

Saturday, 25 December 2021

Today's preacher is:
Jerry Middleton

Welcome and Notices

Praise

O come all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him
born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God,
light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God
in the highest':
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given:
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

John Wade c. 1711-86
Tr. Frederick Oakley 1802-80

Prayer

Praise

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs employ
while fields and streams and hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make His blessings flow
where Eden's curse is found,
where Eden's curse is found,
wherever Eden's curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders, the wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Children's Talk

Praise

Unto us a boy is born,
all the bells are ringing!
Angels greet the holy One
and shepherds hear them singing,
and shepherds hear them singing.

'Go to Bethlehem today,
find your king and saviour;
glory be to God on high,
to earth His peace and favour,
to earth His peace and favour!'

Held within a cattle stall,
loved by love maternal,
see the master of us all,
our Lord of lords eternal,
our Lord of lords eternal.

Soon shall come the wise men three,
rousing Herod's anger,
mothers' hearts shall broken be
and Mary's son in danger,
and Mary's son in danger.

Death from life and life from death,
our salvation's story:
let all living things give breath
to Christmas songs of glory,
to Christmas songs of glory.

Michael Perry

Reading

Luke 2:8-14

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Praise

Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, Love Divine;
love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
love Incarnate, Love Divine;
worship we our Jesus;
but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and all men,
love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Rossetti, 1830-94

Talk: Christmas Unwrapped!

Prayer

Praise

Hark! The herald angels sing,
‘Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!’
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies,
with the angelic host proclaim,
‘Christ is born in Bethlehem.’
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
‘Glory to the new-born King.’*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold Him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the Incarnate Deity,
pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
risen 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:
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
‘Glory to the new-born King.’*

Charles Wesley, 1707-88

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship

of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

Calendar for December

Christmas Dates

Saturday 25 December

10.30am: Christmas Day Service

Sunday 26 December

11am: Morning Service

Wednesday 29 December

7pm: Prayer Meeting on Zoom

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