

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
December 24, 2022
Greg Allen, Pastor

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.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2

The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with
judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
and shall call His name Immanuel.

Hymn #245: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Latin Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to fight.

Chorus

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.

Chorus

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Chorus

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Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

And it came to pass in those days
that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus
that all the world should be registered.
This census first took place
while Quirinius was governing Syria.
So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee,
out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea,
to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,
because he was of the house
and lineage of David,
to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife,
who was with child.

So it was, that while they were there,
the days were completed for her to be delivered.
And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him
in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger,
because there was no room for them in the inn.

Hymn #285: O Holy Night!

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope - the weary soul rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

*Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!*

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend.

*He knows our need - to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!*

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.

*Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory ever more proclaim!
His pow'r and glory ever more proclaim!*

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Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-15

Now there were in the same country shepherds
living out in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night.
And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them,
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were greatly afraid.
Then the angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid,
for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy
which will be to all people.
For there is born to you this day
in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.
And this will be the sign to you:
You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths,
lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

**“Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace,
goodwill toward men!”**

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them
into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another,
“Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass,
which the Lord has made known to us.”

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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Scripture Reading: Luke 2:16-19

And they came with haste
and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe
lying in a manger

Now when they had seen Him,
they made widely known the saying
which was told them concerning this Child.
And all those who heard it marveled
at those things which were told them
by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things
and pondered them in her heart.

Hymn #253: Silent Night

Joseph Mohr

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace;
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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Scripture Reading: Luke 2:20

Then the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God
for all the things that they had heard and seen,
as it was told them.

Scripture Reading: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that brings salvation
has appeared to all men,
teaching us that,
denying ungodliness and worldly lusts,
we should live soberly, righteously,
and godly in the present age,
looking for the blessed hope and
glorious appearing of
our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
who gave Himself for us,
that He might redeem us
from every lawless deed
and purify for Himself His own special people,
zealous for good works.

Hymn #270: Joy to the World

Isaac Watts

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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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Thank you for joining us!

**Join us tomorrow, December 25, 2022 at 10:45AM for our Christmas Sunday
Worship Service.**

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Thank you, and God bless you!