



December 8, 2024 | Advent Week 2
At Home Bulletin

WELCOME and ADVENT READING

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token, that his word is never broken.

Johannes Olearius 1671, Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1863; Music: THIRSTING Louis Bourgeois 1551

Psalm 117A

Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus 1:

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One; Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus 1*

Chorus 2:

Name above all names, worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great is our God. *Chorus 1*

©2004 Rising Springs Music: Vamos Publishing; worshiptogether.com songs
Wondrously Made Songs. CCLI License # 1843136

GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

"You shall not murder" *Exodus 20:13*

O Lord, your are slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

We have been quick to anger, and slow to forgive.

Your anger is righteous and your judgments just.

We are prone to outrage and outburst.

**We have judged others in our hearts,
with our mouths, and through our actions.**

You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us for hatred, wrath, and violence

**May you grant us grace and strength to walk in peace,
humility, and meekness.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Christus Victor

O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus 1:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us, spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

Chorus 2:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won Hallelujah! Amen
With every tribe and every tongue we join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble? When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was, and is, and is forever. *Chorus 2*

Bridge

Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen, amen *Chorus 2*

Tag

Sing the victory of the lamb, Hallelujah! Amen. Amen.

CCLI Song # 7245980

Words and music by Matt Bowsell, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa.

CCLI License # 1843136

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 5:1-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Lion and the Lamb”

Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Doxology

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

Public Domain

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.

HYMN OF SENDING

What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

Public Domain

BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: *The Lion and the Lamb*