

c. Blessed be God for delivering His people through the plan. – Luke 1:69, 73-77; Genesis 22:15-18

d. Blessed be God for sending the Light. – Luke 1:78-80



Congregational Singing: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymn 250

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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.

Closing Thoughts and Benediction

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Welcome

Pastor Alex Metras

Call to Worship

Jason Fiedler

Congregational Singing: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Hymn 259

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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 with man is now residing. Yonder shines the Infant Light.

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 3

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of Nations. Ye have seen His natal star.

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 4

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear.
Suddenly the Lord, descending in His temple shall appear.

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 5

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

[sing CHORUS]

Congregational Singing: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" Hymn 271

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VERSE 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, LORD of light.
Angels lifting praise before You sing throughout this holy night.

In a manger lies a baby – child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus praise You for Your gift of love.

VERSE 2

All Your works declare Your glory. All creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices in the birth of Christ the King.
Shepherds kneel before the infant. Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted, joined in wonder, love, and praise.

Scripture Reading and Pastoral Prayer
2 Samuel 7:8-17

Dave DeGear

Offertory — Congregational Singing: “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.

VERSE 1

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.

VERSE 2

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.

BRIDGE

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon.

His promise is peace for those who believe. [repeat]

VERSE 3

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.

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

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!”
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.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Message

Pastor Alex Metras

GOD’S PLAN OF REDEMPTION
GOD’S FAITHFULNESS
LUKE 1:57-80

Luke presents two features of God’s faithfulness which fill Jesus’ followers with joy and wonder.

1. GOD’S FAITHFULNESS IS PERSONAL WITH HIS PEOPLE
 - a. God displays His faithfulness as He fulfills His promises. – Luke 1:57-58; Luke 1:13-14
 - b. As God displays His faithfulness, we see how personal it is. – Luke 1:57-66
 - c. God was personally faithful to Zechariah and Elizabeth.
2. GOD’S FAITHFULNESS IS PERFECT ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN
 - a. Zechariah has nine months to think about God’s plan. – Luke 1:68-69; 1 Kings 1:48
 - b. Blessed be God for fulfilling His plan. – Luke 1:70-72