

10.00 am
Sunday Service



29 December 2024

Welcome

Prayer

I will sing a new hymn to my God:
O Lord you are great and marvellous.
You are marvellous in your strength, invincible.
Let the whole creation serve you:
For you spoke and all things came to be;
You sent out your Spirit and it formed them:
No one can resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths:
Rocks melt like wax at your presence;
But to those who revere you: You will show mercy.

Judith 16:13-15

Introduction

Sue

Away in a Manger

Jacky

Bible Reading: Luke 2:6-7

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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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Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Bruce

Bible Reading: Luke 2:10-12

But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’

Song: 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 in the skies
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem”

Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time, behold him come,
Offspring of the favoured one.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate deity
Pleased as man with med to dwell,
Jesus our Immanuel

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays His glory by,
Born that we no more need die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Pat

Bible Reading: Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,
praising God and saying,
'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

Carol: It came upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heaven's all-gracious king!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

All who beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow:
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own

The prince of peace their king,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

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Silent Night

Zilpha

Bible Reading: Isaiah 7:14

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

Carol: Silent Night

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

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glory streams from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: Hallelujah!
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

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

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Offering Prayer

We Three Kings

Lissie

Bible Reading: Matthew 2:1-2

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.'

Carol: We Three Kings

We three Kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star of royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Melchior

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Caspar

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high

Balthazar

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

Glorious now behold him arise,
King, and God and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluia,
Alleluia the earth replies

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The Confession

Knowing the goodness of God and our failure to respond with love and obedience, let us confess our sins, saying together,

Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
But we have broken your holy laws
And have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

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.

O Holy Night

Kate

Bible Reading: Matthew 2:11

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Carol: 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 divine, O 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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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.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power
for you created all things, making us in your own image.
We praise you for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by his death on the cross and rising to new life
offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
Therefore, we lift our voices to praise you, saying,

Julia

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

Hosanna in the highest.

And now, gracious God, we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine,
and pray that we who receive them,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
according to our Saviour's word,
in remembrance of his suffering and death,
may share his body and blood.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
and when he had given you thanks he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take and eat. This is my body which is 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 which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

We eat this bread and drink this cup

to proclaim the death of the Lord.

We do this until he returns.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Father, as we recall his saving death
and glorious resurrection, may we who share these gifts
be renewed by your Holy Spirit and united in the body of your Son.
Bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom,
there to feast at your table and join in your eternal praise:

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive praise and honour
and glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sending out of God's People

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

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. Amen**

Notices

Song: Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

**Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King**

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

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Christmas is Over

When the song of angel is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with the flock,
The work of Christmas begins
To find the lost
To heal the broken,
To release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others, to make music in the heart.

Written by Howard Thurman

The Blessing