

6th 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 1 (John 1 v 1-18)

WELCOME & ADVENT CANDLES



ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor and meek and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy

And through all
His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey
Love and watch the lowly mother
In whose gentle arms He lay
Christian children all should be
Mild, obedient, good as He

For He is our childhood's pattern
Day by day like us He grew
He was little, weak, and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feeleth for our sadness
And He shareth in our gladness

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone

Not in that poor lowly stable
With the oxen standing by

We shall see Him, but in heaven
Set at God's right hand on high
When like stars
His children crowned
All in white shall be around

by Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander and Henry John Gauntlett



OPENING PRAYER

**Blessed are you,
Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In your tender compassion the dawn
from on high is breaking upon us to dispel
the lingering shadows of night.
As we look for your coming among us
this day, open our eyes to behold your
presence and strengthen our hands to do
your will, that the world may rejoice and
give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.**

CONFESSION

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against
our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who
died for us, forgive us all that is past and
lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. 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.

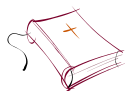
Glorious, Glorious
What a Glorious night! (repeat)

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 John 1:1-18



SERMON by Rev Rob Powell



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

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER



Awaiting His coming in glory,
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.
Amen.**

NOTICES & BIRTHDAYS



O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,

How still we see thee lie!
Above Thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in Thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in Thee tonight.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,

And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So, God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him,
Still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

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THE BLESSING

Let us bless the living God:
He was born of the Virgin Mary,
Revealed in his glory,

Worshipped by angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,

Believed in throughout the world,
Exalted to the highest heavens.

Blessed be God, our strength
and our salvation,
now and forever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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