



Sunday, December 27, 2020

“Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.”

Isaiah 40:3-5

Order of Worship and Lyrics

Call to Worship

Carol: Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply,
Echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be.
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King.

See within a manger laid Jesus,
Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise Song: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel,
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem,
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold

God Most High in a manger laid,
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious Love has come to us,
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel,
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay the Invincible,
Maker of Mary now Mary's son
O what wisdom to save us all,
Shepherds sages before Him fall
Grace and majesty what humility,
Come on bended knee adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel,
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads for your King has come,
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark
Glory shining for all to see.
Hope alive let the gospel ring
God has made a way He will have the praise,
Tell the world His name is Jesus
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Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, Gloria,
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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: John 1:14-18

““And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, This was he of whom I said, He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me. For from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.””

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: Fullness of Grace

Sermon: "A Nazarene" Randy Jenkins

Scripture: Matthew 2:19-23

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead. And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Hymn: Lo How a Rose Er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright, Amid the cold of winter,
When half-gone was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, She bore to men a Savior,
When half-gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender,
With sweetness fills the air,

Dispels with glorious splendor,
The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us,
And lightens ev'ry load.

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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