

Pre-Service Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear. (Chorus)

Chorus

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Verse 2

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Chorus)

Verse 3

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go. (Chorus)

Verse 4

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Chorus 2 X's)

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Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Based on Revelation 21:1-14, 22:20

When Jesus comes back,
he will make a new heaven
and a new earth.

Come back soon, Lord Jesus!

When Jesus comes back,
God will live with us
and we will live with him.

Come back soon, Lord Jesus!

When Jesus comes back,
we will be his people
and he will be our God.

Come back soon, Lord Jesus!

When Jesus comes back,
every bad thing will go away
and everything will be very good.

Come back soon, Lord Jesus!

When Jesus comes back,
we will see God's beauty
and he will make us beautiful.

Come back soon, Lord Jesus!

Jesus is coming back very soon,
so let's be happy and sing!

Amen! Come back soon, Lord Jesus!

**Our Sung Call to Worship
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 ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

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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Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Confession

The Daily Liturgy podcast, 11.19.22

**Heavenly Father,
you made me for your glory,
redeemed me by your Son,
and sealed me with your Spirit.
Grounded in this new identity,
I make my confession before you.
I grieve today the many expressions
of my self-centeredness.
I am self-loving;**

**self-serving;
self-protecting;
self-righteous;
and self-interested.**

**The habits of my heart revolve around SELF;
and so your glory does not shine brightly from my life.**

**By your grace, forgive my sin
and conquer my selfishness.**

**Establish your Son as the king of my heart
and the center of my life.**

Amen.

Time of silent confession.

Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel

Romans 3:22-24 (CSB); The Apostles Creed. For an explanation of "descended into hell," see our sermon on 1 Peter 3:13-22 (gabcame.org/sermons/the-gospel-is-the-final-word).

Hear the Good News!

The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe, since there is no distinction. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day, He rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Our Sung Profession of Assurance O My Soul Arise (Distribution Song)

Verse 1

Arise, my soul arise, shake off your guilty fears.
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands.
My name is written on His hands.

Verse 2

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race.
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (Chorus)

Chorus

**O my soul arise, behold the risen Christ,
Your great High Priest, your spotless sacrifice.
O my soul arise, God owns you as His child.
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise.**

Verse 3

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die.” (Chorus)

Verse 4

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear.
He owns me as His child, I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
and “Father, Abba, Father,” I cry. (Chorus)

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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Thank You Jesus for the Blood

Verse 1

I was a wretch; I remember who I was.
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,
But from the far side of the chasm,
You held me in your sight.

Verse 2

So you made a way across the great divide,
Left behind heaven’s throne to build it here inside.
There at the cross, You paid the debt I owed.
Broke my chains, freed my soul,
For the first time, I had hope. (Chorus)

Chorus

**Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life,
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.**

Verse 3

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.
You were buried for three days,
But then You walked right out again.

And now death has no sting, and life has no end.
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb. (Chorus)

Bridge

There is nothing stronger,
than the wonder working power of the blood,
the blood that calls us sons and daughters.
We are ransomed by our Father through the blood, the blood. (Chorus)

Ending

Glory to His name,
Glory to His name!
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His name.

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Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.

On the first Sunday of each month we have a Mission Moment to highlight the different missions giving opportunities we have at Grand. Members are encouraged to give to GABC Missions to support these missions.

You may give electronically at gabcomes.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 46 & 47 (Only Isaiah 46:3-8 will be read)

^{46:1}Bel bows down; Nebo stoops; their idols are on beasts and livestock; these things you carry are borne as burdens on weary beasts. ²They stoop; they bow down together; they cannot save the burden, but themselves go into captivity.

³"Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; ⁴even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

⁵"To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike?

⁶Those who lavish gold from the purse, and weigh out silver in the scales, hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god; then they fall down and worship!

⁷They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it, they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from its place. If one cries to it, it does not answer or save him from his trouble.

⁸"Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, ⁹remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, ¹⁰declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' ¹¹calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

¹²"Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from righteousness: ¹³I bring near my

righteousness; it is not far off, and my salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory.”

^{47:1} Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called tender and delicate.

² Take the millstones and grind flour, put off your veil, strip off your robe, uncover your legs, pass through the rivers.

³ Your nakedness shall be uncovered, and your disgrace shall be seen. I will take vengeance, and I will spare no one.

⁴ Our Redeemer—the LORD of hosts is his name— is the Holy One of Israel.

⁵ Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called the mistress of kingdoms. ⁶ I was angry with my people; I profaned my heritage; I gave them into your hand; you showed them no mercy; on the aged you made your yoke exceedingly heavy.

⁷ You said, “I shall be mistress forever,” so that you did not lay these things to heart or remember their end.

⁸ Now therefore hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me; I shall not sit as a widow or know the loss of children”:

⁹ These two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day; the loss of children and widowhood shall come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and the great power of your enchantments.

¹⁰ You felt secure in your wickedness; you said, “No one sees me”; your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me.”

¹¹ But evil shall come upon you, which you will not know how to charm away; disaster shall fall upon you, for which you will not be able to atone; and ruin shall come upon you suddenly, of which you know nothing.

¹² Stand fast in your enchantments and your many sorceries, with which you have labored from your youth; perhaps you may be able to succeed; perhaps you may inspire terror.

¹³ You are wearied with your many counsels; let them stand forth and save you, those who divide the heavens, who gaze at the stars, who at the new moons make known what shall come upon you.

¹⁴ Behold, they are like stubble; the fire consumes them; they cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame. No coal for warming oneself is this, no fire to sit before!

¹⁵ Such to you are those with whom you have labored, who have done business with you from your youth; they wander about, each in his own direction; there is no one to save you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

Sermon

Isaiah 46 & 47 – Listen To Me – Pastor Michael Felkins

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

Sending

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.

Sending Song

We Will Feast

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things,”

We will say together.

We will feast and weep no more.

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—
Upheld, protected, gathered up. (Chorus)

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, o how long!
O God of Jacob be my strength. (Chorus)

Verse 3

Every vow we've broken and betrayed—
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

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Blessing

Based on Isaiah 46:3-4, 8 (CSB)

Go in the grace of the Lord
 who has sustained us from the womb,
 and carried us along since birth.
He will be the same until our old age,
 and he will bear us up when we turn gray.
He has made us, and he will carry us;
 he will bear and rescue us.

In God's strength, we will remember this and be brave.

Scripture passage for next Sunday: Isaiah 48