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At Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**

Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.

**Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.**

**Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.**

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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;

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: (Refrain)

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: (Refrain)

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: (Refrain)

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One: (Refrain)

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name. (*refrain*)

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." (*refrain*)

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:
and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find. (*refrain*)

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CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, your Word says
you discipline those whom you love.

We often forget the love of discipline.

We often deny our need of guidance and correction.

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Forgive us for an unwillingness to see our sin,
Forgive our lack of love,
when we fail to challenge our brothers and sisters.**

Forgive us Lord,

**for abandoning others to their sin
instead of humbly pursuing them with loving rebuke.**

Forgive us Lord.

when we receive discipline as an attack instead of a help.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's
hand double for all her sins.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

How did God create man?

**God created man male and female, after his own image, in
knowledge, righteousness, and holiness with dominion over
the creatures.**

Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they
were created?

**Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will,
fell from the estate wherein they were created,
by sinning against God.**

Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin
and misery?

**God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity,
elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace,
to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring
them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.**

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**The only Redeemer of God's elect, is the Lord Jesus Christ, who,
being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and
continueth to be God and man in two distinct natures, and one
person forever.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #1, 10, 13, 20, 21

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 *

What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:

hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;

the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:

joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Text: William C. Dix; Music: Traditional English Melody, 16th C.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 2:1-6

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Keeping Step With Jesus”

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. Public Domain

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,”
Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within.
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The Risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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