



REDEEMER PRES

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Explanation of Cover Art

By Bethany Sanders

The first panel is for 1 Peter 4:12-13, where Peter talks about fiery ordeals.

The second panel is for 1 Peter 5:1-4 where Peter addresses the elders and exhorts them to be shepherds of God's flock. I was thinking about how in 1 Peter 5 the shepherds are also the sheep. So I have a sheeple shepherd doing a fire-man carry of a sheeple from his flock. The background is a cracked desert because the shepherd is carrying the other sheep to safety.

The third panel is for 1 Peter 5:8-9, where Peter tells Christians to resist the devil who "prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." I wondered how sheep could resist a lion. Peter uses the term "resist" instead of "defeat," so I drew the sheep with staffs—defensive rather than offensive weapons—and had them face the prowling lion together.

Explanation of Window Art

By Erin Hall

These tattered royal garments are arranged in structured community. From the perspective of one piece, they may be overshadowed or feel exposed and rub against the frays of another, but from afar even the tattered humble fragments show glimpses of their beauty in how they play off each other. There are many circles and intersections in our body, but one strong common chord. I was also meditating on the ideas of "casting anxiety on him" and clothing ourselves in humility toward one another; submitting to elders as part of the necessary structure: for each piece, if not tied in, would easily drift away. It is also such joy that our Lord sees our beauty now, and delights in us, even as we are.

Welcome

Call to Worship

From John 1

Leader Before anything was created, the Word existed,

All **The Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

Leader He was with God in the beginning.

All **Through him all things were made; nothing that exists was made without him.**

Leader In him was life, and that life was the light of all humankind.

All **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Kids **Jesus, you are our King!**

Leader The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and though the world was made through him,
the world did not recognize him.
He came to his own creation, his own people, but they did not receive him.

All **Yet to all who did receive him,
to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God—**

Kids **Jesus, you are our Savior!**

Leader Yes, and these children born not through a lineage,
nor through personal desire, nor the will of someone else.

All **No, we are born of God.**

Kids **Jesus, we want to see you!**

Leader The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

All **We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Opening Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

All

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, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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?

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory giv’n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from prayers by Bobby Griffith, Alcuin of York, and *The Book of Common Prayer*

Leader Lord God, this season reminds us that you became flesh and dwelt among humanity with perfect love for God and perfect love for neighbor.

All **You entered into this world to bring light and life.**

Leader We confess that we have neglected God and others.

All **We have not loved the Lord with our whole heart;
we have not entered into the lives of others in love.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

Leader Eternal light, shine into our hearts.

All **Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.**

Leader Eternal Power, be our support.

All **Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.**

Leader Eternal pity, have mercy upon us,

All **that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face
and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Based on Hebrews 9:11-14; 10:3-10

Leader Christ came as high priest of the good things
that are to come and are now already here.

All **He did not enter by means of the blood of goats or calves
but by his own blood, so obtaining eternal redemption.**

Leader The blood of goats and calves remind us of our sin,
but they cannot truly take away sin.

All **But Jesus came and said, “Here I am,
I have come to do your will, Father.”**

Leader He offered himself through the eternal Spirit,
as a perfect, unblemished lamb.

All **Christ makes us holy and cleanses our consciences, once for all,
so that we may know and love and serve the living God.**

Song in the Gospel

“Joyful, Joyful”

All

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heav’n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

words Henry van Dyke, 1907; music Ludwig van Beethoven, 1822; ad. by Edward Hodges, 1824; Public Domain

Song in the Gospel

“Thou Who Wast Rich”

All

**Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love’s sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,
Sapphire paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
All for love’s sake becamest poor.**

**Thou who are God beyond all praising,
All for love’s sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising,
Heav’nward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who are God beyond all praising,
All for love’s sake becamest man.**

**Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.**

words Frank Houghton; music French Carol Melody, arr. by Charles Kitson, 1930

Christmas Prayer

Leader Jesus,
whose birth we celebrate,
whose return we anticipate.

All of God's promises are yes and amen in you.
You give hope when all feels lost.
Faith when all feels uncertain.
Joy when all feels bleak.
Peace when all feels out of control.

All **With the shepherds we come and adore.
With your mother we treasure and ponder all that you are.
With the wise men we bow down and worship.**

Leader When we wonder if we are loved,
All **remind us of the God who gave his one and only Son on our behalf.**

Leader When we wonder how committed you are to your creation,
All **point us back to the one who made it, sustains it, and entered into it.**

Leader When we wonder how committed you are to your people,
All **turn our eyes to the one who became like us in every way, but was without sin.**

Leader We light this fifth and final candle to celebrate the Light that came into the world
and will return with even greater glory.

All *Light the "Christ" or fifth Advent candle along with the first four.*

Leader Jesus, when we celebrate, help us to look forward to the day
we will feast in your presence.
Help our gladness today point to the even greater joy you will bring
All **when every knee will bow,
every tongue will confess,
every tear will be dried,
every wrong will be made right.
Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

Leader Until that day, help us to wait and keep watch for you.

All **Amen.**

written by Emily Pilkington

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Scripture

Leviticus 1:1-9

Reader

¹The Lord called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When any one of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of livestock from the herd or from the flock.

³“If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the Lord. ⁴ He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. ⁵ Then he shall kill the bull before the Lord, and Aaron’s sons the priests shall bring the blood and throw the blood against the sides of the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁶ Then he shall flay the burnt offering and cut it into pieces, ⁷ and the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. ⁸ And Aaron’s sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat, on the wood that is on the fire on the altar; ⁹ but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall burn all of it on the altar, as a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Curtis McDaniel

We Need a Sacrifice

Song of Response

“Break Forth O Light”

All

Soon at last at the dawning, we become who we are.
The redemption of Jesus through the blood of forgiveness we’ve spread near and far.
Yet we’ve never stopped seeking, for the kingdom complete.
For the hurt to be whole, for the poor to be full and the scared to be free.

Break forth O Light, O Healing rise
The earth that groaned, now leaps and cries.
The soul that yearned is satisfied.
We hold out our flame, and in hope we wait,
Until you arrive, until you arrive, until you arrive.

We have walked as we worshipped, in our hearts, Sabbath rest
Representing our Sovereign, who can move earth and heaven in His power to bless.
We have lived out His beauties, shown the light of his face.
Silenced every accuser, broke the chains of each burden, clothed the shameful in grace.

Break forth O Light, O Healing rise
The earth that groaned, now leaps and cries.
The soul that yearned is satisfied.
We hold out our flame, and in hope we wait,
Until you arrive, until you arrive, until you arrive.

Now the hour is brimming, fullness almost has come.
When the earth stands receiving, its King and his Kingdom, and Heaven comes down.
And we fully know him, by touch and by sight.
And we’ll drink deep together, surrounded by splendor, increasing in life.

Break forth O Light, O Healing rise
The earth that groaned, now leaps and cries.
The soul that yearned is satisfied.
We hold out our flame, and in hope we wait,
Until you arrive, until you arrive, until you arrive.

Nathan Partain, 2016

Community Life

Advent and Christmas Eve Thank You

Christmas/Epiphany Prayer Guide

Women's Bible Studies

Valediction

From Isaiah 9

Leader The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

Kids **Jesus, you are our King!**

All **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.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.**

Kids **Jesus, you are our Savior!**

Leader He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

All **The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.**

Kids **Jesus, we want to see you!**

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Closing Hymn

“Joy to the World”

All

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

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