

5th December 2021

All Age Service in Church & Livestreamed

Rev Rob Powell will be leading & speaking on
"Christmas is Coming Part 1" (Luke 1:5-25)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD IS COME

Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and
nature sing

Joy to the world the Saviour 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

*Joy, unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy, unspeakable joy
Rises in my soul
Never lets me go*

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 and wonders of His love
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WHAT HOPE WE HOLD THIS STARLIT NIGHT

A King is born in Bethlehem
Our journey long we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger
ground

What fear we felt in the silent age
Four-hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby's cry
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God incarnate here to dwell
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Praise His name, Emmanuel*

The Son of God here born to bleed
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering
Exalted now the King of kings
Praise God for the hallowed manger
ground



OPENING PRAYER

Let us praise Jesus.
Eternal King of Heaven, you were
born a tiny baby.

Lord Jesus, we praise and adore you.

You have been endlessly worshipped by
angels, but you were seen by humble
shepherds.

Lord Jesus, we praise and adore you.

The whole world is yours for you created
it, yet you were laid in a manger.

Lord Jesus, we praise and adore you.

You are the glorious Lord of all, yet you
came to earth crying and helpless.

Lord Jesus, we praise and adore you.

Accept the praises of those you came to
serve and save.

Lord Jesus, we praise and adore you.

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

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, 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.

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TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Luke 1:5-25



This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TALK by Rev Rob Powell

 **IN THE DARKNESS WE WERE WAITING**

Without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven You came running

There was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfil the law and prophets

To a virgin came the Word,

From a throne of endless glory

To a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son,

Praise the Spirit, three in one.

God of Glory, majesty,

Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the Kingdom coming

And to reconcile the lost,

To redeem the whole creation,

You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering,

You saw to the other side,

Knowing this was our salvation

Jesus for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose,
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good,
For the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,
Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name,
In His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me!

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FAREWELL TO JOHAN & SUE ALLEN



LORDS PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us,
so, we pray:

**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.
YES!**

NOTICES & BIRTHDAYS



WHAT GIFT OF GRACE IS JESUS MY REDEEMER

There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy
My righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
My deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine,
I can sing: All is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold
My Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled
And suffered for my pardon
And He was raised
To overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing: I am free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said
That He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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