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Worship

Who do we worship?

How do we worship?



1. Worship is when you offer
ultimate value to something.

Worship is not just the part
where we sing songs on Sundays.



Isaiah 1:11-17

“What makes you think I want all your sacrifices?” says the Lord. “I am sick of your burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fattened cattle. I get no pleasure from the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to worship Me, who asked you to parade through My courts with all your ceremony?”

Isaiah 1:11-17

“Stop bringing Me your meaningless gifts; the incense of your offerings disgusts Me! As for your celebrations of the new moon and the Sabbath and your special days for fasting—they are all sinful and false. I want no more of your pious meetings... When you lift up your hands in prayer, I will not look. Though you offer many prayers, I will not listen, for your hands are covered with the blood of innocent victims.”



Isaiah 1:11-17

“Wash yourselves and be clean! Get your sins out of My sight. Give up your evil ways. Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.”

Matthew 15:7-9, 19

“You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me; in vain do they worship Me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.”

Psalm 107:1-2

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever. Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies.

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Incarnation – Matthew 1:22-23

All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through His prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

Philippians 2:6-7

Though Jesus was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

1 John 1:1

We proclaim to you the One who existed from the beginning, Whom we have heard and seen. We saw Him with our own eyes and touched Him with our own hands. He is the Word of life.

Ignatius, Letter to Ephesians, 18:2 (Early 2nd Century)

“For our God, Jesus the Christ, was
conceived by Mary, in God’s plan being
sprung both from the seed of David and
from the Holy Spirit.”



Justin Martyr, First Apology, 63 (later 2nd Century)

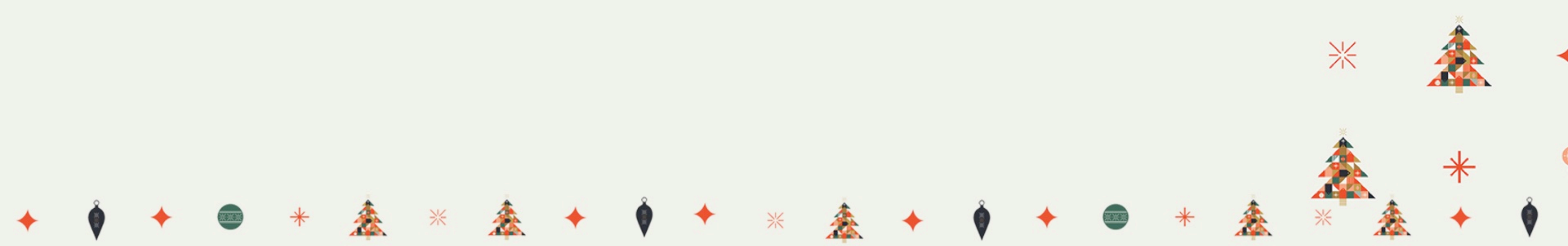
“The Father of the universe has a Son,
who being the Word and First–begotten
of God is also divine.”



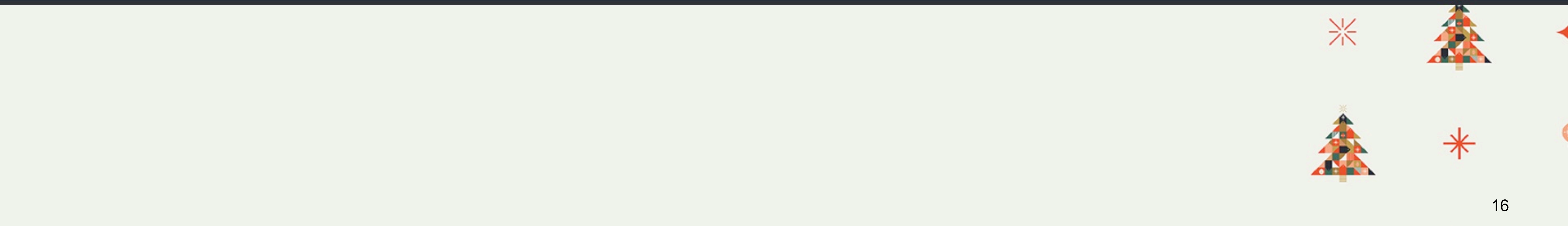
Irenaeus, Against Heresies, 1.10.1 (185ish. Late 2nd century)

“...so that every knee may bow, of
things in heaven and on earth and under
the earth, to Christ Jesus our Lord and
God and Savior and King...”





Arianism – Jesus was not the full incarnation of God but rather a bridge between humanity and divinity.





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“We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten
of the Father; God from God, Light
from Light, true God from true God;
begotten not made, one in being with
the Father.” – The Nicæan Creed



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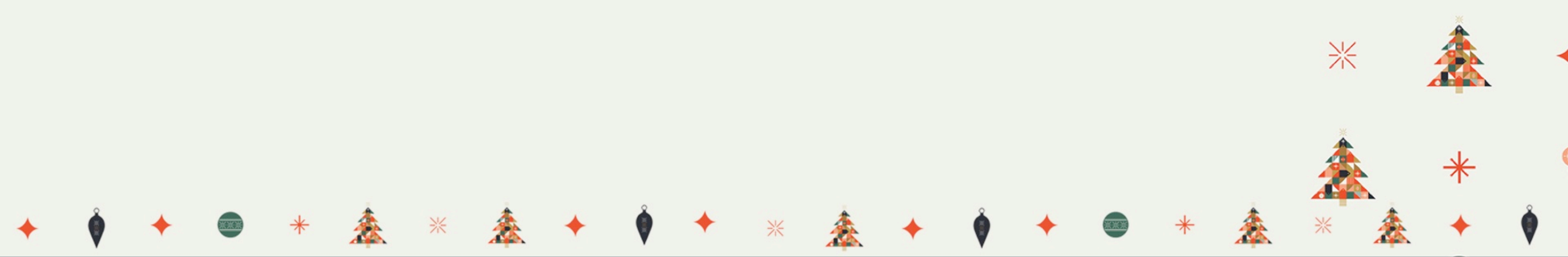


Where do I give my time?

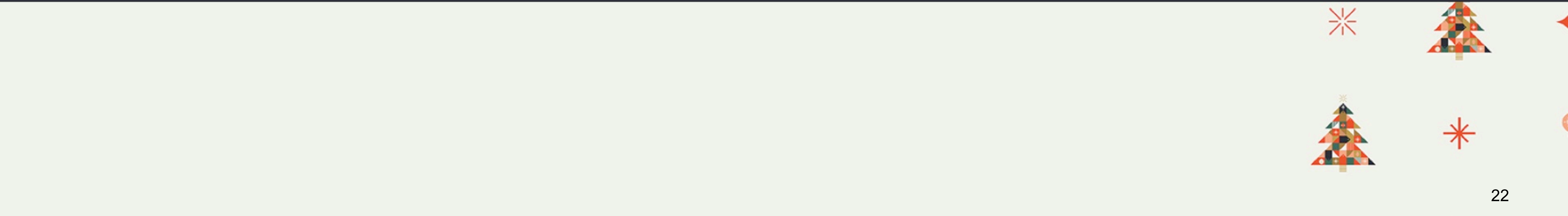




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Where do I give my time?
Where do I give my money?
Where do I give my thoughts?



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Revelation 4:11

“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For You created all things, and they exist because You created what You pleased.”

Old English – "Worth–Ship"
to recognize the worth of something

NT Greek – $\pi \rho \omicron \sigma \kappa \upsilon \nu \acute{\epsilon} \omega$
pros (toward) + kyneō (to kiss)



Matthew 2:11

They entered the house and saw the Child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped (proskyneō) Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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5. Almost all of our worship happens in ordinary moments



“Every new day, this is the turn my heart must make: I’m living this life, the life right in front of me. This one where marriages struggle. This one where we aren’t living as we thought we might or as we hoped we would. This one where we are weary, where we want to make a difference but aren’t sure where to start...



where we have to get dinner on the table
or the kids' teeth brushed, where we have
back pain and boring weeks, where our
lives look small, where we doubt, where
we wrestle with meaninglessness, where
we worry about those we love, where we
struggle to meet our neighbors and love
those closest to us, where we grieve,
where we wait...



How I spend this ordinary day in Christ
is how I will spend my Christian life.”

– Tish Harrison Warren,
Liturgy of the Ordinary



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- (1) Waking up
- (2) Making the Bed
- (3) Brushing Teeth
- (4) Losing Keys
- (5) Eating Leftovers
- (6) Fighting with My Husband
- (7) Checking Email

- (8) Sitting in Traffic
- (9) Calling a Friend
- (10) Drinking Tea
- (11) Sleeping



“After hearing about Jesus’ birth and a brief story about His boyhood, we find him again as a grown man at the banks of the Jordan. He’s one in a crowd, squinting in the sun, sand gritty between His toes. The One who is worthy of worship, glory, and fanfare spent decades in obscurity and ordinariness.



As if the incarnation itself is not mind-bending enough, the incarnate God spent His days quietly, a man who went to work, got sleepy, and lived a pedestrian life among average people. Jesus emerges from water a commoner, wet and messy haired. And suddenly the Spirit of God shows up and the deep mystery of the universe reverberates through the air: this is the Son of God, the Son the Father loves, in whom He is pleased.



If Jesus spent the vast majority of His life honoring God amid the ordinary and mundanity of life, what does that tell us about when and where and how we should follow Jesus? What does it tell us about when and where and how we should worship God?



It tells us that God is blessing us, growing us,
and calling us right now, right where we are. It
tells us that the resurrection life we are called to
live happens in the ordinary minutes and
mundane moments of today."

—Tish Harrison Warren



John 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone.

John 1:1-5, 14

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it... So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.