



13th December 2020

Morning Worship Online and on the Big Screen in Church

Rev Rob Powell will be leading and preaching on:
Preparing for Christmas Part 2 (Luke 1:26-38)

WELCOME & ADVENT CANDLES

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

*Come and worship
Christ the newborn King
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

James Montgomery 1816

OPENING PRAYER

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
creator of light and darkness,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As we look for your coming among us
this day you renew your promise
to reveal among us the light of your
presence.
May your word be a lantern for our feet
and a light for our path
that we may behold your glory.
Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness
and free our tongues to sing your praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.**

CONFESSION

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children. We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us.

Your son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision. We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. Forgive our reluctance to seek you. We have sinned:

Forgive and heal us. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed; forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACTION SONG

 **THE SHEPHERDS CAME TO SEE THE BABY,**
Stood by his mother's side.

Here laid the Saviour
Inside a manger
Oh, what a glorious night,
Oh, what a glorious night.

*I hear the angels singing halleluiah,
Let the earth receive her King.
I know that love has come,
Sing it out
Jesus Christ is born!
Jesus Christ is born!*


The shepherds wondered,
They couldn't hide it,
Told everyone in sight.
All were amazed when they heard how
God came down on the glorious night,
God came down on this glorious night.

Glorious, Glorious
What a Glorious night! (repeat)

All is calm now, all is quiet,
A star shining in the sky.
Below in Bethlehem,
The King is sleeping.
Oh, What a Glorious Night
Oh, What a Glorious Night.

Casey Brown, Ben Mcdonald, Jonathan Smith, David Frey © Sidewalk Prophets

TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Luke 1: 26-38 

SERMON by Rev Rob Powell

 **IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER, FROSTY
WIND MADE MOAN,**

Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have
gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him? Give my heart.


Christina Rosetti



PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

NOTICES

 **SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW**
Born for us on earth below
See the Lamb of God appears
Promised from eternal years

*Hail thou ever blessed morn
Hail redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem
Christ is born in Bethlehem*

Lo within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies
He who throned in height sublime
Sits amid the cherubim

Say ye holy shepherds say
What your joyful news today
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep

As we watched at dead of night
Lo we saw a wondrous light
Angels singing peace on earth
Told us of the Saviour's birth

Sacred Infant all divine
What a tender love was Thine
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this

Teach O teach us holy Child
By Thy face so meek and mild
Teach us to resemble Thee
In Thy sweet humility



THE BLESSING

Now may the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.