

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE: *When Hope Came Down*

Verse 1

So this is how it was
A silent night like any other
When heaven sent the One
The One that we would call our Savior
And redemption began in a stable in Bethlehem

Chorus

All of the angels lifted up their voices
And filled the night with hallelujahs
God is with us now
Ev'ryone come and join the heav'nly chorus
Our Savior King is here before us
O to hear the sound
The song creation sang when Hope came down

Verse 2

So this was truly God
Wrapped up in a tattered blanket
Hope was fin'ly here
Sleeping while the world awakened
And redemption began with a baby in Bethlehem

Bridge

So let us sing redemption songs
Let us worship Christ the Holy One
We were lost but we were found
When Hope came down

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

LESSON & HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."

C: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet [Micah] wrote:

"You, Bethlehem,... are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him."

When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was.

C: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

John 1:1-5, 10-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

C: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

C: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: *Light of the World*

Verse 1

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

Verse 2

Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us

Chorus

Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him
Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

Verse 3

Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid

Verse 4

Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore forevermore

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God" please respond, "your mercy is great."

When the prayers conclude, Please respond, "Amen."

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

As you see the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Verse 2

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

Chorus

Joy unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul
Never lets me go

Verse 3

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

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C Thanks be to God.

