

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

People: **Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing
for joy together before the Lord, for he comes
to judge the earth. He will judge the world with
righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 221

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Heidelberg Confession of Faith, Q. 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and
soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior,
Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his pre-
cious blood, and has set me free from the
tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in
such a way that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact,
all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy
Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me
wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on
to live for him.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)

The First Noel (Reader vss. 3-5)

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of
the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the
earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but
the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over
you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the
brightness of your dawn. Isaiah 60:1-3 (NIV)

Crown Him (Christmas)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS
OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

O Holy Night
Carson & Faith Snavely

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD
SCRIPTURE READING
SERMON

Luke 2:21-35 (ESV)
Nunc Dimittis: Simeon's Song
Anthony Martin

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **193**
*WORDS OF PEACE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Postlude for Christmas/ C. Simone

Song Lyrics

221 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'r bright, amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright She bore to men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.

The shepherds heard the story, proclaimed by angels bright,
how Christ the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped and in a manger found him,
as angel heralds said.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev'ry load

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know,
bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven
and to the endless day.

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Away in a Manger

Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The baby awakes
The dawn of salvation beginning to break
I love Thee Lord Jesus,
oh gift from above
The King of the heavens forever with us

I worship You Jesus
For all of my days
The highest of praises
Be unto Your Name
My God and my Savior
My king and my friend
For Yours is the glory forever, amen
For Yours is the glory forever, amen

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The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Reader: verses 3-5

6 The first Noel earth and Heaven embraced
As a virgin beheld her newborn babe
From realms on high to a manger on earth
Salvation had dawned in a lowly birth
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

7 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought
and with His blood our life hath bought
Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

"Crown Him (Christmas)"

Crown Him with many crowns The King who left His throne
Creator of the universe Born to the world He holds
And with that first drawn breath The Word has become flesh
Emmanuel has come to us, O crown Him, all the earth

Crowned by the angel choir They tell His royal birth
Sing glory in the highest height And peace upon the earth
They break the silent night Announcing endless worth
The King of grace and love is here, O crown Him all the world

Crowned by their royal gifts, Gold frankincense and myrrh
Wise men approach this manger throne With honors from afar
Behold the Son of God And bow down in this place
The Prince of Peace has come to us, O crown Him with your praise

Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing God sent His Son for me
Now hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity

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193 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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Scripture Reading

Luke 2:21-35 (ESV)

²¹ And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

²² And when 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”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now 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. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And 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, ²⁸ he 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; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And 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.”