

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
December 27, 2020

Call to Worship:

O come, let us worship the Lord

and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord

and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord

and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,

making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!

God's Greeting

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has opened heaven's door, and man is blessed forevermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Call to Confession: *based on John 3:19*

The light has come into the world,

and people loved darkness rather than light

because their deeds were evil.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession and Preparation

Assurance: *from John 1:9, 12-13*

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name,

he gave the right to become the children of God,

children who were born, not of blood nor the will of the flesh

nor the will of man, but of God.

Morning Prayer

The First Noel

The first noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;

And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,

That hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

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Scripture: *Isaiah 40:3-5 (ESV)*

³ *A voice cries:*

*“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

⁴ *Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.*

⁵ *And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Mouth of the Lord Has Spoken*

Prayer

Meekness and Majesty

Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity,
In perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity;
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

Refrain: O what a mystery, meekness and majesty;
Bow down and worship, for this is your God.

Wisdom unsearchable, God, the invisible;
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly;
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne. *Refrain*

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God’s Blessing

Go, Tell It on the Mountains

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountains, 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. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And brought us God’s salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

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