

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

December 6, 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**

*The First Noel*

The First Noel, the Angels 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.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought  
And with his blood mankind has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

## ADORATION OF GOD

**Call to Worship:**

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. —Psalm 96

## Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

**Declaration of Truth:** (Unison)

Psalm 95

**Leader:** Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

**All:** *Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;*

*Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

**Leader:** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods... the sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**All:** *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

**Hymns 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:

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen his natal star:

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In his temple shall appear;

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising To th'eternal Three in One:

*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**

**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**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

*(Children ages three through third grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

Angels lifting praise before You Sing throughout this holy night  
Joyful, joyful they adore You God of glory, Lord of light.  
Praise resounds as earth rejoices Trumpets sound and anthems raise  
And with joy our hearts are lifted Joined in wonder, love and praise.

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Reading of God's Word**

Psalm 98

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

2 The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

8 Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

9 before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon**

*Joy For the World*

Pastor John

Christmas Mini-Series: *Comfort and Joy*

## **OUR RESPONSE**

### **Prayer of Application**

#### **Hymn of Response**

*Joy to the World*

Joy to the World, the Lord is 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 World, the Savior reigns!

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, 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

Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders, of His love.

### **The Benediction and Threefold Amen**



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### CMPC Sermon Notes for December 6, 2020

- **Series:** *Abraham & Sarah: Walking By Faith- Genesis 12-25*
- **Message:** *Comfort and Joy*
- **Text:** Psalm 98

#### ***Joy FOR the World...***

##### **Because King Jesus Wins, 1-3**

- An exuberant praise song
- Sing a new song to celebrate what God has done
- “Old” songs - praise for creation
  - All nature sings that song, cf. Psalm 19, Psalm 8; Job 38.7
- “New” song: God’s works of salvation
  - We sing because God has done marvelous things
  - His acts of salvation, cf. Exodus 15; Revelation 5.9ff
- God’s kingdom coming in all its fullness
  - One day everyone will sing it, willingly or not
  - Revelation 11.15 ultimately
- Jesus’ great works when on earth

##### **Because King Jesus Reigns Now, 4-6**

- Obviously, we need a King
- People are blinded to King Jesus
- We must proclaim King Jesus’ reign

##### **Because He is the Judge, 7-9**

- Pain, suffering, injustice
- A judge who will make all things right
- The greatest orchestra ever assembled
  - Nature’s music
  - Created music
  - All together, cf. Romans 8.19-21
- Everything will be made right!
- A singing faith!
  - Singing in heaven, Revelation 15
- A mashup Maxine Cummins-style of the Song of Moses and the Song of the Lamb

##### ***So What About Us?***

- Joy to the World
- Bringing it to everyday life