

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

HOPSON/COONEY

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That You bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of you justice burn.
Wipe away all the tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.**

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.

REFRAIN

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
Not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
For the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn.

REFRAIN

Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
Who is turning the world around.

REFRAIN

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O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

KING JOHN/WADE

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.

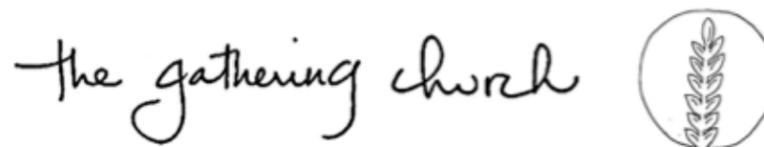
**O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

REFRAIN

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December 2, 2012
Isaiah 9:2-7



The First Sunday of Advent

“To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv’n,
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of Heav’n.”
- John Morrison (1781)

UPCOMING WWW.ALLGATHER.ORG/CALENDAR	GIVING WWW.ALLGATHER.ORG/GIVING
<p>Kids Christmas Program: On Dec 9th, kids ages 3 and up will perform a program of classic carols and scripture readings around the Christmas Story. Until then, rehearsals take place during Sunday School, with the final rehearsal on the morning of 12/9 at 9am. Email Lindsay (lindsaybrogers@gmail.com) or Ashleigh (awraabe@live.unc.edu) for more information.</p> <p>Advent Devotional and Materials: Available for free download at www.allgather.org/advent/.</p>	<p>YTD GIVING (11/25) \$222,795</p> <p>2012 BUDGET GOAL \$300,000</p>
<p>Congrats to the Lo Family: Justin, Jessica & Jordan welcomed Jackson (Jax) Daniel Lo into the world on 11/27 at 2:27pm!</p> <p>Free Outdoor Christmas Concert in Chapel Hill: Join Jeff and Co. on December 15 at 6pm at the corner of Franklin & Colombia in Downtown Chapel Hill (UBC Courtyard). This is a great event for the whole family. Invite your friends and neighbors.</p>	<p>WAYS TO WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING:</p> <p>(1) In the black box on the back table on Sundays. (2) Online through Paypal. (3) By automating a draft through your bank. (4) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.</p>
<p>Fill out a visitor's card to be included in church communications. To have an announcement included email: happenings@allgather.org. Keep up with the Gathering Church on Twitter (@allgather) or www.facebook.com/allgather. Check out Music from the Gathering Church: music.allgather.org (to stream or buy) or blog.allgather.org.</p>	

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Hail to the Lord's anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.

He comes in succor speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

Lyrics by James Montgomery (1832) Music "Ellacobme" (1784) adt. William Monk (1832) (Public Domain)

MONTGOMERY/MONK

Kings shall fall down before Him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing;
For He shall have dominion
O'er river, sea and shore,
Far as the eagle's pinion
Or dove's light wing can soar.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him, on the mountains,
Shall peace, the herald, go,
And righteousness, in fountains,
From hill to valley flow.

WELCOME

Welcome to the Gathering Church. We are a church that is growing in doing three things well: being present to God in worship, being connected to each other in community, and being engaged in the world by serving and sharing God's love. Thank you for gathering this morning to worship the Lord.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The lighting of Advent candles dramatically depicts the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. The main symbolism portrayed by the wreath is the growing intensity of light as the candle lighting includes an additional candle each worship day and as anticipation builds for the celebration of Christ's second coming.

LET IT RISE**DAVIS**

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us,
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us,
Let the praises of the King, rise among us,
Let it rise.
Oh oh oh, let it rise,
Oh oh oh, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us,
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us,
Let the joy of the King, rise among us,
Let it rise.
Oh oh oh, let it rise,
Oh oh oh, let it rise.

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DAYS OF ELIJAH**MARK**

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!

**Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes**

CHORUS

Written by Robin Mark ©1996 Song Solutions Daybreak/Integrity Music CCLI #1537904

O COME O COME EMMANUEL**TRADITIONAL**

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here,
Until the Son of God appears.

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.

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

CHORUS

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.

CHORUS**CHORUS**

Lyrics from 12th Century Latin Chant and Music from 15th Century French Processional (Public Domain)

DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN & THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

As the children are dismissed to participate in Gathering Kids activities, find someone you do not know, welcome them, and exchange a sign of Christ's welcome and peace. As the kids leave, please fill in the two center seating areas. There are bibles available for use on the back table if you didn't bring one.

SERMON NOTES

[Something I have learned.]

[Something I will share.]

COMMUNION

Come and receive of the feast that Jesus offers those who follow him. During this time, we remember Jesus' sacrifice and are nourished by his Body that was broken on the cross for us. In front of the stage there is an area available for kneeling and prayer. Feel free to take some time before and after receiving to pray.

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS**WESLEY/PRICHARD**

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.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

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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