

We Believe

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven



Every Christmas we celebrate the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation—that God the Son took on human flesh and came to earth as a baby (and rightly so!) but the good news of the gospel does not stop there! We haven't come to simply celebrate Christmas, but the fullness of the gospel: the incarnation, death, resurrection, ascension, and the return of the Lord Jesus.

For nearly two thousand years, the Nicene Creed has served as a doctrinal guardrail for the Christian faith. This evening, we will proclaim the gospel together by singing, reading the Scriptures, and by tracing the gospel story through our collective reading of the Nicene Creed.

We'll remain seated for the majority of the service, including for the singing. All the words for the songs can be found in this book.



Introductory Music
Of The Father's Love Begotten

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



Please turn over.



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is your health and salvation!
Come all who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigning,
Shelters you under His wings,
And so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,
Who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now

With praises before him.

Praise to the Lord!

O let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now

With praises before him.

Let the 'Amen' sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him!

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gladly forever adore him!



Hebrews ChI vI-3

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. **3** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Colossians ChI vI5-20

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. **19** For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things...

*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.*



O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God
Light of light
Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten not created
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
*‘Glory to God
In the highest’*

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea Lord, we greet Thee
Born that happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

*We believe that...
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.*



Please turn over.



O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

Christ is the Lord! O Praise his name, forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Holy, Holy, Holy
In a manger lowly
Christ, the Son, now veiled in flesh, in our humanity
Kingdoms bow before Him
Heav'n and earth adore Him
God here in person
Hail his majesty!



Matthew ChI vi8-23

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19** Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Please turn over.



See Amid the Winter's Snow

See amid the winter's snow
Born for us on earth below
See the Lamb of God appears
Promised from eternal years

Hail thou ever blessed morn!
Hail redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem;
‘Christ is born in Bethlehem!’

Lo within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies
He who throned in height sublime
Sits amid the cherubim

Hail thou ever blessed morn!
Hail redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem;
‘Christ is born in Bethlehem!’

Sacred Infant all divine
What a tender love was Thine
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this?

Hail thou ever blessed morn!
Hail redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem;
‘Christ is born in Bethlehem!’

Hebrews Ch2 vi4-15, 17

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— **15** and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. **17** For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

Hail thou ever blessed morn!
Hail redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem;
‘Christ is born in Bethlehem!’



Philippians Ch2 v5-8

... Christ Jesus: **6** who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; **7** rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient unto death— even death on a cross!

We believe...

*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.*



In Christ Alone

In Christ alone - who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Philippians Ch2 v9-11

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken?

(We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

(We do)

But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through?

(We do)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

(We do)

Is all creation groaning?

(It is)

Is a new creation coming?

(It is)

Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst?

(It is)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

(It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!

Does the Father truly love us?
(He does)
Does the Spirit move among us?
(He does)
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves?
(He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(He does)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He Worthy
Of all blessing and honour and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!



John Ch14 v15-20, v25-27

15 “If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”

25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.*



*We believe in one holy universal 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.



Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

**What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes**

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.

God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious, Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay, the Invincible
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son

O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall
Grace and majesty, what humility
Come on bended knee, adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads, for your King has come
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark

Glory shining for all to see
Hope alive, let the gospel ring
God has made a way, He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen, Amen, Amen



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