



CHRISTMAS DAY
2021

CHRISTMAS Festival Worship

THE OPENING HYMN “When Christmas Morn Is Dawning” (p. 7)

CW, # 48

CALL TO CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

Congregation: **Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.**

P: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: From the fullness of his grace, we have all received one blessing after another.

C: For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

P: No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

P: The WORD of God bestows mercy and forgiveness.

C: Praise the God of all creation, praise the Son of our redemption, praise the Spirit of our sanctification.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

Gracious God, we celebrate this day of our Lord's birth as the fulfillment of your promise of redemption from sin. We welcome you, Jesus, as the Savior of the world and the Lord of our hearts, who now lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN “What Child is This” (p. 8)

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FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

SOLO "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 1:1-9

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire." But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

HYMN "Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising" (p. 10)

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CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

DUET "Light of the World"

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION John 1:16-17

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For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, who sent his Son as my Savior when the time had fully come according to God's promise.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds, adored by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die and rise again, who has freed me from sin, death and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas, who continues to work in my heart, who leads me to lay before the feet of my Lord the treasures of my love and to live under him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

OFFERING

As our offering is brought forward to the altar, we sing (CW: 43, verse 1):

**To thee my heart I offer, O Christ-child sweet and dear,
Upon thy love relying; Oh, be thou ever near!
Take thou my heart and give me thine,
And let it be forever mine,
O Jesus, holy, undefiled, my Savior meek and mild.**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND SONG

P: Heavenly Father, we worship you on this holy day, thankful that according to your wisdom you planned our salvation from eternity, and by your grace sent forth your Son to be the Light to lead us out of the darkness of sin.

SING

CW, #28:1-2

**Let the earth now praise the Lord, who has truly kept his word
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.
What the fathers most desired, what the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many a year stands fulfilled in glory here.**

P: Dearest Jesus, we praise you for leaving your throne in heaven to appear here in lowliness as our Savior. A stable was your first home; a manger, your first bed. Yet for our sakes you endured far deeper humiliation than this. You came to bear the cross, the shame, the suffering, and even the death, which we sinners deserve. We thank you for coming here and sharing our human nature, for you did this that we might share your glory and immortality in heaven and reign together with you in your eternal kingdom.

SING

CW, #38 - 7,8,13

**Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes, and see what in the manger lies.
Who is this child, so young and fair? It is the Christchild lying there.**

**Welcome to earth, O noble Guest, through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery, that you might share your joy with me.**

**Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, prepare a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, made clean and new, a quiet chamber kept for you.**

P: Holy Spirit, third person of the one true God, we rejoice that you accomplished a miracle. By your almighty power, Jesus was conceived in the virgin Mary. The word of the Lord's angel to Mary was fulfilled: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

SING

CW, #35, 2 & 4

**Oh, that birth forever blessed when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face
Evermore and evermore.**

**Let the heights of heav'n adore him, angel hosts his praises sing,
Pow'rs, dominions bow before him and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.**

P: God of our salvation, together with the angels we lift up our voices in worthy praise: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." With the shepherds we hasten to your manger to behold the mystery of the Word made flesh and are filled with zealous joy to spread the news of your birth. With Mary we treasure up these things and ponder them in our hearts. In childlike faith we adore you as our King, trust you as our only Savior, and serve you as our Lord.

SING

CW, #40 - 1,4,5

**O Jesus Christ, your manger is
My paradise where my soul is reclining.
For there, O Lord, we find the Word
Made flesh for us—your grace is brightly shining.**

Ponder again what glory then
The Lord will give you for your earthly sadness.
The angel host can never boast
Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.

The world may hold her wealth and gold;
But you, my heart, keep Christ as your true treasure.
To him hold fast until at last
A crown is yours and honor in full measure.

RESPONSIVE PRAISE

- P: Praise, honor, and glory to you, O Lord our God. With angels we magnify your name:
C: **“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”**
- P: To us a child is born;
C: **To us a son is given.**
- P: The Lord has made his salvation known,
C: **And revealed his righteousness to the nations.**
- P: Bless, O Lord, the reception of this Good News in the hearts of those who hear it.
C: **Bless, O Lord, the spread of the Christmas message throughout the world.**

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

- P: May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy.
May the “peace on earth to all on whom his favor rests” be our peace.
May the treasure that Mary pondered in her heart be our treasure.
C: **For today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ, the Lord.
Glory to God!**

CLOSING HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn” (p. 11)

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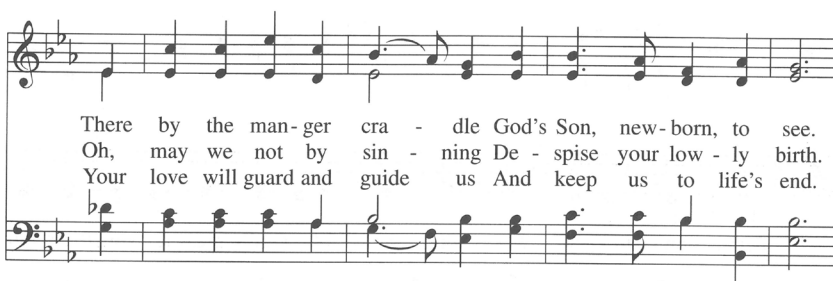
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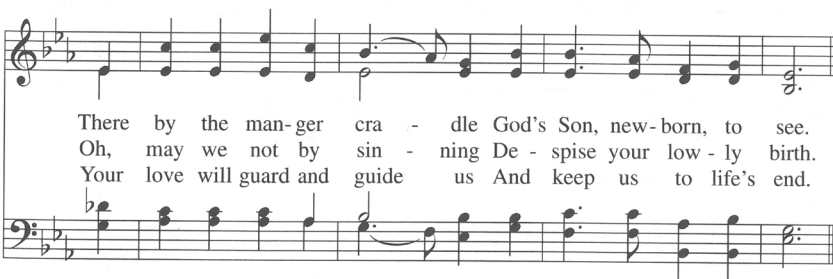
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1 When Christ-mas morn is dawn - ing, I wish that I could be
 2 How kind of you, my Sav - ior, To come to us on earth.
 3 We need you, O Lord Je - sus, To be our dear - est friend.



There by the man-ger cra - dle God's Son, new-born, to see.
 Oh, may we not by sin - ning De - spise your low - ly birth.
 Your love will guard and guide us And keep us to life's end.



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Text: Abel Burckhardt, 19th century; tr. Joel W. Lundeen, b. 1918, alt.
 Tune: German folk tune, c. 1800

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What Child Is This

Em G D Bm Em Am

1 What child is this who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox - en now are
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to

B Em G D Bm

sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet With an - them's sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear; For sin - ners here The
 own him. The King of kings Sal - va - tion brings; Let

Em B Em Bm G

shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the

D Bm Em Am B

Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.
 pierce him through; The cross he'll bear for me, for you.
 song on high; The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

CHRISTMAS

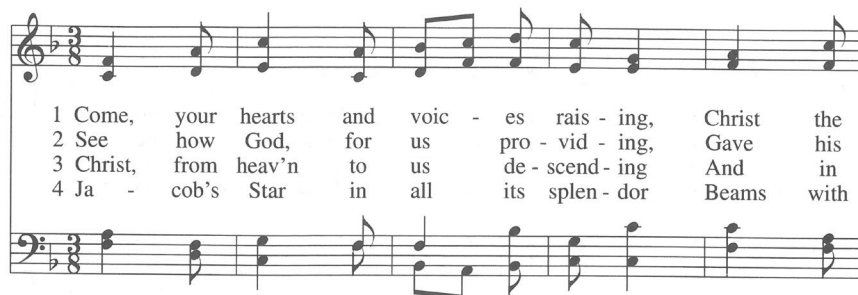
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Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the Son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the Son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.
Tune: English ballad, 16th century

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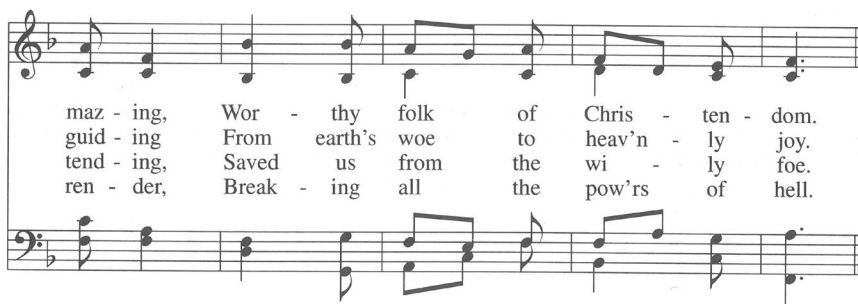
Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising 42



1 Come, your hearts and voic - es rais - ing, Christ the
 2 See how God, for us pro - vid - ing, Gave his
 3 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in
 4 Ja - cob's Star in all its splen - dor Beams with



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing his love a -
 Son and life a - bid - ing; He our wea - ry steps is
 love our race be - friend - ing, In our need his help ex -
 com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
 guid - ing, From earth's woe to heav'n - ly joy.
 tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
 ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.

- 5 Gracious Child, we pray you, hear us;
 From your lowly manger cheer us.
 Gently lead us and be near us
 Till we join th' angelic choir.

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Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn

Re-joice, re-joice this hap-py morn! A Sav-ior un-to us is

born, The Christ, the Lord of glo-ry. His low-ly birth in

Beth-le-hem The an-gels from on high pro-claim And sing re-

demp-tion's sto-ry. My soul, Ex-tol God's great fa-vor; Bless him

ev-er For sal-va-tion. Give him praise and ad-o-ra-tion.

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742-1824; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937
Tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608, alt.

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WORSHIP WITH US ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Service with Communion - 6:00 p.m.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES IN JANUARY

Worship – 8:00 & 10:30 am Sundays, 7:00 pm Thursdays

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