

# Reformation Worship

The Lord's Day

December 23, 2018



## Personal Preparation To Worship

*Emmanuel, God with us. Meditate on this pivotal truth. The Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ, the perfect sinless child, to be humbly born, human like us, to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves...satisfy the requirements of His Holy character. Because He was born to do this work, we have CONFIDENCE! Confidence for life, not death! Confidence for forgiveness, not condemnation! Confidence for knowing truth, not living a lie. Confidence that we have peace with God, not enmity. We have CONFIDENCE in the Person and Work of Christ Jesus! Doesn't your heart swell with love for Him!*

*Oh come! Let us adore the Lord and give praise to the anointed. The worthy One, who was born King of the Jews, reigns in righteousness, holiness, and power forever!*

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## Today Is Our Celebration Of The Birth Of The Lord Jesus Christ. O Come Let Us Adore Him!

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Emmanuel"  
– which means, "God with us."  
(Isaiah 7:14)*

*For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given,  
and the government will be on His shoulders.  
He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and  
upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and  
forever.*

*The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.  
Isaiah 9:6,7*

*(Jesus said) "I came forth from the Father  
and have come into the world.  
John 16:28a*

## God Hears Our Songs of Adoration

*From the ends of the earth we hear songs of praise,  
of glory to the Righteous One.  
Isaiah 24:16a*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Hymn  
#194  
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymn #208  
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Hymn  
#203

## Jesus, Immanuel, The Son Of God, The Son Of The Virgin, Came To Save His People From The Penalty Due Their Sin

*"She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus,  
for He will save His people from their sins."  
All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:  
"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and give birth to a Son,  
and they shall call Him Immanuel,"  
which means, "God with us."  
Matthew 1:21-23*

## We Confess Our Sins Knowing That God Came To Save Us

### • Corporate Confession Of Sin

Heavenly Father, we come before You today admitting that we do not appreciate, love, nor obey Your glorious Son, as fully as He deserves. Even after years of calling ourselves Christians, Your Son still does not hold the sway in our hearts that He should. Therefore, it is not unusual for us to find ourselves in situations where our hearts and minds are striving against His truth and life – which then required His death in our stead. We sin when we choose to not do what we know You want us to do. We sin when we turn away from pursuing what You want for us. We sin when we resist becoming what You want us to be. Truly we sin often.

Only You can overcome our self-centeredness and worldliness. You do this when You make the greatness of Jesus, and His mission to the world, more important to us than the petty pursuits and desires we have for ourselves. You can transform us by replacing the trivial goals, distracting idols, and empty dreams

that we so readily waste time and energy pursuing with glorious goals that deserve real focus and commitment because they really make a difference in Your world.

O God, You are able to save and change us! We ask You to forgive us for our waste of time, our waste of resources and our misdirected effort given in pursuit of things that really don't matter. Please put Your goals and purposes into our hearts. Please convince us and equip us to pursue godliness and be useful to You. Change us into the people You want us to be. We want to actively, practically, and successfully love and exalt Your Son. Please work these wonderful things into us. We ask this for Your glory and Your kingdom. Amen!

*(Confess your secret sins in the privacy of your own heart.)*

## God Is Strong To Save And Delivers His People From His Wrath

*Be my strong refuge,  
To which I may always go;  
You have given the commandment to save me,  
For You are my rock and my fortress.  
Psalm 71:3b*

*Do not be afraid,  
O worm Jacob, O little Israel,  
for I myself will help you," declares the LORD,  
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.  
Isaiah 41:14*

## We Confess Our Faith That God Became Man For Us

*(in Unison)*

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Westminster Shorter Catechism– Q & A<sup>s</sup> 20-22 AD1647

**Pastor:** Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

**People of God:** God having, out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

**Pastor:** Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**People of God:** The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

**Pastor:** How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

**People of God:** Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to Himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

**We Sing About The Mighty God Who Saves Us And Gives Us Joy**

*My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to You;  
my soul also, which You have redeemed.  
Psalm 71:23*

"Joy To The World" Hymn #195

**God Is Honored As We Speak To Him In Prayer**

**We Express Our Thanks To God Through Our Tithes And Offerings**

*Give to the LORD the glory due His name;  
Bring an offering and come into His courts.  
Psalm 96:8*

God's Truth Is Preached



Read And

*"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.*

*Ezekiel 44:23*

The Christmas Sermon  
"Immanuel"

Pastor Steve Jackson  
Matthew 1:18-25

**We Consider And Apply What We Have Heard**

**The Lord Calls His Children To Eat At His Table**

- Explanation of the Sacrament
- We Contemplate His Work On Our Behalf

"O Sacred Head"

Hymn #247

- The Words of Institution
- Invitation to the Meal
- The Fencing of the Table
- The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements
- The Serving of the Elements
- Rejoicing In God For His Great Work On Our Behalf

"The Doxology"

**Charge and Benediction**

**Greet One Another In Love**

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