

2020

“Behold, The Mighty Hand of God”



**LESSONS
& CAROLS**

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.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PRAYER

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

All: **And also with you**

(Wave and/or Honk to 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.**

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!

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.

LESSONS & CAROLS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

-Reading-

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel LBW #34

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

Verse 5

O come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

Mark 1:1-8

-Reading-

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LBW #25

Verse 1

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.

Verse 4

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

Luke 2:1-7

-Reading-

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LBW #41

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years,
Are met in thee tonight.

Verse 4
O, holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Immanuel!

Luke 2:8-12

-Reading-

Angels, from the Realms of Glory LBW #50

Verse 1
Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story;
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, The new-born King!

Verse 2
Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light.
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ, The new-born King!

Luke 2:13, 14

-Reading-

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!"

Luke 2:15, 16

-Reading-

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!"

Matthew 2:1-9

-Reading-

The First Noel

LBW #56

Verse 1

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds, In fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued Both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 3

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star, wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 4

This star drew near to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 5

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence, Their gold, and myrrh,
and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Matthew 2:10, 11

-Reading-

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!

John 1:10 - 18

-Reading-

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.**

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: . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we
pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our
Savior.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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 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.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice LBW #55

Verse 1

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say;
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Verse 2

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Verse 3

Good Christian Friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

SENDING

Pastor: Go and Be a Witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

NEXT SUNDAY January 3, 2021
Second Sunday after Christmas

Readings for Next Sunday

1 Kings 3:4-15 Psalm 119:97-104 Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 2:40-52

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Altar Flowers

2021 Flower Chart

The flower chart is ready for you to sign up to sponsor the Sunday Altar Flowers. You may come in to sign up in person. Or you may email the church with your special dates and we can check the date and sign you up.