



*Sunday, December 27, 2020*

*First Sunday of Christmas*

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## *First Sunday of Christmas*

The Lord's Day

December 27, 2020

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

13th Century Plainsong  
arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
Marcia Harris, organ

*As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.*

The Passing of the Peace

The Hymn of Praise

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

1. 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!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time before him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The Epistle Lesson

Clare Johnson

Galatians 4:4-7; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*He Is Born*  
Sanctuary Choir  
(Recorded December 29, 2019)

*Refrain: He is born, the divine Christ Child; play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!*  
*He is born, the divine Christ Child; sing we all of the savior mild.*

Through long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming;  
through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! *Refrain*

O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect child of heaven;  
O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to humankind! *Refrain*

Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us;  
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us thy heavenly peace. *Refrain*

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Dr. Jim Rentz

Isaiah 61; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Jim Rentz

*The Fullness of Time is Here!*

The Offertory Prayer

Mary Beth Lyles

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

Robert MacGimsey

*Sweet Little Jesus Boy*  
Dr. Stafford Turner, bass  
(Recorded December 23, 2018)

Sweet little Jesus boy, they made you be born in a manger;  
sweet little holy child, didn't know who you was.  
Didn't know you'd come to save us, Lord, to take our sins away;  
our eyes was blind, we couldn't see, we didn't know who you was.

Long time ago, you was born,  
born in a manger low, sweet little Jesus boy.  
The world treat you mean, Lord, treat me mean, too;  
but that's how things is down here, we don't know who you is.

You done told us how, and we is a-tryin',  
Master, you done showed us how, even when you's dyin'.  
Just seems like we can't do right, look how we treated you;  
but please sir, forgive us, Lord, we didn't know it t'was you.

Sweet little Jesus boy, born long time ago;  
sweet little holy child; and we didn't know who you was.

The Doxology

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

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.

The Hymn of Response

CRADLE SONG

*Away in a Manger*

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the  
hay.
2. 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.
3. 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 fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Robert D. Vandall

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*  
Marcia Harris and Rebecca Turner, piano

*As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.*

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