

Christ, the Holy Innocent,
Took our sin and punishment.
Fullness of God, despised and rejected,
Crushed for the sins of the world.

VERSE 3

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for;
Promise of God in Jesus.
Through His obedience we are forgiven,
Op-'ning the floodgates of heav'n.
All our hopes and dreams we bring
Gladly as an offering.
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable:
God's gift in love to the world.

Closing Thoughts and Benediction



SERMON NOTES

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST: OUR KING

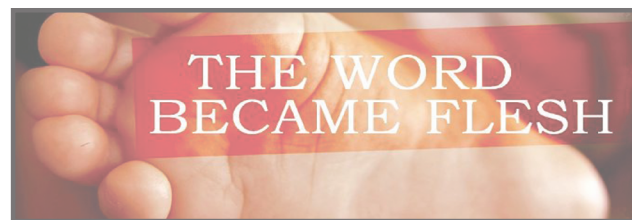


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Welcome and Announcements

Ken Hunt

Call to Worship

Pastor Kevin Morris

Congregational Singing: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Hymn 251

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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 heav'n's
all-gracious king!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

VERSE 2

Still through the cloven skies they come wWith peaceful wings
unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

VERSE 3

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

VERSE 4

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world send back the song which now
the angels sing.

Congregational Singing: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Hymn 277

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VERSE 1

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 th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

CHORUS

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 the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh, the God-head see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
[repeat chorus]

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 men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
[repeat chorus]

Pastoral Prayer

Keith Kruizenga

Offertory – “O Come, All You Unfaithful”

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Based upon Isaiah 1:18, 42:1-3, 55:1-3; Matt. 1:21, 11:28-30, 12:18-20; Rom. 5:8; Rev. 5:12.

O come, all you unfaithful. Come, weak and unstable,
Come. Know you are not alone.
O come, barren and waiting ones, Weary of praying.
Come, See what your God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken. Come with fears unspoken.
Come, taste of His perfect love.
O come, guilty and hiding ones – there is no need to run.
See what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for you.

He’s the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon.
His promise is peace for those who believe. *(repeat)*

So come. Though you have nothing, Come! He is the offering.
Come, see what our God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born,
Christ is born for you. *(repeat)*

Message

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

“Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ: Our King”

Closing Music – Congregational Singing: “Fullness of Grace”

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VERSE 1

Fullness of grace in man’s human frailty;
This is the wonder of Jesus.
Laying aside His power and glory
Humbly He entered our world.
Chose the path of meanest worth;
Scandal of a virgin birth.
Born in a stable cold and rejected;
Here lies the hope of the world.

VERSE 2

Fullness of grace – the love of the Father
Shown in the face of Jesus.
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity;
Walking the Calvary road.

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