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Christmastide | At Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP*

The mighty God summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

Our God comes and will not be silent.
God calls, and we respond to his love.

The heavens declare God's righteousness.
We tell out God's glories!

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Good Christian Men Rejoice!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav'n before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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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)*

CONFESSION OF SIN

To you, O Lord belongs all glory, honor, and power.

**Together we confess that we have not offered you
the glory and praise due your name.**

**We have placed ourselves at the center of the universe,
instead of glorifying you, the Creator of all things.**

Behold, you are making all things new.

**Forgive us for reducing the grandeur of your
redemptive work to an act just about us.**

**Forgive us for forgetting that you revealed in Christ
your plan to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and on earth.**

**Forgive us, for we have made ourselves so very big
and you so very small.**

**Restore to us a motivation from your salvation to be your
Servants declaring your wonder in all that we do.
Forgive us and restore us even now, we pray.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Titus 3:4-7

PROFESSION OF FAITH *

Christians, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen. ~ *Apostle's Creed*

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 *

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo. gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?
(*Refrain*)

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
(*Refrain*)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Good News of Great Joy”

~ 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.*

HYMN OF SENDING

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *(Refrain)*

The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *(Refrain)*

Down in a lowly manger
our humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *(Refrain)*

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