



Gathering God's People

Please allow a silent time of preparation

Call to Worship

1 Timothy 3:16

Leader: "Great indeed", we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

People: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed by the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory."

Worshiping God in Spirit and Truth

Corporate Singing

"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

"Immanuel"

Townend

From the squalor of a borrowed stable, By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal Came the Saviour of the human race.
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven, Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit, Filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain, Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again – I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions, He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me, Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls are free – Death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He's standing in the place of honor, Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for His own beloved Till His Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms, Giving glory to Immanuel!

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Gospel Renewal

Confession of Sin: adapted from John Howe

So long, Lord, have I lived in this world of yours, which you made, not I, as if I might do
in it, and with myself, what I pleased! I have rejected your unquestionable right in me. I
have lived for myself and not for you; I am now convinced this was a very undutiful,
unlawful way of living... Turn me and I shall be turned; you are the Lord my God. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

"Holy Forever"

Tomlin

A thousand generations falling down in worship To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, "Holy" All Creation cries, "Holy" You are lifted high, holy

If you've been forgiven, if you've been redeemed Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom, if you bear His name Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen Holy forever

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

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Prayer of the People

Greeting

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