



HOPE LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Sunday 12/27/2020

CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 9 & 60*

LEADER Arise, shine,
for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord
has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

ALL **but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.**

LEADER Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.

ALL **Let us celebrate the Light of the world,
for upon us has the Light shined.**

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.

No more let sins and sorrows 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

CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence.
We have sinned:
ALL **forgive and heal us.**

LEADER The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.
Forgive our disobedience to your will.
We have sinned:
ALL **forgive and heal us.**

LEADER Your Son, our Savior
was born in poverty in a manger.
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
We have sinned:
ALL **forgive and heal us.**

LEADER The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.
Forgive our self-absorption and selfish ways.
We have sinned:
ALL **forgive and heal us.**

LEADER The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.
We have sinned:
ALL **forgive and heal us.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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 ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
"Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn 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 us second birth.

GRACE ASSURANCE *Ephesians 4:3-7*

ALL **Before Christ came,
We were like children;
we were slaves to the basic spiritual
principles of this world.**

LEADER But when the right time came,
God sent his Son, born of a woman,
subject to the law.
God sent him to buy freedom for us
who were slaves to the law,
so that he could adopt us
as his very own children.
And because we are his children,
God has sent the Spirit of his Son
into our hearts,
prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father."
Now you are no longer a slave
but God's own child.
And since you are his child,
God has made you his heir.

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!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERINGS

*Even though we are not meeting together in person,
you are encouraged to give as an act of worship and
to further Hope's mission of extending the welcome
of Jesus to others. Visit our website for instructions on
how to give online. For text giving send an amount
(e.g. \$5.00) to the number **84321**.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE & WELCOME TABLE

MESSAGE *1 John 1:1-4*

Bringing Christmas into the New Year

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.*

COMFORT COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE

Comfort, comfort now my people
Tell of his peace with no end
Comfort, comfort those in darkness
Tell them that God's pardon waits for them

*The Glory of the Lord now on earth is shed
In deserts far and near
he will raise what's dead
His peace has been spoken
His word is never broken
The Kingdom of our God is now here*

Straight shall, straight shall be what's crooked
Making all the rougher places plain
Let your, let your hearts be humble
befitting our god's glory and his reign

Let the valleys rise to meet him
the hills all will bow down
Let the valleys rise to greet him
the hills bow down in praise
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BENEDICTION

*The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love
of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always.
Amen.*