

He called us to follow, he preached to us repentance
He ate with sinners; he taught and he healed.
Sharing the good news, he showed us salvation

**Our savior walked among us,
Our savior walked among us,
Our savior walked among us,
God with us!**

With his disciples, he sat down to supper
Broke bread and shared it; his life for us
Cup of redemption, new covenant God gives us
**He calls us to remember
He calls us to remember
He calls us to remember
Give thanks to God!**

God, pour out your Spirit, on these gifts before us
May bread and cup become Body of Christ
Transform us too, God! We are your people!
**Redeemed by your love,
Redeemed by your love,
Redeemed by your love
in Christ the Lord.**

Prayer after Communion:
**O God, we thank you, for this holy mystery
In which you give yourself for us
Send us forth now, Send us in your Spirit,
For we are Christ's Body
For we are Christ's Body
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Thanks be to God!**

January 1, 2023 Psalm 72

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice!
- ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!.
- ⁶ **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon be no more!
- ⁸ **May he have dominion from sea to sea,
And from river to the ends of the earth!**
- ⁹ May his foes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- ¹¹ **May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!**
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
- ¹³ **He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.**
- ¹⁴ **From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**
- ¹⁵ Long may he live, may gold of Sheba be given to him!
May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all the day!
- ¹⁶ **May there be abundance of grain in the land;
May it wave on the tops of the mountains;
May its fruit be like Lebanon;**
and may they blossom forth in the cities like the grass of the field!
- ¹⁷ **May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people bless themselves by him,
all nations call him blessed!**

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,

And deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you,

And His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar,

And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

⁵ Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

⁶ The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come;

They shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

St Matthew 2: 1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ⁶ 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.' " ⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." ⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

A Sung Communion Liturgy for the Season of Christmas: O Come, All Ye Faithful

O Come, all you faithful, gather at the table
O Come, lift your hearts up and give praise to God
Come and be welcomed; Come and be filled with life
**We come now to the table,
We come now to the table,
We come now to the table
of Christ the Lord.**

God, our Creator, set us in the garden
God offered to us all our hearts' desire.
We turned away, convinced that we knew better
**Yet God would not forget us
Yet God would not forget us
Yet God would not forget us
Thanks be to God!**

All through the ages, God still sought to reach us,
Through prophets and poets, through leaders and law,
Yet, we kept wandering, yet we kept falling
**The people walked in darkness
The people walked in darkness
The people walked darkness
O save us, God!**

Just at the right time, God sent us the Christ Child
Born to redeem us, Prince of Peace
Jesus: God with us, Word made flesh among us
**O Come, Let us adore him
O Come, Let Us adore him
O Come, Let Us adore him
Christ, the Lord**