

EVENING WORSHIP

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The Choral Call to Worship **Ding Dong! Merrily on High!**
Covenant Choir

Ding Dong! Merrily on high, in heav'n the bells are ringing! Ding Dong! Verily the sky is filled with angel singing! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! Ding Dong! Merrily they ring; the weary world rejoices! Ding Dong! Verily they sing; now join the angel voices! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

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The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 208 **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

The Invocation

The Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism #53-55

Leader: Which is the third commandment?

People: The third commandment is, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Leader: What is required in the third commandment?

People: The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works.

Leader: What is forbidden in the third commandment?

People: The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God makes himself known.

The Hymn

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King. He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come. Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man. In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin. See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold. Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life, but no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive! *What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes. (repeat)*

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The Scripture Reading

Esther 9:20-10:3

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The Hymn

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.

The children are dismissed to their choirs.

The Evening Prayer

The Sermon

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

Luke 2:8-20

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Good News of Great Joy: The Christ is Born!"

The Hymn

How Sweet the Day

How sweet the day when Christ was born, when God Himself took
human form. He came to wash our sins away, our death to die, our
debt to pay.

How sweet the day when Hope appeared, the One who frees us from
our fears. He came to break the power of sin, and give us power to
follow Him.

*Oh sing for joy, lift up your voice! Let us sing for joy, the whole earth rejoice!
Let us sing for joy to the Son, for Jesus our Savior has come!*

How sweet the day when Christ returns, we'll see the one for whom
we yearn. Then we'll look full upon His face, our hearts will burst
with songs of praise. *Chorus 2x.*

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The Benediction