

WITHDRAWAL HYMN - CONH 228

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Ref. Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

2. Christ, by highest Heav'n adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
3. Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
4. Adam's likeness, Lord, efface,
Stamp Your image in its place:
Second Adam from above,
Reinstate us in Your love.
Let us now, our lost, regain,
You, the Life, the inner man:
O, to all Yourself impart,
Formed in each believing heart.
Amen

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CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

MONDAY, 25th December,
2023

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7.00am & 10.00am

ISAIAH 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a
Son is given, and the government
will be on His shoulders. And He
will be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THEME: HIS LIFE GIVES LIGHT

CELEBRANT: THE DIOCESAN

PREACHER: THE DIOCESAN

1. Processional Hymn: CONH 236
2. Preparation to Penitence
3. O.T. Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7
4. Psalm: 98:1-6
5. Epistles: Hebrews 1:1-12
6. Gradual Hymn: CONH 219
7. Gospel: John 1:1-14
8. Hymn before Sermon A time like this.... (pg 4)
9. **SERMON**
10. Nicene Creed and Intercession
11. The Peace
12. All Offerings: Choruses
(*Tithes, Covenant Seed, Service Offering & Offertory*)
13. Eucharistic Prayers
14. Administration: CONH 48, 431, 867
15. Ablution Hymn: CONH 233
16. Thanksgiving:
- (a) Christmas Thanksgiving (Birthday gift to Jesus)
17. Episcopal Blessings
18. The Notices
19. Song: We wish you A Merry Christmas (pg 7)
20. The Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 228

Introductory Sentence:

I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11.

COLLECT

All praise to You, Almighty God and Heavenly King, who sent Your Son into the world to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure Virgin Mary. Grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace may continually dwell in Him and reign on earth as He reigns in Heaven with You, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Post Communion Sentence:

The word was made flesh, and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CONH 236

1. 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.

Ref: *O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.*

ABLUTION HYMN – CONH 233

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.
And heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns,
Let men, their songs employ,
While field and floods, rocks hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
3. No more let sin and sorrow grow
No thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse if found
Far as the curse if found
4. He rules the earth with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove,
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love.
And wonders of His love. Amen.

SONG – WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

1. We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year
*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*
2. Now bring us some figgy pudding
Now bring us some figgy pudding
Now bring us some figgy pudding
And bring some out here
*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*
3. For we all like figgy pudding
We all like figgy pudding
We all like figgy pudding
So bring some out here
*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year*
4. We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
So bring some out here
*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year*



HYMN: CONH 867

- 1 More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Lord, the prayer I make
On bended knee;
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!
2. Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek,
Give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!
3. Let sorrow do its work
Send grief and pain,
Sweet are Thy messengers,
Sweet their refrains.
When they can sing with me.
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!
4. Then shall my every breath,
Sing out Thy praise;
This be the only song,
My heart shall raise;
This still my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

6.

- 2 True God of true God, Light from Light
Eternal,
Lo, He shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, Begotten, not created;
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
4. See how the shepherds, Summoned to His
cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither bend our joyful
footsteps;
5. Lo! star led chieftains, Magi, Christ
adoring,
Offer Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child bring our hearts'
oblations.
6. Child, for us sinners Poor and in the
manger,
We would embrace Thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love Thee, loving us so dearly?
7. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy
morning,
Jesus to Thee, be glory given,
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
Amen

GRADUAL HYMN: CONH 219

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth,
Ye, who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Ref: Come and worship
Christ, the new born King.*
2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant light.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star:



HYMN BEFORE SERMON
A TIME LIKE THIS

1. A time like this, God looks for men,
Worthy vessels that He will use;
To accomplish, His great purpose
And make His kingdom widely known.

Chorus: Lord here I am myself I give:
My TALENT, TIME, SILVER & GOLD,
Father use me, to build your Church,
To show your praise among all men.

2. A time like this, Lord help me hear
Your thundering voice and do obey
Where some have failed, others abscond
Lord help me stand what'er the cost.

3. A time like this, a warfare time
When champions rise, and others fall
Satan fights his final battles
Making the race so tough to run.

4. A time like this, I'll fix my eyes
On thee alone, lest I should fall
Living for thee, father of love
Until I end my journey home.

ADMINISTRATION HYMNS - CONH 48

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now, I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved,
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
'Tis grace that brought me safe
thus far, And grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

5. Yes, when this heart and flesh
shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within
the veil A life of joy and peace.

6. The earth shall soon dissolve like
snow,
The sun forbear to shine,
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

7. When we've been there a thousand
years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's
praise
Than when we first begun. Amen

HYMN – CONH 431

1. Rescue the perishing, care for
the dying, Snatch them in pity
from sin and the
grave
Weep on the erring one, lift up the
fallen Tell then of Jesus The
mighty to save.

*Ref: Rescue the perishing, care for the
dying,
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.*

2 Though they are slighting Him, still
He is waiting
Waiting the penitent child to receive;
Plead with them earnestly plead with
them gently,
He will forgive if they only believe.

3. Down in the human heart, crushed by
the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can
restore Touched by a loving heart,
wakened by kindness
Chords that are broken will vibrate
once more





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