



HOPE LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Sunday 1/3/2020

CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 9:6-7*

LEADER A child is born to us,
a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.
And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His government and its peace
will never end.
He will rule with fairness and justice
from the throne of his ancestor David
for all eternity.
The passionate commitment
of the Lord of Hosts
will make this happen!

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

CONFESSION OF SIN *City Life Church*

LEADER Lord God,
We praise you for sending your light
and love—Jesus the Messiah—into this world.

ALL **We confess that we often live like the light
did not defeat the darkness.
We confess that we often live
as though Jesus is not returning
in glorious light.
We sometimes confine Christ
to parts of our lives,
and our faith becomes small.
We do not joyfully serve
and expectantly worship.
Forgive us for ignoring Jesus' light.
Prepare us for His return.
Help us rejoice in the light,
So your grace illumines the dark places
of our hearts, our city and our world.
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

GRACE ASSURANCE *City Life Church*

LEADER The God who promised
never to leave us
or forsake us,
has come to us in Jesus Christ,
the light of the world.
He binds up the broken-hearted,
heals all our infirmities,
and relieves our burden of sin.
While it is true that we have sinned,
It is a greater truth that,
in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.
God has shown his love for us in that while we
were sinners, Christ died and rose for us.
Arise, shine; for his light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

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.

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

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

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

PASSING OF THE PEACE & WELCOME TABLE

MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, you are my greatest desire. You alone satisfy my longings. Today I cannot come to the Lord's Supper with my church family, where you promise to be in a special way. I long to return to your table. I still come to you in faith, along with all your people across the world who are facing the same longing. I turn from all false loves and false trusts, and commune with you spiritually. Lord, thank you for your promise that nothing can separate us from your love: neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature. Amen.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King
Let every 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 Saviour reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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

CLOSING PRAYER