



CHRIST THE KING  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

CHRISTMAS SEASON – DECEMBER 29, 2024

# “Angels From The Realms Of Glory”

*by Henry Thomas Smart and James Montgomery*

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 come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the field abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with us is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant Light  
Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

Sages leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great Desire of nations  
Ye have seen His natal star  
Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

Saints before the altar bending  
Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord descending  
In His temple shall appear  
Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

All creation join in praising  
God the Father Spirit Son  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One  
Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

# CALL TO WORSHIP - Based on Colossians 1:13-20

**Leader:** *The Father has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son;*

**People:** In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.



**Leader:** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

**People:** For in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

**Leader:** *All things were created through him and for him, he is before all things and in him all things hold together.*

**People:** He is the head of the body, the Church, he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.

**All:** In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell; and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things.

# PRAYER OF ADORATION

“All Glory Be To Christ”

*by Dustin Kensrue*

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king

All glory be to Christ

His rule and reign we'll ever sing

All glory be to Christ



His will be done His kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king

All glory be to Christ

His rule and reign we'll ever sing

All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

# “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*by H. A. Hoffman von Fallersleben  
and Joseph August Seiss*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature  
O Thou of God and man the Son  
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor  
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown



Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of Spring  
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight  
And all the twinkling starry host  
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Glory and honor praise adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:23-4:7

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**People:** Thanks be to God!

# CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Galatians 5:1

*Hear this good news:*

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

*by Catherine Winkworth, David A. DeSilva,  
Johannes Olearius*



Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness,  
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
blotting out each dark misdeed;  
all that well deserved his anger  
he no more will see or heed.

She hath suffered many a day  
now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying  
in the desert far and near,  
bidding all men to repentance,  
since the kingdom now is here.

O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet him,  
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
make the rougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits his holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord  
now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token,  
that his word is never broken.



## GREETING

**Leader:** *May the peace of Christ be with you!*

**People:** And also with you!

**Leader:** *Let us share His peace with one another.*

*Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).*

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.*

*Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.*

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**People:** Thanks be to God!



“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

*by John W. Work*

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

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

**Minister:** *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People:** And also with you!

**Minister:** *Lift up your hearts!*

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord!

*Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.*

*As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.*

*Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.*

# “In Christ Alone”

*by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty*



In Christ alone – my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.



# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

# Announcements

# Benediction

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages. Amen.*

# DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen (4x)



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