



**Pastor Mark Warren**

**25 December 2022**

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# ADVENT READING:

**CONGREGATION:** *This Christmas Day we light our Messiah's candle, celebrating the birth of our Savior and hope for the world because Jesus came! In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those who are under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. For all who receive Him and believe in Him, God gives them the authority to become His children, being born of God and having life in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**READER #1:** *"The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."*

**READER #2:** *"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David."*

**READER #3:** *"My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. I will trust His unfailing love and sing His praises all my days, for He who is mighty has done a great thing. Holy is His name!"*

# Light of the Stable

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned...  
For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given..." Is. 9:2,4*

Steve Rhymer and Elizabeth Rhymer

Hail, hail to the newborn King  
Let our voices sing Him our praises  
Hail, hail to the Guiding Light  
That brought us tonight to our Savior

Halle, Hallelujah  
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Hail, hail to the newborn King  
Let our voices sing Him our praises  
Hail, hail to the Guiding Light  
That brought us tonight to our Savior

Come now, let it shine so bright  
To the knowing Light of the stable  
Kneel close to the Child so dear  
Cast aside your fear and be thankful

Halle, Hallelujah  
Halle, Hallelujah  
Halle, Hallelujah  
Halle, Hallelujah

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Hail, hail to the newborn King  
Let our voices sing Him our praises  
Hail, hail to the Guiding Light  
That brought us tonight to our Savior



## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #133

*"The heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God." Luke 2:13*

Traditional French Carol

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 of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

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 th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"



## O Little Town of Bethlehem #141

*"Bethlehem...out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel" Mic 5:2*

Phillip Brooks

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

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep; Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars, together - proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God, the King, and peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently; The wondrous Gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in

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 Emmanuel!  
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!



## O Come, All Ye Faithful #145

*"Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD,  
our Maker; for He is our God" Psalm 95:6-7*

John Francis Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come let us adore Him; O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him; Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!  
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"

O come let us adore Him; O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him; Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come let us adore Him; O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him; Christ the Lord!



# Offering: **Light of the World**

*“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’” Jn. 8:12*

Ed Cash, Scott Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Andrew Bergthold

Light of the world  
Treasure of Heaven  
Brilliant like the stars  
In the wintry sky  
Joy of the Father  
Reach through the darkness  
Shine across the earth  
Send the shadows to flight

Light of the world  
From the beginning  
The tragedies of time  
Were no match for Your love  
From great heights of glory  
You saw my story  
God, You entered in  
And became one of us

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah  
For the things He has done  
Come and adore Him  
Bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the light of the world

Light of the world  
Crown in a manger

Born for the cross  
To suffer, to save  
High King of Heaven  
Death is the poorer  
We are the richer  
By the price that He paid

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah  
For the things He has done  
Come and adore Him  
Bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the light of the world

Light of the world, soon will be coming  
With fire in His eyes  
He will ransom His own  
Through clouds He will lead us  
Straight into glory  
And there He shall reign, forevermore

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah  
For the things He has done  
Come and adore Him  
Bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the light of the world

# LIGHT



John 8:12

"I AM the Light of the World. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 1:4

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."



Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Isaiah 58:8

Then shall Your light break forth like the dawn, and Your healing  
shall spring up speedily; Your righteousness shall go before  
You; the glory of the Lord shall be Your rear guard.

Isaiah 60:1-2

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.

Malachi 4:2

But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness  
shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like  
calves from the stall.

Hark! the Herald Angel Sing (verse 2)

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.



### Here I Am To Worship

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.

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.



### The Gift of God: a Present to Receive

#### John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

What do you think you know about God?  
Jesus is sent... not to condemn our sin (or condone it) but to save us from it! He offers freedom from sin's guilt and shame and the trap of bondage to sinful appetites. He's a compassionate-rescuer, our loving Kinsmen-Redeemer.



## The Gift of God: a Present to Receive

### Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

God creates us to know Him, to love Him and to worship Him, giving us a place in our soul where only He can reside.



*Merry Christmas!*

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