

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH

ONLINE SERVICE

December 19, 2021

Greg Allen, Pastor

This morning's Christmas Sunday message is taken from John 1:1-5, 14

'AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH'

Welcome!

We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service, and we sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.

Order of Service

(hymns attached)

Welcome

Hymn #277, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Opening Prayer

Hymn #251, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Announcements

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Hymn #292, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-35

Hymn #249, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Closing Prayer

Hymn #277: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley

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!”

Chorus

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

Christ, by highest heav’n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’ incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Chorus

Hail, the heav’n born 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 men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Chorus

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Hymn #251: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Edmund H Sears

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth the eart
To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heavn’s all gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still thro’ the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats
O’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

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Theme: Christmas is the story of how the Son of God--
the eternal Word--became one of us to bring us eternal life.

1. **HE IS THE ETERNAL WORD (vv. 1-5) ...**
(Hebrews 1:1-3; Matthew 11:27; John 14:9).
 - a. **Everlasting in Existence (v. 1a).**
(Proverbs 8:22-31.)
 - b. **Distinct in Individual Being (v. 1b).**
(John 17:5, 24.)
 - c. **Full Deity in Nature (v. 1c).**
(Matthew 1:23.)
 - d. **Unchanging in Relationship (v. 2).**
(John 10:30.)
 - e. **Total in Creatorship (v. 3).**
(Colossians 1:15-17.)
 - f. **Source of Life And Light (vv. 4-5).**
(1 John 5:11-12; John 1:6-13.)
2. **BUT HE BECAME FLESH FOR US.**
(1 John 1:1-4.)

Conclusion: Why would He do this? John 3:16-17



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Hymn #292: Thou Didst Thy Leave Thy Throne

Emily E.S. Elliot

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown
When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity.

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus—
There is room in my heart for Thee!*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,
And in great humility.

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus—
There is room in my heart for Thee!*

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set Thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore Thee to Calvary.

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus—
There is room in my heart for Thee!*

When the heav'ns shall ring and the angels sing
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yet, there is room—
There is room at My side for thee."

*My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When Thou comest and callest for me!*

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Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-35, NKJV

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

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Hymn #249: O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade

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!

Chorus

*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;
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Chorus

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!

Chorus

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Thank you for joining us! Be sure to visit our website at www.bethanybible.org for sermon and Bible study notes. Please note: there will be no mid-week services this week. Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

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Thank you, and God bless you!