



# Fear Not

GOOD TIDINGS & GREAT JOY



# **Christmas Eve**

## **December 24, 2020**

### **WELCOME**

### **OPENING SONG**

### **INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, we are gathered together on this Eve of Christmas to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to meditate upon the mystery of that Incarnation by which our nature is redeemed, and to receive with joy the message of our salvation.

Let us pray. Almighty God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure virgin. Grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with You and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your Light has come.

**All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Pastor: For darkness shall cover the earth,

**All: and thick darkness the peoples.**

Pastor: But the Lord will arise upon you,

**All: and His glory will appear over you. (Isaiah 60:2)**

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth. Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **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:

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 bright hosts of heaven above!

Glory to God all glory 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 all glory giv'n!

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!

## **SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 9:2-7***

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shines. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

## **Adore**

You stepped down from heaven.  
Humbly You came.  
God of all creation here with us.  
In a starlit manger, Emmanuel,  
Light of the world here to save.

Adore, come let us adore,  
O come, let us adore Him!  
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord.  
Let all that is within us adore.

Wise men bring their treasures.  
Shepherds bow low.  
Angel voices sing of peace on earth.  
What have I to offer to heaven's King?  
I will bring my life, my love, my all.

Adore, come let us adore,  
O come, let us adore Him!  
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord.  
Let all that is within us adore.

Angels sing, praises ring to the newborn King  
Peace on earth here with us, joy awakening  
At Your feet we fall.

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## **PRAYER**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

## **A Christmas Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, the Savior of the world, He has come!  
Alleluia, alleluia! To the highest name of all: Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, the Savior of the world, He has come!  
Alleluia, alleluia! To the highest name of all: Alleluia!

The heavens roar, the angels sing,  
All glory to our God and King!  
O night divine forevermore, alleluia!

The heavens roar, the angels sing  
All glory to our God and King!  
O night divine forevermore, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, the Savior of the world, He has come!  
Alleluia, alleluia! To the highest name of all: Alleluia!  
You're the highest name of all; alleluia!

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## **READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY: *Luke 2:1-7***

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 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, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 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.

## **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.

## **Bethlehem**

Starlight in a mother's eyes,  
A Holy Child is born.  
Kings and shepherds on their knees  
Adoring Christ the Lord.

Bethlehem, Bethlehem,  
Behold your beautiful Savior!  
Fall down, worship Him,  
The King born in Bethlehem.

He knew the secrets of the world;  
His lips could not yet speak.  
Heaven wrapped in flesh and blood:  
The Son of Majesty.

Bethlehem, Bethlehem,  
Behold your beautiful Savior!  
Fall down, worship Him,  
The King born in Bethlehem.

Fall down, worship the Hope of Israel.  
Come and adore Him, Jesus, Emmanuel!

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Bethlehem, Bethlehem,  
Behold your beautiful Savior!  
Fall down, worship Him,  
The King born in Bethlehem.  
The King born in Bethlehem.  
You're the King born in Bethlehem.

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## **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

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 Immanuel!

## **READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY: *Luke 2:8-14***

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

## **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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the ever-lasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail, the heav'nborn 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.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## **READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY: *Luke 2:15-20***

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### **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 forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

## **LIGHTING OF CANDLES**



## **CHRISTMAS CREED** (spoken in unison)

**We believe in God the Father, whose plan it was to send His Son, Jesus Christ, to be born and to live perfectly that He might be the Savior of the World.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, who has come to be born like us, yet remained sinless throughout His life and ministry, so that when He died on the cross, He was able to accomplish the complete redemption of all of humanity.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives us the faith to understand the sacrifice of Jesus and to make our own proclamation that He is Lord and Savior, truly God and truly man. May the Holy Spirit, through the Father's plan and the Son's work, reignite our faith in the new year. Amen.**

### **Silent Night**

**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.**

## **PRAYER BY CANDLELIGHT**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, You have made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

# **CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

Pastor: May the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth, bring joy to your hearts this day and always.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of love, who gave His only Son to be born for you, fill your life with love and peace.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: May Emmanuel, God with us, be with you in all your doings and all your celebrations, until He brings you into His eternal kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

## **O Holy Night**

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees, oh, hear the angel voices  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born  
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace;  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name;  
Christ is the Lord, O, praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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## **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**