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# "With a Firm Reliance on Divine Providence"



For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP CHRISTMAS DAY

Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship with us today!

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

#### **Call Statement:**

"My call is to share my Faith in Christ"

Mission Statement:

"To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior."

#### **WELCOME AND PRAYER**

#### **OPENING LITANY ADAPTED FROM PSALM 148**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the Heavens

All: Praise the Lord in the heights above.

Leader: Praise the Lord, all His angels,

All: Praise the Lord, all His heavenly hosts.

Leader: Praise the Lord, sun and moon,

All: Praise the Lord, all you shining stars.

Leader: Praise the Lord, you highest heavens.

All: Praise the Lord from the earth.

Leader: Praise the Lord, kings of the earth and all nations.

All: Praise the Lord, young and old, men, women, and

children!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all who are here!

All: Praise the Lord, for His name alone is exalted and

His splendor is above earth and heaven. For us the Lord has raised up a King. Praise the Lord!

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you

(Share the Peace for the LORD with each other)

# Away in a Manger

LBW #67

Verse 1

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed; The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head; The stars in the sky looked down where He lay; The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

#### Verse 2

The cattle are lowing; the poor Baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes. I love You, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky; And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

#### Verse 3

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

#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing LBW #60 Verse 1

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."

Joyful, all you nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

#### Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's
womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Verse 3
Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die;
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

#### What Child Is This

**LBW #40** 

Verse 1

What child is this who, Laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

#### Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; For sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

#### Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, The Son of Mary!

### Silent Night

LBW #65

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia.
Christ, the Savior is born; Christ, the Savior is born!"

Verse 3

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.

**LESSONS** Hebrew 1:1 - 6

**GOSPEL** Luke 2:1 - 20

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

# King and God And Sacrifice

## We Three Kings of Orient Are

Verse 1

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

Chorus

O star of wonder star of night, Star with royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light. Verse 2

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

(Chorus)

Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising all men raising,
Worship Him God on high. (Chorus)

Verse 4

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

Verse 5
Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia! Peals through the earth and skies.
(Chorus)

#### **NICENE CREED** (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;

By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Rejoicing that the grace of God has been revealed in the

birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Pastor: (After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: ... Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for

the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

#### THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people

for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

All: 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,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION INSIDE

#### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen

#### THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His

face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

### Joy to the World

LBW #39

Verse 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

Let earth receive its King.

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth, The Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ.

While fields and floods, Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 4

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

#### **SENDING**

Pastor: Go and Be a Witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION OUTSIDE

## NEXT SUNDAY January 1, 2023 First Sunday after Christmas Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 63:7-14 Psalm 111 Galatians 4:4-7

Matthew 2:13-23

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