



Sunday, November 22, 2020

“There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

1 Samuel 2:2

## **Order of Worship and Lyrics**

## Welcome/Call to Worship

### Hymn:

#### Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th' incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Praise Hymn:

#### Joy Has Dawned (with *Angels We Have Heard on High*)

Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised from creation  
God's salvation now unfurled, Hope for ev'ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above, Not with scenes of glory,  
But a humble gift of love—Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky With the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life Shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place,  
Shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother's breast, Vuln'rable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, Gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands Prophecy the story.  
Gold—a King is born today, Incense—God is with us,  
Myrrh—His death will make a way,  
And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, Given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!  
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of hist'ry.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains and the mountains in  
reply echoing their joyous strain:  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your Heav'nly song?  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## **Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Gloria Patri:**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be - world without end, Amen. Amen**

## **Unison Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 & 9:6-7**

“Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. And he said, Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?”

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.  
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall  
call his name Immanuel...

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the  
government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall  
be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will  
be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with  
righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The  
zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

### **Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our debts, as  
we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.

### **Anthem:**

#### **“How Suddenly A Baby Cries”**

**How suddenly a baby cries and all forever change  
As shepherds leave the angel song to find this holy place,  
Where in her young and trembling arms a virgin holds her Son  
And in this Child of breath divine our Light has finally come**

**She ponders how the Magi kneel before Emmanuel.  
With gold and frankincense and myrrh Christ's sacrifice they tell.  
A dream would help them flee a king  
whose pride would cruelly destroy.  
As mothers weep God's mercy meets the hunger for His joy.**

**What wonder still that Anna filled with praise  
should bless the Lord;  
Her aging eyes now looking on the Savior of the world.  
For night and day her prayers had filled the temple of our God.  
Her heart could tell His saving hand within this gift of love.**

**Hear Simeon who had waited long draw near to hold the child  
To speak of Him who would reveal the many thoughts we hide:  
That hearts would rise to know His grace but many fall away;  
A sword would pierce His mother's soul  
upon redemption day.**

**How suddenly a baby cried and all forever changed.  
Through history soul by soul have come to find His healing grace.  
He filled my troubled heart with peace,  
with hope of endless worth.  
My voice will join the song of praise that tells Messiah's birth.**

**Scripture: Matthew 1:18-24**

“<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as

your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. <sup>22</sup>

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,..."

## **Sermon: "The Character and Nature of Christ"**

### **Hymn:**

#### **"Silent Night, Holy Night"**

**Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, Darkness flies, all is light;  
Shepherds hear the angels sing,  
"Alleluia! hail the King!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

**Benediction/Response:**

**Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen!**

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