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Prelude

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This is a time when we prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies to meet, and be met by God, the Creator and Redeemer of all things. It is often an instrumental piece played by the worship band; however, it is sometimes used to introduce new songs into corporate worship.

Welcome

Call to Worship (*from Isaiah 64*)

Leader: Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
 that the mountains might quake at your presence—
 that the nations might tremble at your presence.

**All: From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,
 no eye has seen a God besides you,
 who acts for those who wait for him.**

Call to
 Worship

We need to be called to worship God because our hearts and minds are not naturally focused on him, but on ourselves. The Call to Worship marks the official beginning of the corporate worship service and directs our hearts, minds, and volitions toward God.

O Come All Ye Faithful

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
 Glory to God all, glory in the highest;
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
 O Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
 O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Prayer of
 Adoration &
 Invocation

This prayer addresses God in his triune nature as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Praise and adoration continue and we ask him to be present with us and usher our hearts into corporate worship as he has promised by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession (*1 Corinthians 14:33, 36-38*)

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.³⁶ Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached?
³⁷ If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.³⁸ If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, we acknowledge the coldness of our hearts and lives. Instead of loving others as you have loved us, we have become hardhearted and indifferent.

People: **Forgive us for our impatience and unkindness. Forgive us our envy and boastfulness, our arrogance and rudeness.**

Leader: We have been resentful and irritable even with those closest to us.

People: **We insist on pursuing our own way, our own wants, and our own wishes—failing to give up our rights and comforts for the sake of others.**

Leader: We have secretly rejoiced at the hardships of those we dislike, and been bitter when they have received good things.

All: **Shine your light into our hearts, that we may embody faith, hope, and love as we ought. Destroy in us every lofty thought. Break our pride into pieces. Obliterate every shred of self-righteousness. Crucify our sense of self-importance. Break us down and bind us up. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, be merciful to us and forgive us—that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Name.**

Corporate and Silent Confession

Because sin is so pervasive in both our corporate and individual lives, we come before God with honesty and transparency, confessing our sin and need for grace, asking for both forgiveness and healing through Jesus Christ. We confess corporately to show our unity even in our brokenness. Because the world around us is filled with so much noise, we take several moments of silence to meet with God individually about our sin and seek his forgiveness and grace.

Silent Confession

Please use the words above in your silent confession.

Word of Absolution (Psalm 130: 3-8)

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O LORD, who could stand?
⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.
⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
⁶ my soul waits for the LORD
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
⁸ And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

Word of Absolution

The Word of Absolution is the declaration of God's forgiveness and redemption spoken with joy. The liturgist is proclaiming what God has done through Jesus Christ. It is usually a passage of Scripture or a traditional text from a historical church resource such as the Westminster Confession or the Book of Common Prayer.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel 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 vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
O drive away the shades of night,
and pierce the clouds and bring us light.

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
where all thy saints with thee shall dwell,
O come, O come, Emmanuel.

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever,
and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal to Children's Church (4-year-olds to 2nd graders)

If you are visiting or this is your children's first time, please escort them to the foyer. You may pick them up from downstairs in room 104 after the service.

The Offering

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Offering

We display our dependency on God's provision by giving tithes and offerings. Because money is so powerfully tied to our hearts, we give in order to free our hearts from money's tyranny and in doing so, giving becomes a joyous response to God's grace received after the preaching of his Word.

Orderly Worship

Sermon: Pastor Ewan Kennedy

1 CORINTHIANS 14:26-40

What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. ²⁷ If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret. ²⁸ But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God. ²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. ³⁰ If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, ³² and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³ For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴ the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says.

³⁵ If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

³⁶ Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached? ³⁷ If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. ³⁸ If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. ³⁹ So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

⁴⁰ But all things should be done decently and in order.

The Sermon

A sermon is not just teaching for living; it is mainly a time when God encounters his people through his Word. Therefore, as you listen, pray to be open to what he is teaching. Pray for the person preaching. Pray to encounter the life-changing Christ as you listen. If you don't own a Bible, please feel free to take one from the shelves in the foyer.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, closely grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and author of my faith. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess—Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

Benediction

Pastor Ewan will be available at the front of the sanctuary to meet you or answer any questions you might have. If you are new to Redeemer, please stop by.

LITURGICAL DEFINITIONS

The Lord's Supper

In the Lord's Supper, Christ meets his people in spiritual communion with his strength, healing love and enabling grace that allows us to live as his disciples in the world. As we receive the elements, we lift our hearts up to Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, when God renews his covenant with his people in corporate worship, he serves a meal as the pinnacle of that event. Jesus continues this pattern in the Lord's Supper with his disciples. Thus, the Lord's Supper is placed towards the end of the service after God has ministered to us through his Word.

The Lord's Supper is for those who know their need for Jesus and cling to him as their only hope for salvation. If you wish to refrain from partaking in the Lord's Supper, prayers are printed in the Worship Guide to help you put words to where you are in relation to God.

The Benediction

At the conclusion of the final song, the Benediction is given. It is a reminder that Christ has ordained his people with a blessing that equips us to serve and honor him with our lives as we proceed from corporate worship. The Benediction serves to end corporate worship and to send God's people out into the world.



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER'S VISION

To be transformed by God's mercy and grace into a community of priests engaged in his redeeming work in Atlanta and the world.

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TODAY

**Welcome to Advent
at Church of the Redeemer!**

We are delighted to welcome you as we begin the Advent season this morning. During Advent we look back to Christ's first coming and anticipate the second as we light the candles of the Advent Wreath Sunday by Sunday, culminating with the lighting of the Christ Candle at our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 6 pm. To learn more about the church, visit www.redeemeratlanta.org or contact Pastor Bob at 678-928-1150 and we'll be glad to help!

Children's Church Today

Children ages 4 through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Children's Church today. Prior to the sermon, they will be dismissed to meet Ms. Jamie in the foyer and be escorted to Children's Church in room 104 in the Children's Center. You can pick them up there immediately after the conclusion of the service.

Sunday Communities

Join us next Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 am when the Sunday Community Hour for children, youth, and adults resumes after today's holiday break. Sunday Communities are just that—a time to gather with our peers to study and learn the Bible in community with one another. Gathering for each Community begins at 9:15 am, with Bible study to follow at 9:30. Join us!

Masks

Masks for children, youth, and adults are encouraged but not required. Masks are available at the Welcome Table.

Giving at Redeemer

To give in support of our ministry, you can do so today in worship when the offering is received, by mail, by scheduled giving through your bank, or online using the link provided on the church's website at www.redeemeratlanta.org/giving.

TONIGHT

**No Refuge Tonight
(6th–12th grades)**

Sunday Night Refuge for middle school and high school students will not meet tonight. Plan to join us again next Sunday, December 5, 5 pm to 7 pm for games, food, and small group study/discussion on God's covenant promises throughout the Bible here on the church campus. Want to know more? Email Pastor Alex at alex@redeemeratlanta.org.

THIS WEEK

**Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting Online at 8 pm**

This time of ministry in prayer for the needs of the church family and the work of the gospel in our community begins at 8 pm, finishes promptly at 8:45, and is open to everyone. The link and the Weekly Prayer Guide go out by email each Wednesday. You can submit a prayer request or a praise report for inclusion in this week's guide on today's blue sheet or by emailing office manager Seya de Lastic at seya@redeemeratlanta.org.

Growth Groups & Studies

Redeemer offers a variety of small group opportunities for men, women, and mixed groups of adults on Sunday nights and throughout the week. Many of them still have room to grow, either a little or a lot. Interested? Email Pastor Bob at bob@redeemeratlanta.org for help in finding a group that's right for you.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**Chinese New Year Party
for International Students**

Imagine being halfway around the globe, far from home, when you long to be with family and friends during your country's most treasured holiday. Redeemer is inviting over 100 Emory and Georgia Tech international students and scholars for food and fireworks to celebrate Chinese New Year Saturday, February 5, 2022, 6:30-8:30 pm. Email heathercossar@gmail.com if you would like to be on the planning team or volunteer to help during the party.

**Christmas Gift Drive for
StreetWise Continues**

Redeemer is partnering with StreetWise, a ministry to families in need in Lawrenceville, to gather gifts for children 12- to 14-years-old for the 250 families served by the ministry. We still need at least 69 more gifts to reach our goal of 150 gifts suitable for older kids—sports equipment, board games, arts & crafts kits, stuffed animals, etc. A simple way to participate is to go to <https://bit.ly/StreetwiseChristmas2021> and order a gift from the StreetWise Wish List on Amazon. Get it to us by December 5:

- Drop off unwrapped gifts in the StreetWise barrel at church.
- Bring unwrapped gifts by the church office Monday-Thursday, 9 am-5 pm.
- Ship them unwrapped directly from Amazon to StreetWise organizer Kerry Gragg. Select her name from the shipping address options.

Wrapping Party for StreetWise

Join us on Sunday afternoon, December 5, 4 pm to 7 pm, in the Commons as we wrap the gifts we've been collecting for the children and youth of StreetWise. Bring along wrapping supplies—scissors, tape, sturdy wrapping paper—and help us make Christmas special for a lot of kids this year. Sign up on today's blue sheet to let us know you'd like to come.

Volunteer at StreetWise

The gifts that we are collecting will be distributed at the "Birthday Party for Jesus & Christmas Event" at StreetWise on Saturday, December 18. If you'd like to volunteer, fill out the blue sheet or email organizer Kerry Gragg at sgkg24@aol.com.