

Morning Service

O come, all ye faithful

John 1:1-5

Rev Nathan Owens

**O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave;
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high.
and close the path to misery:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66

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Prayer

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:1-5

⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Children's Talk

**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,
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.**

I love You, Lord Jesus!

**Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in Your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with You there.**

Anonymous

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Prayer

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Joy to those who long to see Thee,
dayspring from on high, appear;
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of Thy birth we long to hear!**

**O'er the hills the angels singing news,
glad tidings of a birth;**

**“Go to Him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth”.**

**Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.**

**Born Thy people to deliver;
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By Thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone:**

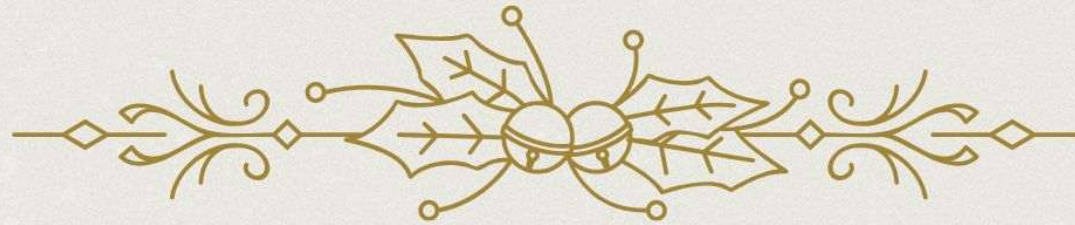
**By Thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

Charles Wesley 1707-88

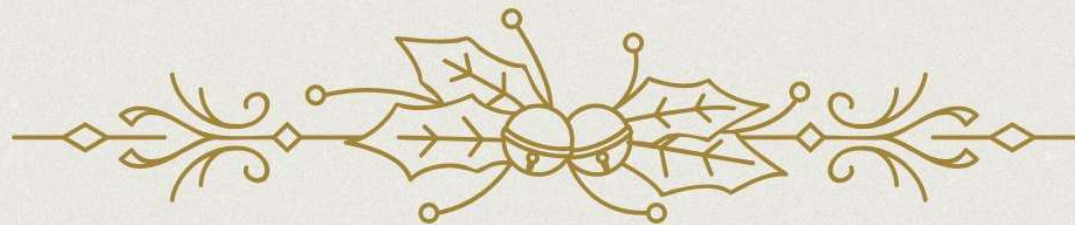


Christmas Series

Gilcomston Church



God of God
Light of Light



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**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,
Io! 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.**

John Wade c. 1711-86 Tr. Frederick Oakley 1802-80

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**

Evening Service

Hoping for the best

Romans 15:7-13

Rev Jerry Middleton

**Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart exult with joy,
and every voice be song!**

**On Him the Spirit, largely shed,
exerts its sacred fire;
wisdom and might, and zeal and love,
His holy breast inspire.**

**He comes, the prisoners to relieve,
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before Him burst,
the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the darkening scales of vice
to clear the inward sight;
and on the eye-balls of the blind
to pour celestial light.**

**He comes, the broken hearts to bind,
the bleeding souls to cure;
and with the treasures of His grace
to enrich the humble poor.**

**The sacred year has now revolved,
accepted of the Lord,
when heaven's high promise is fulfilled,
and Israel is restored.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's exalted arches ring
with Thy most honoured Name.**

Philip Doddridge, 1702-51

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Prayer

Romans 15:7-13

⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,

Romans 15:7-13

9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

10 And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

Romans 15:7-13

**¹¹ And again,
“Praise the Lord, all you
Gentiles,
and let all the peoples
extol him.”**

**¹² And again Isaiah says,
“The root of Jesse will
come,
even he who arises to
rule the Gentiles;**

Romans 15:7-13

**in him will the Gentiles
hope.”**

**¹³ May the God of hope fill
you with all joy and peace
in believing, so that by the
power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.**

ADVENT

HOPE | PEACE | LOVE | JOY

Prayer

He is born, our Lord and Saviour:

He is born, our heav'nly King:

give Him honour, give Him glory,

earth rejoice and heaven sing!

Born to be our sanctuary,

born to bring us light and peace;

for our sins to bring forgiveness,

from our guilt to bring release.

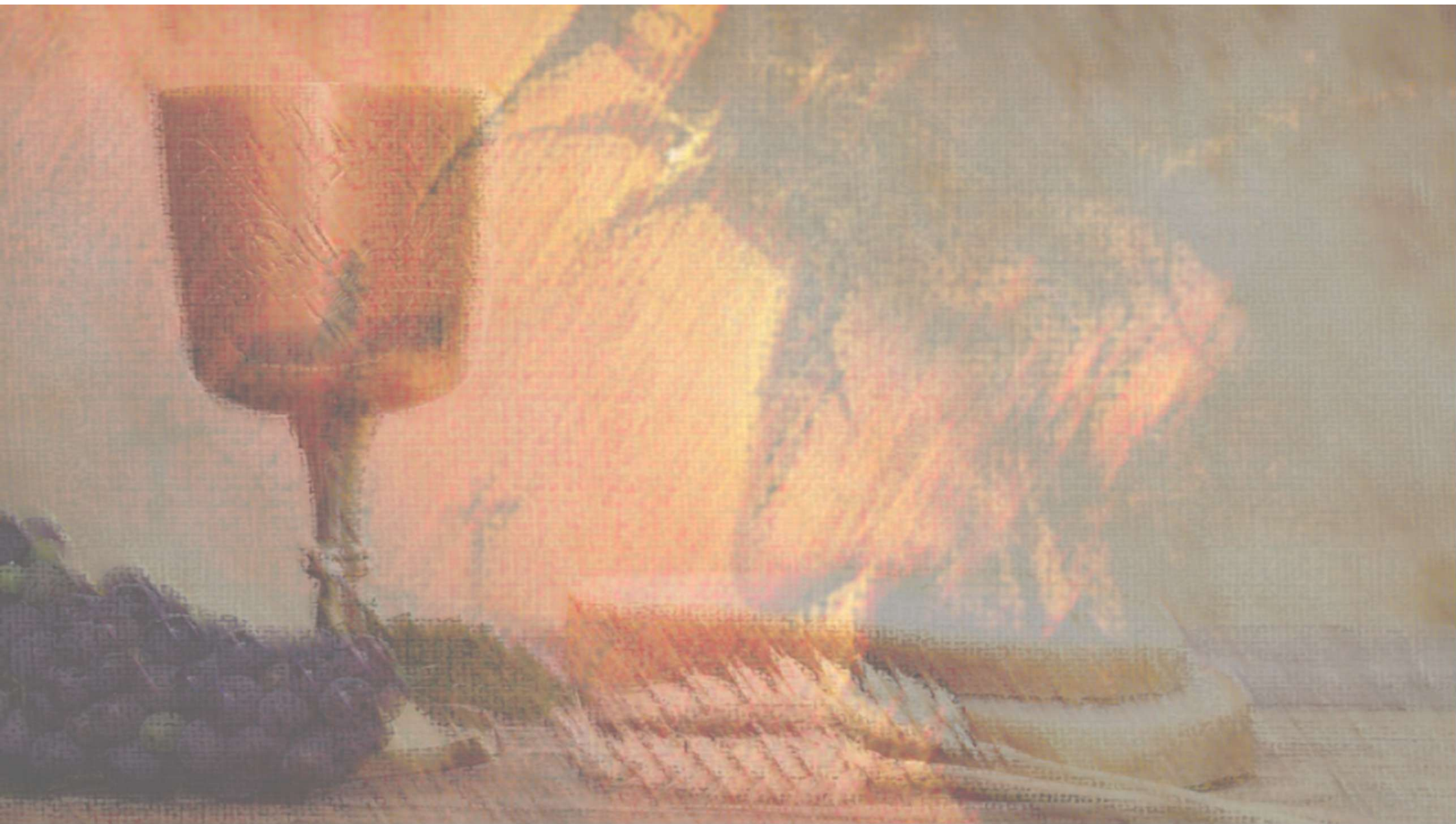
**He who is from everlasting
now becomes th'incarnate Word;
He whose name endures for ever
Now is born the Son of God:
born to bear our griefs and sorrows,
born to banish hate and strife;
born to bear the sin of many,
born to give eternal life!**

**Hail, the Holy One of Israel,
chosen heir to David's throne;
Hail the brightness of His rising -
to His light the Gentiles come:
plunderer of Satan's kingdom,
downfall of his evil pow'r;
rescuer of all His people,
conqueror in death's dark hour!**

**He shall rule with righteous judgement,
and His godly rule extend;
governor among the nations,
His great kingdom has no end:
He shall reign, the King of glory,
higher than the kings of earth -
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise we now His holy birth!**

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**Joy to the world, the Lord has 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 earth, the Saviour reigns!

Your sweetest songs employ

while fields and streams

and 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
where Eden's curse is found,
where Eden's curse is found,
wherever Eden's curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders, the wonders of His love.**

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all.
Amen.**