

Isaiah 9:2-7

**Call to Worship**

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

**Let us go to find the Savior!**

Let us go with the wise ones:

**Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!**

Let us go with the poor and humble:

**Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations. Come, let us worship;

**Come, let us adore him: Christ the Lord!**

**(HYMN 1)**

**Opening Prayer**

O come let us worship and lift our hearts . . .  
not because the world is good and last week was awesome, but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the God of the whole Earth.

O come let us worship and raise our hands . . .  
not because our lives are all sweetness and light, but because even those who walk in darkness can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star.

O come let us worship and bow down . . .  
not because God gives us what we want, but because God gives us what we need – the holy child Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift.

Psalm 96

**(HYMN 2)**

Luke 2: 1-20

The Hands of Joseph reading

Message

**(HYMN 3)**

Prayer

**(HYMN 4)**

**(Hymn 1) O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

1. 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 you, O Israel.

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered 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 you, O Israel.

3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,  
an ensign of thy people be;  
before thee rulers silent fall;  
all peoples on thy mercy call.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

**Open Our Eyes**

1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we  
love him.

2. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

(Hymn 2) *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!
3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given; so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

(Hymn 3) *Silent Night*

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

(Hymn 4) *Joy to the World*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground; he comes  
to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

