

Christmas Morning Service



25 December 2021

Welcome

Song: Mary's Boy Child

Long time ago in Bethlehem,
so the Holy Bible says,
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ
Was born on Christmas Day.

**Hark! Now hear the angels sing,
A new King born today,
And man will live forever more
Because of Christmas day.**

Now Joseph and his wife Mary,
came to Bethlehem that night.
They found no place to bear her child,
not a single room was in sight.

By and by they found a little nook
in a stable all forlorn,
and in that manger cold and dark,
Mary's little boy was born.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
They saw a bright new shining star,
and heard a choir from heaven sing
the music came from afar.

**Trumpets sound and angels sing,
listen to what they say,
that man will live for evermore
because of Christmas day.**

**Hark! Now hear the angels sing,
A new King born today.**

**And we will live forever more
because of Christmas day.**

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Prayer

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

And our spirits rejoice in you.

We will praise you as long as we live.

We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.

We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,

the One who gives food to the hungry,

the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

As we worship you in this place,

As we light these candles in hope, love, joy and peace.

Advent Candles: Christ Candle

Today is the day for which we have all been waiting.

Our Advent wreath will now be completed
by the lighting of our Christ candle.

“For unto us a child is given,

unto us a Saviour is born

and the order of the world will be upon his shoulders.”

With the birth of Jesus, our lives will be forever changed.

We will be transformed by his model and message.

We light this candle to represent

that Christ is truly the centre of our lives.

Song: Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,

The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from on high,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask you to say
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

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Bible Reading: Luke 1:26-38

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."
⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and then
returned to her home.

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Message

Song: O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night
O night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here came the wise men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our Friend
He knows our need
To our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name
Christ is the Lord
O praise His name forever

His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim

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Thanks for the Offering

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.
In the upside-down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
To bless your church, your people, your creation.

Prayer of Confession

In penitence and faith let us confess our sins to Almighty God
**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed:
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
We repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of forgiveness

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him
in faith, pardon us and set us free from all our sins, strengthen us to
do his will, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers for the Church and our World

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
Are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever living God.
We give thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of the Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.
In your Word made flesh, You have caused
a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
We thank you that when he shall come again in power
And great triumph to judge the world,
We may with joy behold his appearing,

And in confidence stand before him
who redeems us from sin and death
and makes us heirs of everlasting life.
Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'
After Supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate,
with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal
kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer

God of heaven, dwelling among us,
we thank you for feeding us
with this holy food.

By your grace keep us ever faithful to your Word made flesh
that as his body in the world
we may bring your presence
to all people.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your
Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Notices

Song: Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive its king.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

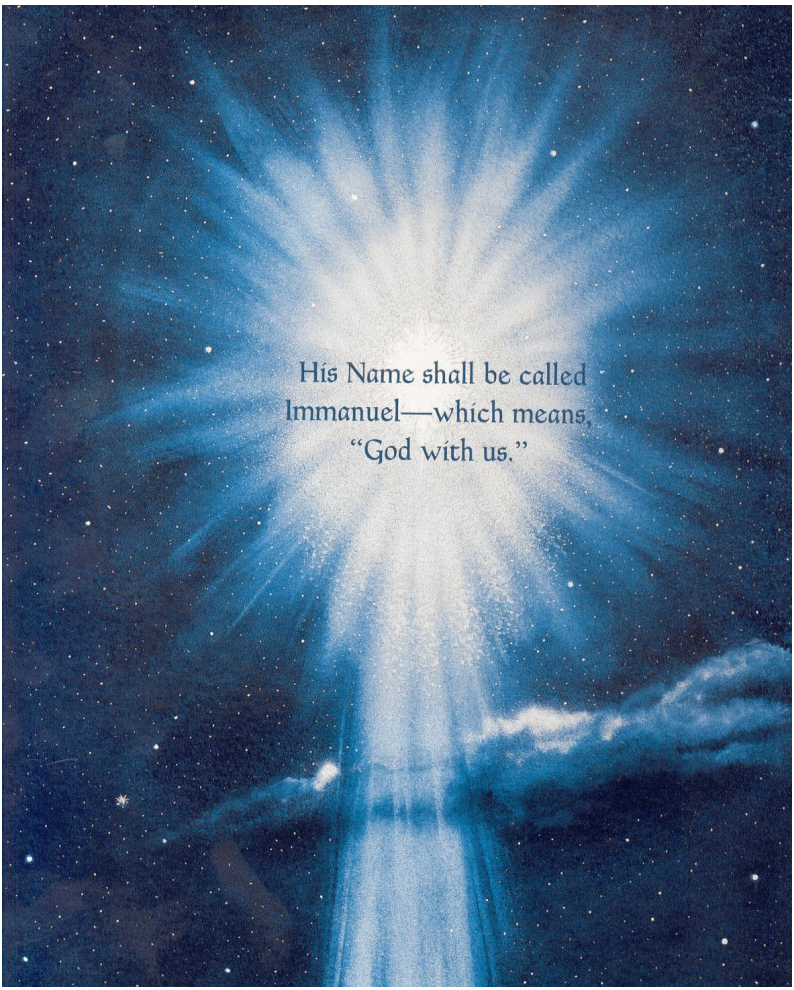
Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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

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The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you peace. **Amen.**

A vertical rectangular image featuring a dark blue, starry background. A bright, multi-colored starburst of light emanates from the center, with rays extending outwards. A horizontal band of light, possibly representing a nebula or a celestial equator, crosses the lower portion of the starburst. The overall effect is ethereal and celestial.

His Name shall be called
Immanuel—which means
“God with us.”