

December 7, 2025 5:00p Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 13:5-6

**Leader**: But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

People: I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

**Hymnal #198** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility, his kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!

O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin! Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

## **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**Hymnal #196** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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 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.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 15-16

**Q. 15.** What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

**Q. 16.** Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Prayer of the Church Elder Brad Tidwell

Hymnal #219 "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord"

All praise to thee, eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood; choosing a manger for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine alone.

Once did the skies before thee bow; a virgin's arms contain thee now: angels who did in thee rejoice now listen for thine infant voice. A little child, thou art our guest, that weary ones in thee may rest; forlorn and lowly is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.

Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light, to make us, in the realms divine, like thine own angels round thee shine.

All this for us thy love hath done; by this to thee our love is won: for this we tune our cheerful lays, and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

God's Word Read Lamentations 3:22-24

**God's Word Preached** "Forgiveness for the Past, Provision for the Present, Security for the Future" by Rev. Rudy Manrique

Psalm 4:7-8 "Answer When I Call"

You have given my heart greater joy by far Than when grain and new wine most abundant are.

So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep, For, O Lord, You only will me safely keep.

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**