

Sermon Notes

Series: 1 Peter: A Living Hope
Christ Suffered to Bring Us to God
1 Peter 3:18-22

Order of Worship

*Please Stand
All Songs CCLI # 1399831

Prelude (*Preparing Our Hearts for Worship*)

Welcome and Call to Worship*

Isaiah 52:7-10

Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not, into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Song of Praise*

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains

Chorus Gloria....in excelsis Deo, Gloria...in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? (*chorus*)

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (*chorus*)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Songs of Worship*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Chorus Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O Come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to the tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (*chorus*)

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free, Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. (*chorus*)

O come Thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight. (*chorus*)

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

What We Believe*

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,† the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* *Meaning that Christ took upon himself the full wrath of God for our sins on the cross.*

† *Meaning the "universal" church made up of all true believers in Jesus Christ.*

Let the Little Children Come

(Children PreK-2nd grade may exit for Ambassador Kids afterwards)

Prayers of the People

Offering Our Gifts to God*

Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world; Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled; Hope for every nation
Not with fanfares from above; Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love; Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky; With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life; Shelters in a stable
Hands that set the stars in place; Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast; Vulnerable and helpless

Shepherds bow before the Lamb; Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands; Prophecy the story
Gold: a King is born today; Incense: God is with us
Myrrh: His death will make a way; And by His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam, Son of heaven; Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man; Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Savior what a Friend; What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem; Now the Lord of history.
Gloria....in excelsis Deo, Gloria...in excelsis Deo.

Message from God's Word

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Song of Response*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfilment of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him. Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes!

Benediction*

Romans 15:13

