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Holy Communion with Children's Groups in Church & Online

Rev Rob Powell leading & speaking on
'Christmas Is Coming: Part 2' (Matthew 1:18-25)

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

*Come and worship
Christ the newborn King
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King*

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant-light

Sages leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great desire of nations
Ye have seen His natal star

James Montgomery 1816



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in His great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt
repentance and true faith turn unto Him:
have mercy on you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness;
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

ACTION SONG



ALL THE ANGELS SING

That Christ has come
To a manger bare
Mary laid him there
Come on fill the sky
With shouts of praise
Lift your voice with me
And sing, sing, sing, sing, sing!

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God is with us
It's the true meaning of Christmas
Jesus has come
And changed life forever
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God is with us
Every day and not just Christmas
Jesus has come
And changed our lives forever more*

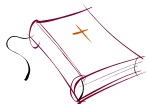
All the angels sing
That Christ has come
To a world in need
Good news indeed
Love wrapped as a babe
Gave everything
For you and I
Let's sing, sing, sing, sing, sing!
Join with all the angels singing
Giving glory unto him
One and all now lift your voices
To him praises bring
All of heaven sings together
All creation worships him
He is Jesus Holy one
He is Christ the King

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TIME IN THE WORD

The Bible Reading is Matthew 1:18-25
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



SERMON by Rev. Rob Powell



SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

Born for us on earth below
See the Lamb of God appears
Promised from eternal years

*Hail thou ever blessed morn
Hail redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem
Christ is born in Bethlehem*

Lo within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies
He who throned in height sublime
Sits amid the cherubim

Say ye holy shepherds say
What your joyful news today
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep

As we watched at dead of night
Lo we saw a wondrous light
Angels singing peace on earth
Told us of the Saviour's birth

Sacred Infant all divine
What a tender love was Thine
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this

Teach O teach us holy Child
By Thy face so meek and mild
Teach us to resemble Thee
In Thy sweet humility



PRAYERS

THE PEACE *(we share the sign of the peace)*

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all
creation; in your love you made us for
yourself.



When we turned away
you did not reject us
but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love upon the
cross and made for all the perfect
sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of
him: his body, is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of
wine, he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness
of sins; do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of
him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate
his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit
that this bread and this wine may be to
us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the
world we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song
of heaven:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE 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.**

WORDS OF INVITATION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

*All who love Jesus and are seeking, however
imperfectly, to live by his amazing grace are
welcome at the Lord's table.*

*Those serving communion will wear a face
covering and sanitise their hands before serving
you. Please wait until you are invited to come
forward by a steward.*

*Both bread and wine are available, but please
note that taking the cup is at your own risk.*

*Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are
available on request.*

*Parents with children in Creche & Bubbles please
collect them now and return for Communion,
keeping them with you for the rest of the service.*



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love,
gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;**

we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope
you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth
live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NOTICES



HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING:

'Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!'
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'
Hark! the herald angels sing:
Glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! the herald angels sing:
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings:
Mild, He lays His glory by;
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing:
Glory to the new-born King.

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THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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