

OPENING MUSIC: How low was our Redeemer

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*Please listen to this song
as we shall sing it later in the service.*

How low was our Redeemer brought!

The King who held the stars
lay helpless in a maiden's arms
and pressed against her heart.

While sheep and cattle raised their voice,
the babe could speak no words;
the ever-flowing spring of joy
had come to share our thirst.

How low was our Redeemer brought!

The Lord the worlds obeyed
would stumble as he learned to walk
upon the ground he'd made;
the one the angels bowed before
would kneel to wash our feet
and be at home among the poor,
though he owned everything.

Gloria, gloria in the highest! (repeat)

How low was our Redeemer brought
to raise us from our shame!

And now the highest praise of all
belongs to Jesus' name.

The healer wounded on a tree
to bear our grief and sin;
the King gave up his crown so we
could ever reign with him.

Gloria, gloria in the highest! (4 times)

Musical interlude

Gloria, gloria in the highest! (4 times)

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Sovereign Grace Worship*

WELCOME and NOTICES

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

One: *The prophet Isaiah says:*
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

All: **They lived in a land of shadows,
but now light is shining on them...
For a child is born to us!
A son is given to us!** *[Isaiah 9]*

SONG: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Watch video <https://youtu.be/djey6DnKiHU>

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

O come, Thou, Dayspring from on high,
and cause Thy light on us to rise.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel*

O come, O come, true prophet of the Lord,
and turn the key to heaven's door.

Be Thou our comforter and guide
and lead us to the Father's side.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall by His word our darkness dispel.*

O come, our great High Priest, and intercede--
Thy sacrifice, our only plea.

The judgment we no longer fear--
Thy precious blood has brought us near.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
has banished every fear of hell.*

O Come, Thou King of nations, bring
an end to all our suffering.

Bid every pain and sorrow cease
and reign now as our Prince of Peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come again with us to dwell.*

*Original Latin (vv 1-2) tr. JM. Neale (1851); vv 3-5 Steve Cook &
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PRAYER

ALL-AGE TALK (Sheila)

SONG: The Candle Song (Like a candle flame)

Watch video https://youtu.be/XmwdZyTGa_A

Like a candle flame,
flickering small in our darkness,
uncreated light
shines through infant eyes.

*God is with us, alleluia!
God is with us, alleluia!
Come to save us, alleluia!
Alleluia!*

Stars and angels sing,
yet the earth sleeps in shadows.
Can this tiny spark
set a world on fire?

God is with us, alleluia...

Yet his light shall shine
from our lives, Spirit blazing,
as we touch the flame
of his holy fire.

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SONG: How low was our Redeemer brought

Watch video <https://youtu.be/n4HCTQlliD8x>

See *OPENING MUSIC* for the words.

BIBLE READINGS

Readers: Christine Jackson, Margaret Barry

Isaiah 8:11 - 9:7

2 Corinthians 4:6 (GNB)

Both from the Good News Translation

REFLECTIONS

SONG: When we were lost

Watch video <https://youtu.be/IR4pCrabhLo>

When we were lost and far away
God met us in his son,
the Saviour sent to lead us home,
the humble, holy one.
He did not come with majesty
or beauty in his face,
but living, dying, he declared
God's loving, saving grace.

Behold the one the prophets knew
was promised by God's love;
behold the son that Mary bore
when angels sang above;
and in this child the wise men saw
a king, one born to reign:
whose path was suffering servanthood,
who died to rise again.

He lived a stranger in our midst,
a sign that few could read,
the guest we would not welcome in,
the victim left to bleed;
for we had failed to recognise
the Son of God on earth,
the one who takes our guilt away
and gives a second birth.

So we are found and loved and known
and meet with God once more.

The child of Christmas is our hope,
an ever-open door.

May all who share his risen life
now joyfully proclaim:

Emmanuel! God dwells with us,
and Jesus is his name.

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**PRAYERS for OTHER PEOPLE and OURSELVES
(led by Caroline Toms)**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG: Come thou long expected Jesus

Watch video <https://youtu.be/P8kaePsR68o>

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.

Born Thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever.
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.

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Charles Wesley (1707-1788) (Public Domain)

THE BLESSING

CLOSING MUSIC: Of the Father's love begotten

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**Welcome to our service
today
Sunday, 3 December
2023**

Advent Sunday: The promise of light



**Whether you come here regularly,
or are a visitor,
we are glad that you can be with us today,
and hope you'll join us after the service
in the hall for coffee and fellowship.**

**Next week: Advent 2 (John 1: 1-18)
The Overcoming Light**

Church website: penicuiktrinitycommunity.church

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