

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Verse 1

**Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry
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.**

Verse 2

**Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
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, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Verse 1

**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.**

Verse 3

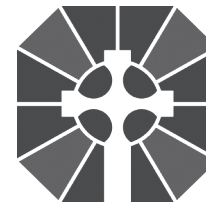
**Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption.
See the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold.**

Verse 4

**Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
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 deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope,
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes.**

Verse 2

**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.**



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is to be a city-center church
compelled by Christ's love
to make disciples in our homes, city, and the world.*

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PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

"Breath of Heaven" by Amy Grant, arr. Craig Courtney

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 4:2,5

Pastor: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.

People: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Pastor: For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god,

People: but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

*"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (Holy Manna)"
"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; He became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Boxell and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith.

Flowers will be arranged and delivered on MONDAY, September 21st.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We beseech You, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of Your mercy to direct what we shall be so that we may hereafter walk in the way of Your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Just as I Am (I Come Broken)”

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

*“God in the Flesh”
Luke 1:26-38
Dr. Tim Kirk*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (Holy Manna)

Verse 1

**Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.**

Verse 2

**Brethren, see poor sinners round you
Slumb’ring on the brink of woe.
Death is coming, hell is moving;
Can you bear to let them go?
See our fathers and our mothers
And our children sinking down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.**

Verse 3

**Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses’ sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners
Who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior;
Tell them that He will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.**

Verse 4

**Let us love our God supremely;
Let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners,
Till our God makes all things new.
Then He’ll call us home to heaven;
At His table we’ll sit down.
Christ will gird Himself and serve us
With sweet manna all around.**