

First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 27, 2020
Service of Lessons and Carols

Announcements / Musical Prelude - Karen Hall

(Congregational Parts in Bold)

CALL TO WORSHIP *(stand)*

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Rejoice this happy morning, for the Savior has been born.

We lift our hearts unto the Lord!

Rejoice this happy morning, for his name is Jesus, which means, "the Lord saves".

We lift our hearts unto the Lord!

Rejoice this happy morning, for he is Emmanuel, which means, "God with us".

We lift our hearts unto the Lord!

Rejoice this happy morning and keep the Christmas feast with joy.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to all who dwell on earth!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, the light of the world has come among us through the Incarnation of your Son. **Let his light ever shine in our hearts that we may serve you in true faith and love one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

LESSON ONE - PARADISE LOST *(Sit)*

Genesis 3:8-24

LBW #38:1-3 O Savior, Rend the Heaven's Wide *(Tune: LBW #51, From Heaven Above)*

**O Savior, rend the heavens wide; Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down; Unbar the way to heaven's crown.**

**O Morning Star, O radiant Sun, When will our hearts behold your dawn?
O Sun, arise; without your light We grope in gloom and darkest night.**

**Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies; Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
Oh, come lead us with mighty hand From exile to our promised land.**

LESSON TWO - PROMISE GIVEN

Isaiah 9:1-7

LBW #24:1,2,4 Come, O Precious Ransom

**Come, O precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals! Come, O Savior of the world;
Open are to you all portals. Come, your beauty let us view; Anxiously we wait for you.**

**Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy. Dwell in me and never leave,
Though I am but poor and lowly. What vast riches will be mine When you are my guest divine!**

**Hail! Hosanna! David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication! Let your kingdom, scepter, crown
Bring us blessing and salvation; That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King!**

LESSON THREE - PROMISE KEPT

Luke 1:26-38

LBW #39 Joy To The World

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry 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 earth, the Savior reigns! Let all 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.**

LESSON FOUR - GOD IS WITH US

Luke 2:1-7

Children's Moment Dawn Vorel

LBW #40:1-2 What Child Is This

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!**

LESSON FIVE - COME AND SEE

Luke 2:8-20

LBW #60 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!**

**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 we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.**

LESSON SIX - IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

Gal 4:4-7

Sermon: In the Fullness of Time Rev. Rod Stephenson

LBW #41 O Little Town Of Bethlehem

**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.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!**

**How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
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;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

LESSON SEVEN - THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 1:1-5, 10-14

LBW #45 Oh, Come All Ye Faithful

**Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him Born the king of angels: Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father Nor in flesh appearing! Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest: Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing: Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

PRAYERS

OFFERING (*Sung; Tune: What Child Is This*)

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; Come peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

All: We offer, Father, our gifts and praise, a joyful return for the gift of your Son. Amen

GO AND TELL

LBW #70 Go, Tell It On The Mountain

**Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.**

**Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!
The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.**

**Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!
Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.**