



Christ Our Redeemer's Christmas Service 2018

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and to avoid distracting the attention of our children,
we ask you to hold your applause,
refrain from using cameras and videos,
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Part One - The Name of the Lord

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13

Processional: Congregation and Children

"Joy to the World"

CW 62 Public Domain Text: Isaac Watts Tune: George Handel



Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room And
- ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Re -
ground; He comes to make his bless - ings flow Far
prove The glo - ries of his right - eous - ness And



heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
- peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far
won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his love, And



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
- peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
as, far as the curse is found.
won - ders, won - ders of his love.



Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading

P: Let us celebrate God's love for all people!

C: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

P: All people of every nation are born in sin without a relationship to God. All people of every nation need a Savior from sin. God sent Jesus into the world to be the Savior of the nations.

C: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

P: Through Jesus' death, the penalty for our sin has been paid. Through Jesus' resurrection, God gives the hope and certainty of eternal life with him to us and to believers of all nations. The Holy Spirit calls us by the Word and Holy Baptism to believe in Jesus as our Savior and to receive the gifts he offers.

C: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

P: God declares himself to be the one and only true God. He is the only One worthy of our worship and praises. He is the Creator and Savior of all people.

C: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Congregational Hymn

"Savior of the Nations Come"

CW 2 Text and Tune: Public Domain Text: Ambrose Tune: *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*

Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's Son, make here your home.
Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,
Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
Praise to God the Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Confession and Absolution

P: Sin has separated every person from God. Each person on earth desperately needs a Savior. I need a Savior; you need a Savior. God shows us our common need and leads us to confess our sins before Jesus, our Savior.

C: Lord God, we confess that we have grieved you by the sins we commit each day. We have put other gods and needs before you and have not given you the glory and praise that you deserve. We have not lived as your children should - we have failed to be light and salt in the world. Forgive us for not sharing your love with others. Forgive us for withholding the Good News of your salvation from people around us. Lord, forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and transform us by your Holy Spirit to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth.

P: Our God indeed has forgiven all your sins. He sent his only Son, Jesus, to redeem us. The baby born in Bethlehem is the Savior of the nations. You are forgiven, and free of the guilt of sin by God's grace through the gift of Jesus.

Response (sing)

**Father's equal, you will win Vict'ries for us over sin.
Might eternal, make us whole; Heal our ills of flesh and soul.**

All: Lord, you are the Savior of the nations. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God. Amen.

Creed

P: Everyone in any nation, who by God's gift calls on the name of the Lord will be saved! The Holy Spirit is at work through his Word and leads us to confess before God and one another what we believe about our God, who sent the Savior of the nations!

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Response (sing)

**From the manger new born light. Sends a glory through the night.
Night cannot this light subdue, Faith keeps springing ever new.**

Narration - Upper Grade Readers

Recitation - Grades 1-2

Song - Grades 1-2

Recitation - PreK-K

Song - PreK- K

Recitation - PreK-K

Song - PreK-8

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The Christmas Story from Luke 2:1-7

"Silent Night"

CW 60 Public Domain
Text: Franz Joseph Mahr
Tune: Franz X. Gruber

"Away in the Manger"

CW 68 Public Domain Tune: Cradle Song

"A Baby in a Manger, Gloria!"

Recitation - Grades 1-2

Congregation Hymn

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee
For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a -
lie! A - bove thy deep And dream - less sleep The
- bove, While mor - tals sleep, The an - gels keep Their
si - lent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets
watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars, to -
shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears
- geth - er Pro - claim the hol - y birth, And prais - es sing

**Of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
To God the King And peace to all the earth.**

CW 66 Text & Tune: Public Domain
Setting: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Devotion

Part 2: How Can They Call?

*How, then, can they call on the one [Jesus] they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?
And how can they preach unless they are sent? Romans 10:14-15a*

Narration - Upper Grade Readers

Song - PreK-8

"From Japanese White Mountains"

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Recitation - Grades 3-8

Song - Grades 3-8

"Be a Candle of Hope"

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Recitation - PreK-8

Song - PreK-8

"Jesus Loves Me"

Spanish: PreK-1

Japanese Grades 2-4

Lakota Native American: Grades 5-8



Narration

Congregational Song – please stand

**Savior of the Nations, come Show yourself the virgin's son.
Marvel, heaven, wonder, earth, That our God chose such a birth.**

**Not by human flesh and blood By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh.
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.**

Offering

Offertory - Tone Chime Choir

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Incorporating Angels We Have Heard on High Arranged by Anna Laura Page © 2007 Alfred Publishing Co.

A Christmas Prayer

Grades 1-2: Heavenly Father, creator of all people on earth, we give you glory. You alone have the power to give salvation. We praise you for your work of salvation through Jesus Christ, your Son.

C: Let there be joy in all the world!

Grades 3-4: Lord Jesus, your love is perfect. Yet so many have never heard your precious name or called on you as Lord. Jesus, we ask you to give us opportunities to witness your love to friends and family members.

C: Let there be joy in all the world!

Grades 5-6: Lord of the harvest, we ask you to raise up missionaries who will bring news of your Christmas gift in Jesus Christ to all people, groups, and nations.

C: Let there be joy in all the world!

Grades 7-8: Lord, forgive us when we fail to share your love. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to glorify you in our words and actions. Show us your heart, Lord - your unfailing love for all people.

C: Let there be joy in all the world!

PreK-K: Lord Jesus, thank you for the privilege of being your witnesses to the ends of the earth.

C: Let there be joy in all the world!

PreK-8 May the peoples praise you O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! Psalm 67:3-5

ALL: Let there be joy in all the world! Amen!

Part 3: Beautiful Feet

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!

Romans 10:15

Narration

Song - Grades 3-8

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

African American Spiritual Arranged by Mark Patterson © 2005 Choristers Guild

Responsive Prayer

P: Lord, our God, you desire that all people have faith in Jesus, the Savior of the nations.

C: Jesus, may all people call upon you as Lord!

P: In Afghanistan, Brazil, and China,

C: Jesus, may all people call upon you as Lord!

P: In Denmark, Egypt, and Fiji,

C: Jesus, may all people call upon you as Lord!

P: In Ghana, Hungary, and India,

C: Jesus, may all people call upon you as Lord!

P: In Mexico, Nigeria, and Oman,

C: Jesus, may all people call upon you as Lord!

P: In Pakistan, Qatar, and Russia,

C: Jesus, may all people call upon you as Lord!

P: In Singapore, Turkey, and Uganda,

C: Jesus, may all people call upon you as Lord!

P: In Venezuela, Yemen, and Zimbabwe,

C: Jesus, may all people call upon you as Lord!

P: As you came in you saw many flags representing different nations. These flags represent people whom Jesus came into the world to save. We love and worship the baby Jesus, our Savior of the nations. Whenever you see a flag, a map, or a globe, remember the words from John 3:16. Please say them with me:

C: "For God so loved the World that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Amen





Narration

Recitation - Grades 3-5

Recitation - Grades 1-2

Narration

Benediction

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, so that his ways may be known on the earth - his salvation among all nations! The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen

Recessional: *“We Are Marching in the Light of God”*

The children will sing stanza one in South African and then in English.

The congregation will sing stanza two, three and four.

Siyahamba kukhanyen' kwenkhos', Siyahamba kukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamba kukhanyen' kwenkhos', Siyahamba kukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamba Oh, Siyahamba kukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamba Oh, Siyahamba kukhanyen' kwenkhos',

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching Oh We are marching in the light of God
We are marching Oh We are marching in the light of God.

**We are dancing in the light of God
we are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God,
we are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing Oh
We are dancing in the light of God
We are dancing Oh
We are dancing in the light of God**

**We are praying in the light of God,
we are praying in the light of God,
We are praying in the light of God
we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying Oh
We are praying in the light of God
We are praying Oh
We are praying in the light of God**

**We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God,
We are singing in the light of God
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing Oh
We are singing in the light of God
We are singing Oh
We are singing in the light of God**

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*Have a blessed Christmas season
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