

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

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.

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

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Call to Worship

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).
— Matthew 1.23

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#203

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.

Proclaiming the Incarnation through Word and Song

Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 7.14; 9.6,7

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

THE WONDER OF EMMANUEL

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel; this the Christ who was long foretold.
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem, promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God most high in a manger laid, Lift your voices and now proclaim:
Great and glorious, Love has come to us. Join now with the hosts of Heaven.

Come we to welcome Emmanuel, King who came with no crown or throne.
Helpless He lay, the invincible, maker of Mary, now Mary's son.

O what wisdom to save us all, shepherds, sages, before him fall.
Grace and majesty, what humility; come, on bended knee adore Him.
Go spread the news of Emmanuel; joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads, for your King has come; sing for the light overwhelms the dark.
Glory shining for all to see, hope alive; let the gospel ring.
God has made a way; He will have the praise. Tell the world His name is Jesus.

Gloria! Gloria!

Sing we the song of Emmanuel; this the Christ who was long foretold.
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem, promise of dawn now our eyes behold.

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The Wonder of Anticipation

O Come, Emmanuel, Rejoice!

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in its ways to go.

O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease. Fill all the world with Heaven's peace

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel.

O come, O come, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Wonder of Incarnation

Canticle of the Shepherds (Choir & Congregation)

Ladies: 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!

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!

Solo: *There's a star in the east on Christmas morn.*

All: Rise up shepherd and follow.

Solo: *It will lead to the place where the Savior's born.*

All: Rise up shepherd and follow;
Follow, follow, rise up shepherd and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up shepherd and follow.
While shepherds watch their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around and glory shone around.

"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind,
to you and all mankind."

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the Infant Light.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King

Choir: Worship Christ the King

Our Gifts to God

His Tithes and Our Offerings *Manger Song Medley* Orchestra

Hymn of Thanksgiving *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #201

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 Wonder of Finding Emmanuel

We Three Kings Medley

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts, we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain; gold I bring to crown Him again.
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

Hear the sound of Heaven ring, angels sing goodwill to men!
Christ is born in Bethlehem! Come to us today!
All our hope is found in Him!

Mystery in a manger lies. Mary sings; the Baby cries.
Mighty God and Prince of Peace, come to us today!
All our hope is found in Him!

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!
Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.
Sing we Noel! The King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Heav'n to earth replies. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Our Response

A Celebration of Wonder

Hymn of Response

The Hallelujah Chorus

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth (Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah)

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth (Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah (Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah)

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth (Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah)

Hallelujah

The Kingdom of this world

Is become

The Kingdom of our Lord

And of His Christ

And of His Christ

And He shall reign forever and ever

And He shall reign forever and ever (And He shall reign forever and ever)

And He shall reign forever and ever (And He shall reign forever and ever)

And he shall reign forever and ever (And He shall reign forever and ever)

King of Kings (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)

And Lord of Lords (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)

King of Kings (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)

And Lord of Lords (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)

King of Kings (Forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah)

And Lord of Lords

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

And he shall reign forever and ever (And he shall reign)

And he shall reign forever and ever (And he shall reign)

King of Kings forever and ever

And Lord of Lords hallelujah hallelujah

And he shall reign forever, forever and ever

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

And he shall reign forever and ever (And he shall reign forever and ever)

Forever and ever, forever and ever (King of Kings and Lord of Lords)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Hal-- le--- lu—jah!

Prayer of Application/A Moment of Reflection

The Benediction and Three-Fold Amen