

VERSE 4

When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing  
At Thy coming to victory,  
Let Thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room,  
There is room at My side for thee."  
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,  
When Thou comest and callest for me!

"The Shepherds" – Luke 2:8-19

Jason Fiedler

*Congregational Singing: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

Hymn 259. TEXT, James Montgomery; MUSIC, Henry T. Smart.

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VERSE 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.

CHORUS

Come and worship. Come and worship!  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

VERSE 2

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God in man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the Infant Light.

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 5

Though an infant now we view Him,  
He will share His Father's throne;  
Gather all the nations to Him;  
Every knee shall then bow down.

[sing CHORUS]

"The Star" – Matthew 2:1-12

Michael Teachout

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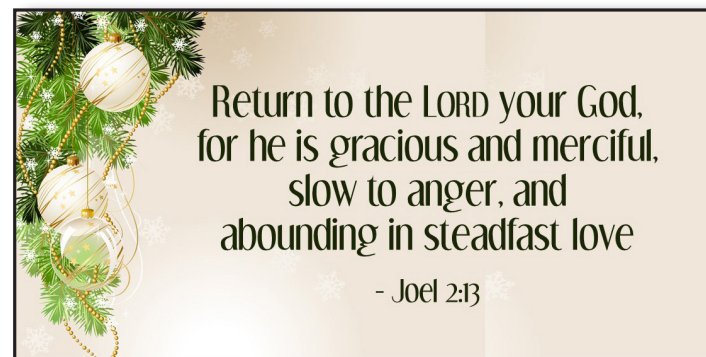
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*Congregational Singing: "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Hymn 273.*

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VERSE 1

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!  
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!

*Congregational Singing: "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"*

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VERSE 1

Sing we the song of Emmanuel,  
This the Christ who was long foretold.  
Lo, in the shadows of Bethlehem  
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.  
God Most High in a manger laid.  
Lift your voices and now proclaim:  
Great and glorious, Love has come to us!  
Join now with the hosts of heaven.

VERSE 2

Come we to welcome Emmanuel,  
King who came with no crown or throne.  
Helpless He lay, the invincible;  
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son.  
O what wisdom to save us all.  
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall.  
Grace and majesty, what humility.  
Come on bended knee, adore Him.

VERSE 3

Go spread the news of Emmanuel,  
Joy and peace for the weary heart.  
Lift up your heads for your King has come.  
Sing, for the light overwhelms the dark.  
Glory shining for all to see. Hope alive, let the gospel ring.  
God has made a way. He will have the praise!  
Tell the world His name is Jesus.

*Call to Worship*

Pastor Kevin Morris

“The Prophecy” – Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7; Micah 5:2

*Congregational Singing: “Joy to the World”* Hymn 270

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VERSE 1

Joy to the world! the LORD is come!  
Let earth receive her 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 world! the Savior reigns!  
Let men 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 sorrows 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.

“The Announcement”

Luke 1:26-38

Keith & Linda Kruizenga

Matthew 1:18-24

Aaron Blumer

“I Wonder As I Wander”

Aaron Blumer

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VERSE 1

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor, ord’nary people like you and like I.  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

“The Event” – Luke 2:1-7

Ken Hunt

*Congregational Singing: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

Hymn 250. TEXT, Phillips Brooks (1868); MUSIC, Lewis H. Redner.

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 2

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

VERSE 3

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

VERSE 4

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend on 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.  
O come to us, abide in us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

*Congregational Singing: “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”*

Grace Hymn 259. TEXT, Emily S. Elliott; MUSIC, Timothy R. Matthews.

VERSE 1

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown  
When Thou camest to earth for me,  
But in Bethlehem’s home was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus.  
There is room in my heart for Thee!

VERSE 2

Heav-en’s arches rang when the angels sang,  
Proclaiming Thy royal degree.  
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,  
And in great humility. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus.  
There is room in my heart for Thee!

VERSE 3

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word  
That should set Thy people free.  
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn  
They bore Thee to Calvary. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus.  
There is room in my heart for Thee!