

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

December 20, 2020

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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The Song of Ascent

God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.

Congregation

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle, till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Kids of the Kingdom

I Give You Me

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." —Luke 1.30-33

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Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth: (Responsively)

Luke 1.46-55

Leader: And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

All: *For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.*

Leader: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

All: *He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."*

Hymns of Praise *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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;

Refrain:

*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;
Ve-ry God, begotten not created.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God, in the highest

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

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.

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.

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music *Gesu Bambino* Elizabeth Jobson

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony

Silent Night! Holy Night!
(Children ages three through third grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace! sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Luke 1.1-4; 2.4-7, 19

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught... ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn... ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

A Mary Christmas Story

Pastor John

Christmas Mini-Series: Comfort and Joy

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for December 20, 2020

- **Series:** Christmas Mini-Series: *Comfort and Joy*
- **Message:** *A Merry Christmas Story*
- **Text:** Luke 1:1-4; 2:4-7, 19

Message: **“A Mary Christmas Story”**

The Visit of the Angel

- God’s Grace to Mary
- The Wonder of the Virgin Birth
- Nothing is Impossible with God

The Response of Mary

- Humility
- The Outcast
- Human Encouragement

The Work of God

- Changing Joseph’s Heart
- Directing Caesar’s Heart
- Opening an Innkeeper’s Heart

The Response to the Birth

- An Angelic Chorus
- Grungy Shepherds
- Pondering Heart: The Wonder of it All

Application: The Christmas Magnet

- Savior
- Humility
- Praise