

25th December 2020

Christmas Day All Age Service with Agape Meal Online



WELCOME & ADVENT CANDLES

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

> 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 Vamos Publishing, Alletrop Music, and Ryan House Music



RESPONSIVE PRAYER

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

Lord Jesus, we adore you.

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

Lord Jesus, we adore you.

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

Lord Jesus, we adore you.

You are the glorious Lord of all, yet you came to earth crying and vulnerable. Lord Jesus, we adore you.

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

Lord Jesus, we adore you. Amen.

CONFESSION

As we kneel with the shepherds before the newborn Christ child, we open our hearts in penitence and faith:

You, Lord, were born for our salvation. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You came to bring light into the darkness of our lives. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Amen

ABSOLUTION

May Almighty God, who sent his son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. Amen.

ACTION SONG

ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS The Lord God gave to me God's Son, born to set us all free!

On the second day...Mary & Joseph On the third day...dirty old stable On the fourth day..cows, sheep, & donkeys On the fifth day...sky filled with light On the sixth day...thousands of angels On the seventh day...visiting shepherds On the eighth day...bright star a-shining On the ninth day...wise men a-seeking On the tenth day...Herod a-grumbling On the eleventh day...rich gifts of gold On the twelfth day...frankincense & myrrh

BIBLE READING

The New Testament Reading is Luke 2:1-20



This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

TALK 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

AGAPE MEAL



Blessed are You, Lord our God,

King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

We give you thanks because in your birth eternal light has dawned upon the world; you have become one with us that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom.

We give you thanks for this food and drink. Bless us as we share it now in the name of our Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

PRAYERS & LORD'S 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. Amen.

NOTICES

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

> O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

God of God Light of light Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb Very God Begotten not created

Sing choirs of angels Sing in exultation Sing all ye citizens of heaven above Glory to God In the highest

Yea Lord we greet Thee Born this happy morning Jesus to Thee be glory given Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing

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.

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