

# LIVING STONE WORSHIP

## ✠ The Epiphany Of Our Lord ✠

### Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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#### Prayer Before Worship

O God, by a star You led the Wise Men of old to worship the Christ Child. So lead us that we too may worship Him in all our lives. Holy Spirit within us, guide our works and shape our deeds and actions into fit expressions of worship, praise, and love. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Light of the world. Amen.

#### Prelude

#### Announcements & Greeting

#### Call to Worship

*Psalm 72:1-11*

- L "Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal Son."  
C "May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice."  
L "May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute."  
C "May the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts."  
L "May all kings fall down before him,"  
C "May all nations serve him."

ALL "In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound." Come, let us worship Christ our King.

#### Opening Song

#### "Angels from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)"

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.
- 2 Shepherds in the field 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 newborn King.

#### Chorus

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises. Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
Come, have your way among us,  
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.  
Come, have your way among us,  
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus.

#### Pre-Chorus

Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king:  
God is with us even now His love is here. (repeat)  
His love is here!

#### Chorus

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

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#### Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

## Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of His power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:1–12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd My people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Song of the Day

1 God rest ye merry gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ, our Savior  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray.

Pre-Chorus

O, tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy.  
O, tidings of comfort and joy.

Chorus

He has come for us, this Jesus.  
He's the hope for all mankind.  
He has come for us, the Messiah.  
Born to give us life.

### “He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)”

2 From God, our heav'nly Father  
A blessed angel came.  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same.  
How that in Bethlehem was born,  
The Son of God by name.

Chorus

Bridge

All the angels sing, “Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is born!”  
All the children sing, “Hallelujah!  
He is Christ the Lord!”

Chorus

He is born to give us life.

Bridge

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### Sermon

“All Creation Waits” *Isaiah 62:1–5*

### Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ☩ life everlasting. Amen.

### Children's Message

### Offering

*The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.*

## Offertory

## “Christmas Offering”

### Verse 1

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star.  
While angels sang to lowly shepherds;  
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar,  
Hoping to find the child from Heaven;  
Falling on their knees,  
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

### Chorus 1

I bring an offering of worship to my King.  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.  
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.  
I bring an offering to You.

### Verse 2

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love.  
There is no shadow in Your presence;  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,  
Before the Holy One of heaven;  
It's only by Your blood,  
And it's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come.

### Chorus 1

### Chorus 2

I bring an offering of worship to my King.  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.  
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.  
I bring an offering to You.

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## Prayer of the Church

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

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- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection*

- P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.  
C **Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not always made Your kingdom of first importance in our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**  
P God is gracious and forgiving. He shows His kingly power in ways that are merciful. To each of us, our Lord says, “Fear not!” and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.  
C **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
C **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 Words of Our Lord

Mark 14:22–24

## Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

## Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

John 1:29

## Distribution

### Song

#### Verse 1

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, good will to men  
From heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

#### Verse 2

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled.  
And still their heavenly music floats  
Through all the weary world.  
And man at war with man hears not  
The love song which they bring.  
O hush the noise and cease the strife  
And hear the angels sing.

### “Midnight Clear (Love Song)”

#### Chorus

Glory to God in the highest,  
Glory to God evermore.  
Good news, great joy for all.  
Melody breaks through the silence,  
Christ the Savior is born.  
Jesus, the love song of God.

#### Chorus

Jesus, the love song of God.  
You're the love song.  
You're the love song.  
You so loved the world, You're the love song.

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old.  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold.

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### “Here I Am to Worship”

#### Verse 1

Light of the world,  
You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

#### Chorus

Here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me.

#### Verse 2

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.

#### Chorus (2x)

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## Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

## Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

## Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

C Amen.

## Closing Song

## “What a Glorious Night”

Verse 1

Oo Oo.

The shepherds came to see the baby;

Stood by his mother’s side.

Here laid the Savior inside a manger.

Oh what a glorious night. Oh what a glorious night.

Chorus

I hear the angels singing, hallelujah!

Let the earth receive her king.

I know that love has come.

Sing it out, Jesus Christ is born.

Jesus Christ is born. Yeah!

Verse 2

Oo oo.

The shepherds wondered,

they couldn’t hide it, told everyone in sight.

All were amazed when they heard how

God came down on the glorious night.

God came down on this glorious night.

Chorus

Glorious, Glorious, What a Glorious night! (repeat)

Chorus

I hear the angels singing, hallelujah!

Let the earth receive her king.

I know that love has come.

Sing it out, Jesus Christ is born.

Jesus Christ is born. Yeah! (repeat)

I heard that Jesus Christ is born. Yeah!

Verse 3

Oo oo.

All is calm now, all is quiet. A Star shining in the sky

Below in Bethlehem, the king is sleeping

Oh What a Glorious Night.

Oh What a Glorious Night.

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