing tide under Your wings I will abide,
and ev'ry enemy shall flee; You are my hope and victory.

Verse 3...To the valley, for my soul; Thy great descent has made me whole!
Your Word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever flows.

Chorus...Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One;
clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names. The name above all other names.

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--WELCOME & WORDS OF PEACE

--WORSHIP SONG ***“Emmanuel***

(Hallowed Manger Ground) (Matthew 1:23)

Verse 1...What hope we hold this starlit night:
a King is born in Bethlehem. Our journey long, we seek the light that leads to the hallowed manger ground.

Verse 2...What fear we felt in the silent age, four hundred years can He be found?
But broken by a Baby's cry; rejoice in the hallowed manger ground.

Chorus...Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell. Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Praise His name, Emmanuel.

(continued...)

Verse 3...The Son of God, here, born to bleed; a crown of thorns would pierce His brow. And we beheld this offering, exalted now, the King of kings, praise God for the hallowed manger ground.

Sing Chorus twice, then...Praise His name, Emmanuel.

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--INVOCATION

P. Let us now say together our memory verse.

C. **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)**

--CONFESSION OF SINS

--ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

--STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Apostles' Creed (spoken)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

--FIRST LESSON *Colossians 3:12-17*

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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--GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 2:22-38*

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

--MESSAGE SONG

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Verse 1...O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears.

Chorus...Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Verse 2...O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. Chorus...

Verse 3...O come Desire of nations bind in one the hearts of all mankind. Bid Thou our sad divisions cease and be Thyself our King of Peace. Chorus...

Bridge...Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come!

Repeat Verse 1 and Chorus...

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"SONGS FOR THE NOT-SO-HOLLY-JOLLY:

A SONG OF HOPE"

~The Rev. Tyler Werner

--TITHES AND OFFERING

--PRAYERS

After each intercession, pastor concludes with:
"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."

"The Spirit Intercedes for Us" (Romans 8:26)

Sung intermittently during the prayers...

The Spirit intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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--"THE LORD'S PRAYER--Caribbean" (Mat. 6: 9-13)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2... As in heaven, so on the earth. Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses. Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

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