



*January 3, 2021*

*Epiphany Sunday | At Home Bulletin*

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Lord, send out your Light and your truth; let them lead us;  
let them bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

**Then we will go to the altar of God,  
to God, our exceeding joy,  
and we will praise Him with the lyre, O God, our God.**

*adapted from Psalm 43:3-4*

### INVOCATION\*

### SONGS OF PRAISE\*

#### *Hark the Herald Angels Sing!*

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!"

Refrain:

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 the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

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 man no more may die, born to  
raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. [Refrain]

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### *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side.  
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease absorbed in  
prayer and praise;  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Author Matthew Bridges 1851. Composer George J. Elvey 1868.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Incarnate God, you came to rid us of our slavery to sin  
and grant us an eternal inheritance.

**We confess that we often live as misers  
instead of heirs of the King.**

**Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely,  
and reject those who seem different from us.**

Hear our prayer and grant us mercy, O Lord.

**Forgive us for having eyes only for our present circumstances,  
instead of living with confidence in our sure hope.**

**Help uncurl our fingers,  
which grasp so tightly to our time and treasure.  
Teach us to use all we have for your glory and service.  
Make us into vehicles of blessing.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Ephesians 2:8-10

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH \***

Christian, how does our story begin?

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**He was in the beginning with God.**

**All things were made through him,  
and without him was not anything made that was made,  
in him was life and the life was the light of men.**

Did the Word remain in Heaven with God?

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**

Who is the Word?

**The Word is Jesus Christ, and though he was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being  
born in the likeness of men.**

**And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself by becoming  
obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Why did Christ do this?

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He was buried, and he was raised on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the  
name that is above every name,**

**so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

*-Adapted from John 1, Philipians 2, 1 Corinthians 15*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

#### **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.**

#### **HYMN OF PREPARATION \***

##### *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;  
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;  
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever— that name to us is Love.

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#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 2:1-8

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

“A King is Born”

~ Pastor Ian Hard

*Notes:*

## HYMN OF RESPONSE\*

### *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.*

## MERCY OFFERING

### HYMN OF SENDING

#### *As With Gladness Men of Old*

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,  
there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing alleluias to our King.

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## BENEDICTION\*