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At Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.

**Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
**that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.**

Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
**Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

(adapted from Psalm 33)

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

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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We Bow Down

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life
Lord of the land and the sea
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time
And Lord of all lords You will be.

Chorus 1

We bow down and we worship You Lord (3xs)
Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life
King of the land and the sea
You were King of the heavens before there was time
And King of all kings You will be.

Chorus 2

We bow down and we crown You the King (3xs)
King of all kings You will be.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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O Lord, you have commanded each of us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We confess that we have fallen short; we do not love you as we ought.

You command us to love our neighbor as ourselves. You have commanded us, even, to love our enemies.

Our actions have denied you in the way we have not loved all those who bear your image.

We have failed to love those born and unborn, the young and the old, the rich and the poor, those like us and unlike us.

O Lord we confess our sins to you; we ask for your mercy.

Enable us to love as you have loved us, to embrace the ministry of reconciliation you have entrusted to us.

You are God over every nation, language, tribe, skin color, and class.

Help us to bear witness to the truth in love, to all who live in your world.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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 *

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night *(refrain)*

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *(refrain)*

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. *(refrain)*

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *(refrain)*

Text: Traditional English Carol; Music: w. Sandys' Christmas Carols, 1833; arr. John Stainer.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 2:7-11

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

SERMON

“Love and Light”

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*

HYMN OF SENDING

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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BENEDICTION*