

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

From manger to cross;
from lonely wilderness to crowded hillside;
from healed lepers to transfigured glory;
we come to know the reign of Christ.

From baptism water to mountaintop glory;
from the wayward disciples to the last, least, and lowest;
from the central synagogue to the outskirts of the noonday well;
we come to hear about the reign of Christ.

From empty tomb to Sunday sanctuary;
from amazed witnesses to wondering worshipers;
from long ago to now, this day;
we come to live out the reign of Christ.

GOD'S GREETING & SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SONG OF WORSHIP

"Praise the King"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,
**we confess that we are not ready
for Christ to reign in our lives and this world.
We are blind to the ways you show up among us.
We often fail to see you in the hungry, the hurting, the helpless.
We often fail to see you in the stranger, the other, the unwelcome.
We often fail to see you in the isolated, the accused, the lonely.
Hear us as we confess our sin before you.**

Instrumental music plays during personal confession and reflection. In this time, ponder and pray:

- How have I missed the face of Christ in others this past week?*
- How have I neglected to see, care for, welcome, and love those who have crossed my path?*

We confess that we are not ready
**for Christ to reign in our lives and this world.
Yet, Christ's reign is here, and it is now.
It is among us whether we are ready for it or not.
Empower us to live into your Kingdom
through our words and deeds.
In Jesus' name, we pray . . . amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG/PRAYER OF PREPARATION

"Be Still and Know"

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Matthew 25:31-46
"Now and Later"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE & REFLECTION

"Hallelujah Here Below"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE