



*Thank you so much for joining us! We would love to have you join us again. We worship every Sunday starting at 9:30am . If you have questions, want to know more, or just want someone to pray for you, feel free to email us at either*  
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GOD COMES TO US

**Christmas Eve 2018**



**WE ASK GOD TO BE WITH US (PRAYER OF INVOCATION)**

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 9:6-7 (*selections*)

(*Read Responsively*)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

**The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

**WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD** John 1:1-7

**"ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH" Trinity Hymnal # 214**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD** Philippians 2:5-11

**"HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING" Trinity Hymnal #203**

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 the angelic host 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 them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

**WE READ FROM GOD'S WORD** Matthew 1:18-23

**"LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE" Trinity Hymnal #193**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

**HOMILY "Born To Die" Matthew 1:21 Pastor Michael Colvard**

**"SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!" (Light candles) Trinity Hymnal #210**

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

**"JOY TO THE WORLD!" Trinity Hymnal #195**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior 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.

(*Extinguish candles*)

**"GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"**

**Refrain**

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
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. (*Refrain*)

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 our humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (*Refrain 2x*)

