

Sunday Worship Service

December 13, 2020

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

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Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee, God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain, flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine

Verse 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward, in the triumph song of life

Advent Reading

Week Three—Hope

Preaching Text: Romans 8:18-30

Scripture Reading:

“A reading from Isaiah 40”

Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

(Adapted from Isaiah 40:28-31 NIV)

Prayer for Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Lord of hope, as night workers long for the sunrise, we long for the coming of Christ. We yearn for your Spirit to give us a glimpse of your glory, knowing that one day we will see in full. You know the suffering in our own lives and throughout all the world. This weight is too much for us to bear alone, and so today we choose again to place our hope in you.

(Say together while lighting the candle) **We light this candle in hope, the hope that Jesus, our Saviour, gives to the world.**

He Shall Reign Forevermore

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Verse 1

In the bleak mid-winter all creation groans
For a world in darkness frozen like a stone
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne

Chorus

And He shall reign forevermore forevermore
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Unto us a Child is born the King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore forevermore

Verse 2

If I were a wise man I would travel far
If I were a shepherd I would do my part
But poor as I am I will give to Him my heart

Bridge

Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice Christ the Messiah
Into our hopes into our fears the Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years Christ the Messiah

Chorus 2

And He shall reign forevermore forevermore
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O Come All Ye Faithful

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O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

O sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
O come, o come ye to Bethlehem
O Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Sermon Title: ECHOES OF ANOTHER WORLD

Scripture Text: Romans 8:18-30

O Come O Come Emmanuel

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Verse 1

O come, O come Emman - uel
And ransom captive Is - rael
That mourns in lowly exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice, Emman - uel
Shall come to you, O Is - rael

Verse 2

O come O wisdom from on high
And order all things migh - tily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in its ways to go

Verse 3

O come O branch of Jesse's stem
Unto your own and rescue them
From depths of hell your people save And give them
victory o'er the grave

ADVENT BLESSING: BETWEEN THE TIMES

**Read over the church at the end of service. The Congregation will respond in bold.*

We live in the time between Christ's first and future coming.
We believe that Jesus, who was born, suffered, died, and rose again,
is with us always, and that we will see him face to face.

May the gift of the incarnation fill you with peace.

Lord, I receive your peace

May the gift of his presence cause you to rejoice

Lord, I receive your joy.

May the gift of the promised Saviour, born of Mary, renew your hope.

Lord, I receive your hope.

May the gift of God's everlasting comfort strengthen your heart.

Lord, I receive your love.

Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of Lords.

May the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Bless you now and forever. Amen.

—Adapted from Advent Blessing, Worship Sourcebook

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