

Christ Presbyterian Church

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Joy to the World

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.

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.

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.

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.

Prayer of Confession

*God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.*

Fullness of Grace

Fullness of grace in man's human frailty:

This is the wonder of Jesus.

Laying aside his power and glory, humbly he entered our world;

Chose the path of meanest worth, scandal of a virgin birth;

Born in a stable, cold and rejected –

Here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father,

Shown in the face of Jesus;

Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary road.

Christ, the holy Innocent, took our sin and punishment.

Fullness of God, despised and rejected,

Crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for,

Promise of God in Jesus.

Through his obedience we are forgiven, opening the floodgates of heav'n.

All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering.

Fullness of life, and joy unspeakable,

God's gift in love to the world.

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;

there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.

Such a Babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?

Ask the saved of every race who have found his favor.

Angels sang about his birth,

wise men sought and found him;

Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him.

Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;

all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;

he is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger:

Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;

praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel’s chorus that hailed the Savior’s birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)