

"IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR"

Trinity Hymnal #200

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav'n's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years come round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS" (DOXOLOGY)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. / Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD: Mark 1:14-15

"Christmas in Mark? Preaching Christmas"

Pastor Michael Colvard

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

"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)*

RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING OVER US (BENEDICTION)



The Worship of God

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Harbor's mission is to exist as a FAMILY of God's people to GLORIFY God in all things, by PREACHING the gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, EQUIPPING His saints, and ENGAGING our community and the world with the love of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Welcome visitors! To stay connected, go to harborchurch.org and sign up for our emails)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 40:9-11 (selections)

(Please Read Responsively)

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.

He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms;

He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

"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 CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER

Faithful God, we come to you today as deeply forgetful people. You have been so much better to us than we deserve, faithfully fulfilling your commitment to give us good things in Christ. Yet we quickly forget all the wonderful gifts that you have already given us, and **feel angry and bitter when you won't answer our prayers the way in which we want you** to. Instead of remembering your deliverance and running to you daily as our shield of refuge, the anchor of our souls, we prefer to remain in bondage to our idols, because we love our sins and it seems too hard to fight against them. We doubt your goodness and power many times each day and resent the race of obedience that you call us to run. Father, forgive us.

* B. R., & Duguid Houk, W. (2014). *Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration*. (I. M. Duguid, Ed.) (pp. 18–19). Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS IN OUR HEARTS *(silently)*

GOD ASSURES US WE ARE FORGIVEN: Galatians 2:16

Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

“WHAT GLORY NOW OUR EYES HAVE SEEN”

What glory now our eyes have seen,
From angels praise on high;
The king of glory condescends,
To shine into our night.

Chorus:

Glory to God in the highest,
The saints and the angels sing.
Praise and adore him Messiah,
Glory to the new-born King.

And now we see the kingdom come,
The darkness turns to light.
The shout of sin is overthrown,
By the baby's cry. *(chorus)*

And now this night our eyes have seen,
Our faith turned into sight:
The promise of the coming King
We now behold in Christ *(chorus)*

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER: Westminster Shorter Catechism #89

Q. 89. How is the word made effectual to salvation?

A. The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

“BEHOLD OUR GOD”

Who has held the oceans in His hand?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice,
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him!
Behold our King nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *(Chorus)*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign! *(Chorus)*

(Men) You will reign forever! *(Women)* Let Your glory fill the earth! *(4x) (Chorus)*

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PRESENTING NEW MEMBERS

WE PRAY TO GOD FOR THE CONGREGATION

I pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus: _____

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