

Call His Name *Jesus*

An Advent and Christmas
Worship Series

A silhouette of a nativity scene set against a vibrant sunset sky with shades of red, orange, and yellow. In the foreground, a stable structure is visible. Inside the stable, the silhouettes of Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus are shown. To the left, the silhouettes of camels are visible in the distance. A bright star is depicted in the upper right portion of the sky.

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About the Series

This worship series on CD for Advent and Christmas includes services for the four weeks of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The services celebrate the wonderful name of Jesus as well as other names and titles by which we worship the Child of Bethlehem, our Savior: Lamb, Shepherd, Emmanuel, Son and Word. Kits are not returnable.

The CD includes a .pdf of the entire services, text of the orders of service, prayers, sermons, children's sermons, newsletter/bulletin notices and hymns in .rtf (rich text format), a list of contemporary music song suggestions and a PowerPoint document of the entire services (with a copyright release) for use on screens.

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Newsletter/Bulletin Notices

Advent Service One Newsletter Notice

Join us for Advent worship as we celebrate the wonderful name of Jesus, “the name that is above every name” (Philippians 2:9). It is the name we love, the name by which we are saved.

Advent Service One Bulletin Notice

Today we will praise the name of Jesus our Savior as we prepare during this Advent season to celebrate his birth and anticipate his return on the Last Day. Come, Lord Jesus!

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Advent Service Two Newsletter Notice

In our Advent worship, we will remember that Jesus is the Lamb of God, the perfect, innocent Lamb who was sacrificed on the cross. His death and resurrection set us free from our slavery to sin and death.

Advent Service Two Bulletin Notice

Today we will remember how God saved the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt and how he has saved us, whose sins are washed away in the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

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Advent Service Three Newsletter Notice

Jesus, the Lamb of God, whose birth was announced to shepherds in Bethlehem, is also our Shepherd. In our Advent worship, we will praise our Good Shepherd, who had the authority to lay down his life to save his sheep and to take up his life again.

Advent Service Three Bulletin Notice

Today we will praise the Child of Bethlehem, our Good Shepherd. Our Shepherd feeds us with his Word and with his body and blood, and shelters us in his care. He will lead us safely through the valley of the shadow of death because, by his death and resurrection, he has conquered death.

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Advent Service Four Newsletter Notice

In our Advent worship, we will reflect on the name that describes just who Jesus is—Emmanuel, God with us. God himself took on human flesh, being born among us as one of us, for the sake of our salvation.

Advent Service Four Bulletin Notice

Today we will celebrate that in Jesus, God is with us! That is the meaning of his wonderful title, Emmanuel. He is the promised, virgin-born Son, God in human flesh.

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Christmas Eve Service Newsletter Notice

In our Christmas Eve worship, we will rejoice in the birth of the Son of God and Mary's son, Jesus, who is true God and true man. He came to die on the cross and rise from death so that we can be adopted as sons and daughters into the family of God.

Christmas Eve Service Bulletin Notice

On this holy night, we celebrate the birth of our Savior! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Christ the Savior was born for you!

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Christmas Day Service Newsletter Notice

God spoke to his people through the prophets, but in these last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Join us in worship on Christmas Day as we rejoice in the birth of Jesus our Savior! Joy to the world!

Christmas Day Service Bulletin Notice

Today we will celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Child of Bethlehem. The Holy Child Jesus, who is the Lamb, our Shepherd, Emmanuel and the Son of God, is also the Word of God, the Word made flesh. Rejoice with us in the birth of our Savior.

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Advent Service Two: Lamb

Order of Service

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

Opening Hymn..... Merton 87 87

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!

“Christ is near,” we hear it say.

“Cast away the works of darkness,

All you children of the day!”

See, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav’n.

Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,

One and all, to be forgiv’n.

So when next he comes in glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He will shield us with his mercy
And with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, dominion
To the Father and the Son
With the everliving Spirit
While eternal ages run!

Invocation and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

R In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. We light the second candle on the Advent wreath to rejoice in Jesus, the Lamb of God.

C **Jesus, the innocent Lamb, offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.**

P “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

C **Our sins are washed away in the blood of the Lamb of God.**

P “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

C **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Revelation 5:12)**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

C **Almighty God, we daily sin against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We serve ourselves instead of serving others. We follow the temptations of the world instead of following your will and ways. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

P God sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus, the Lamb of God, shed his blood on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain for us!**

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Praise.....Irby 87 87 77

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feels for all our sadness,
And he shares in all our gladness.

Children's Message

Hymn Gott Ist Die Liebe 55 54 and refrain

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
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Old Testament ReadingExodus 12:1-7, 13

Epistle Reading1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Reading.....John 1:29-34

Sermon Hymn Fröhlich Soll Mein Herze Springen 8 33 6 D

All my heart again rejoices
As I hear far and near
Sweetest angel voices.
“Christ is born!” their choirs are singing
Till the air ev’rywhere
Now with joy is ringing.

See the Lamb, our sin once taking
To the cross, suff’ring loss,
Full atonement making.
For our life his own he tenders,
And his grace all our race
Fit for glory renders.

Softly from his lowly manger,
Jesus calls one and all,
“You are safe from danger.
Children, from the sins that grieve you,
You are freed; all you need
I will surely give you.”

Sermon

Hymn of Response Consolation CM

The promised child, the virgin born, the infant holy one,
So long foretold, is now revealed as God the Father’s Son.

Behold the Lamb! This is the Christ, who takes away our sin;
The Lamb who, by his sacrifice, will our salvation win.

Now glory to our Father give, and praise to Christ the Son,
Who with the Spirit ever reign—our God, the Three in One.

Offering

Prayers

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Lord Jesus, Lamb of God,

C You have set us free to serve others in your name!

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

(Revelation 7:9-10; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

P After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

C "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Closing Hymn.....Chesterfield CM

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With thy belovèd name.

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Advent Service Two: Lamb

Complete Script for Worship Leaders

- If desired, an **Environmental Projection** of the following image (purchased by you from shutterstock.com) can be shown on a screen or on the walls of your worship space to set the tone for the service before the service begins or throughout the service at various points:

<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/lamb-god-49349365?src=tPtarok7rB5IniByMktl>
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- The **Theme Verse** is spoken aloud by the pastor to begin the service or is read silently by the congregation before the start of the service:

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

- The **Opening Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Merton 87 87, or a selection from the contemporary music song suggestions list at the end of the music guide for this service can be sung instead:

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
 “Christ is near,” we hear it say.
 “Cast away the works of darkness,
 All you children of the day!”

See, the Lamb, so long expected,
 Comes with pardon down from heav’n.
 Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
 One and all, to be forgiv’n.

So when next he comes in glory
 And the world is wrapped in fear,
 He will shield us with his mercy
 And with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, dominion
 To the Father and the Son
 With the everliving Spirit
 While eternal ages run!

- The **Invocation and Lighting of the Advent Wreath** is spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:

R In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. We light the second candle on the Advent wreath to rejoice in Jesus, the Lamb of God.

C Jesus, the innocent Lamb, offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

P “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

C Our sins are washed away in the blood of the Lamb of God.

P “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

C “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Revelation 5:12)

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C **Almighty God, we daily sin against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We serve ourselves instead of serving others. We follow the temptations of the world instead of following your will and ways. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**

P God sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus, the Lamb of God, shed his blood on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain for us!**

- The **Prayer of the Day** is spoken by the pastor:

P Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice offered up for our sins, for the sins of the whole world. As we prepare during this Advent season to celebrate your birth in Bethlehem, we look forward to your Second Advent. Redeemed and forgiven, we will live forever in your presence, rejoicing with saints and angels and shouting praise to you, the Lamb whose blood was ransomed for God's people of every tribe and language and nation. Until that great day dawns, hear our prayers and accept our praise. Amen.

- The **Hymn of Praise** is sung by the congregation to the tune Irby 87 87 77, or a selection from the contemporary music song suggestions list at the end of the music guide for this service can be sung instead:

Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
 Who is God and Lord of all,
 And his shelter was a stable,
 And his cradle was a stall;
 With the poor and mean and lowly
 Lived on earth our Savior holy.

For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feels for all our sadness,
And he shares in all our gladness.

- The **Children's Message** is delivered by the pastor or other worship leader:

Needed: picture of the "victorious Lamb" (the Lamb of God holding a victory banner)

- Ⓟ We have many names for Jesus. We call him Savior and Lord. Sometimes we call him our King or the King of kings. At Christmas, we often use his special name, Emmanuel, which means "God with us." Another name for Jesus, a name that describes the reason he came to earth, is Lamb of God (*show the picture of the Lamb*). In this picture, what is the Lamb holding? (*Let children respond.*) The Lamb is holding a banner, or flag. The flag is white with a red cross on it. This picture reminds us that Jesus, the Lamb of God, died on the cross for us. The red color reminds us that our sins are washed away in Jesus' blood. The flag is a victory flag, like a flag that soldiers might carry in a parade! Jesus the Lamb is holding a victory flag because he died for us and then he rose up from death. Jesus is alive! He won the fight against sin, death and the devil for us! Jesus is the Lamb who won the victory for you and me. Let's pray:

Jesus, you are the Lamb of God who died to take away our sins. We praise you for winning the victory for us. Amen.

- The **Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Gott Ist Die Liebe 55 54 and refrain, or a selection from the contemporary music song suggestions list at the end of the music guide for this service can be sung instead:

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

- The **Old Testament Reading**, Exodus 12:1-7, 13, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

Ⓟ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it: ... The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

- The **Epistle Reading**, 1 Peter 1:17-21, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

Ⓟ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

- The **Gospel Reading**, John 1:29-34, is spoken by the pastor or other worship leader:

Ⓟ The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

- The **Sermon Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Fröhlich Soll Mein Herze Springen 8 33 6 D, or a selection from the contemporary music song suggestions list at the end of the music guide for this service can be sung instead:

All my heart again rejoices
 As I hear far and near
 Sweetest angel voices.
 “Christ is born!” their choirs are singing
 Till the air ev’rywhere
 Now with joy is ringing.

See the Lamb, our sin once taking
 To the cross, suff’ring loss,
 Full atonement making.
 For our life his own he tenders,
 And his grace all our race
 Fit for glory renders.

Softly from his lowly manger,
 Jesus calls one and all,
 “You are safe from danger.
 Children, from the sins that grieve you,
 You are freed; all you need
 I will surely give you.”

- The **Sermon: “Behold, the Lamb of God”** is delivered by the pastor:

P Christmas is a time for traditions. We all have them—family traditions, personal traditions, things we have to do a certain way because that is what we did last year, and the year before that and probably the year before that. The Christmas tree, at home and at church, has to be decorated the way it has always been decorated. Decorations are carefully placed on shelves and tables, very likely the same shelves and tables those exact same decorations occupied last year. New decorations and new traditions do find their way into the mix, and slowly those new things become new traditions. It isn’t wrong to have our Christmas traditions. They are comforting and they fill us with joy, year after year, as we celebrate Jesus’ birth.

The people of Israel had traditions too, most of them not simply invented or developed over time, but given to them by God. One of these traditions, one of the most important, was the festival of Passover. The first Passover took place centuries before Jesus lived, when the people of Israel were slaves in Egypt. In one final, mighty act of deliverance, God led the Israelites out of slavery into freedom. To demonstrate his mighty power and force the Egyptians to release their Israelite slaves, God was going to kill all the firstborn of Egypt, from the firstborn of

Pharaoh to the firstborn of the Egyptian cattle. The people of Israel were to celebrate their deliverance on that night by killing and roasting and feasting on a lamb. Each household was to take the blood of their lamb and paint it on the lintels and doorposts of the home. Wherever God saw that blood marking the door, he would “pass over” and spare the firstborn of that home. So on that night, the firstborn of Egypt were struck down and the Pharaoh ordered the Israelites to leave.

Scripture says of that Passover, “It was a night of watching by the LORD, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the LORD by all the people of Israel throughout their generations” (Exodus 12:42). Year after year, the tradition of Passover would preserve the memory of the night the people were set free. When children asked the meaning of the ritual feast, the families were to answer, “It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.”

Passover was a tradition, handed down from generation to generation. It was a remembrance of deliverance, but it was also more than an annual reminder of the past miracle. Passover was a picture of the future, a picture and a prophecy of a greater act of deliverance, of a greater sacrifice to come. In this act of deliverance, God would not strike down the firstborn of an enemy nation. In this sacrifice, God’s own Son, “the firstborn of all creation” (Colossians 1:15), would die.

When Jesus began his public ministry, John the Baptist announced the arrival of the Savior with the words, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). The Lamb of God had come. Just as the Israelites in ancient Egypt were to choose a lamb “without blemish,” the Lamb of God was the perfect sacrifice, the innocent sacrifice “without blemish or spot” (1 Peter 1:19). This Lamb was “foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times” for us (1 Peter 1:20), born in Bethlehem.

Jesus, the Child of Bethlehem, whose birth we will soon celebrate, is the spotless Lamb of God. He offered up his life on the cross, suffering the penalty of death that we earned through our sin, through our rebellion against God our Creator. Because our sins are washed away in the blood of Jesus, the wrath of God against sin “passes over” us as surely as the Lord long ago passed over the blood-marked doors of the Israelite slaves. On that night, the slaves went out through those blood-painted doors, out of Egypt and into freedom. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus the Lamb, we too are redeemed and set free from our slavery to sin, death and the devil. Martin Luther, in his Easter hymn, “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands,” describes the freedom won for us by our Passover Lamb: “Here our true Paschal Lamb we see, whom God so freely gave us; he died on the accursed tree—so strong his love—to save us. See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death passes over, and Satan cannot harm us.”

Should we be talking about Easter hymns during Advent? Of course we should! Jesus, the

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Advent Service Two: Lamb

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TuneMerton 87 87

A musical score for a piece titled 'Merton 87 87'. The score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4. The score consists of six measures. The first measure has a whole note in the Treble staff and a whole note in the Bass staff. The second measure has a whole note in the Treble staff and a whole note in the Bass staff. The third measure has a whole note in the Treble staff and a whole note in the Bass staff. The fourth measure has a whole note in the Treble staff and a whole note in the Bass staff. The fifth measure has a whole note in the Treble staff and a whole note in the Bass staff. The sixth measure has a whole note in the Treble staff and a whole note in the Bass staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

- The **Opening Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Merton 87 87, or a selection from the contemporary music song suggestions list at the end of the music guide for this service can be sung instead:

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Contemporary Music Song Suggestions

- The following song suggestions can be used for a more contemporary worship service in place of the more traditional hymns included in this kit. Rights to use these songs in the service must be purchased by your parish through CCLI or other copyright licensing agencies.

“Be Unto Your Name” by Gary Sadler and Lynn DeShazo

“Lamb of God” by Twila Paris

“Worthy Is the Lamb” by Darlene Zschech

“You Are My All in All” by Dennis Jernigan

“Jesus Paid It All (Christ I Owe)” by Elvina Mabel Hall and John Thomas Grape

“I Will Sing of the Lamb” by Stuart Townend

“Once and for All” by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram and Matt Maher

“Worthy Is the Lamb” by Corey Voss and Jared Anderson