

## The LOVE of the Christ (*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*) Order of Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Service

Meditation

Joy Has Dawned

Advent Reading

Message in Song | Unto Us

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Arrival

Joy Has Dawned

The Lord's Supper

Message | Romans 8:38-39

Invitation | O Little Town of Bethlehem

Mission Minute

Benediction

### Joy Has Dawned

#### *VERSE 1*

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation –  
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,  
But a humble gift of love – Jesus born of Mary.

#### *VERSE 2*

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother's breast, vulnerable and helpless.

#### *VERSE 3*

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.  
Gold – a King is born today, Incense – God is with us,  
Myrrh – His death will make a way, and by His blood He'll win us.

#### *VERSE 4*

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!  
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

## Unto Us

Words and Music by MATTHEW WEST and A.J. PRUIS *Arranged by Cliff Duren*

Who are we that a King would trade heaven's riches for a stable and a manger low?  
Can it be great I Am bending down to reach us? Morning Star, let this dark world know.  
Here is our promised One. Jesus, our Hope, has come!

Unto us, unto us a Child is born. Unto us, unto us a Son is given.  
Glory to God in the highest. Wonderful, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel has come to set captives free.  
With the angels we sing, "Glory to God in the highest." He has brought this great love unto us.

Who are we that a King would still walk among us, knowing He would only live to die?  
Cross of shame, crown of thorns He still chose to carry. Beauty broken, breathing us new life.  
Here is our promised One. Jesus, our Hope, has come!

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Emmanuel! God with us! Love has come.  
God with us, You are God, You are God with us.

Unto us, unto us a Child is born. Unto us, unto us a Son is given.  
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God with us, You are God. He has brought this great love unto us!

## Good Christian Men, Rejoice

### VERSE 1

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!  
Man and beast before Him bow, and He is in the manger now:  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

### VERSE 2

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and man is blest forevermore.  
Christ is born for this, Christ is born for this!

### VERSE 3

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

Words: MEDIEVAL LATIN CAROL 14<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY; TR. JOHN M. NEALE  
Music: TRADITIONAL GERMAN CAROL, 14<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

## Arrival

### VERSE 1

Who is God that He would take our frame? The artisan inside the paint.  
Or breathe the very air His breath sustains? The architect inside the plan. Oh, come now,

### CHORUS

Hail His arrival, the God of creation. Royalty robed in the flesh He created.  
Jesus the maker has made Himself known. All hail the infinite infant God.

### VERSE 2

The One who had no start and knows no end became confined in time and tense.  
The everlasting God, the Great I Am in the mercy of a mother's hands. Oh, come now,

### VERSE 3

The holy Word of God defined by name, the author climbed inside the page. Oh, come now,

Words and Music: BENJAMIN HASTINGS, DYLAN THOMAS, MATT CROCKER and MICHAEL GUY CHISLETT

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## O Little Town Of Bethlehem

### VERSE 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.

### VERSE 2

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to Christ the King, and peace to men on earth.

### VERSE 3

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n;  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of His Heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin;  
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

### VERSE 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!

Words and Music by LEWIS HENRY REDNER and PHILLIPS ROOKS

## Arrival (*Postlude*)

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Royalty robed in the flesh He created.  
Jesus, the maker, has made Himself known.  
All hail the infinite, infant God.

### BRIDGE 1

The One who holds the stars in the creases of His hands  
Is the One who holds my heart like a mother once held Him.  
The One who knows what lies where space has run its course  
Embraced a baby's mind and now I can know my God.  
The monarch of the stars, the King above all kings.  
The ruler of my heart and the Savior for my sins.  
The One who sees what lies in each and ev'ry soul,  
Embraced our finite eyes and now we can see our God. Oh...oh.

### VERSE 3

The holy Word of God defined by name,  
The author climbed inside the page. Oh, come now.

### CHORUS

Hail His arrival, the God of creation.  
Royalty robed in the flesh He created.  
Jesus, the maker, has made Himself known.  
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### BRIDGE 2

God embraced our frame when He graced the world He made.  
All hail the divine in a manger.  
Love embraced our fate when the playwright took the stage.  
All hail the arrival of our Maker.  
God embraced our frame when He graced the world He made.  
All hail the divine in a manger.  
Love embraced our fate when the playwright took the stage.  
All hail the arrival of our Savior.

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