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**Prelude**

**Welcome**

To all who are weary and need rest;  
To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;  
To all who fail and desire strength;  
To all who sin and need a Savior;  
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;  
And to whoever will come—

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call to Worship**

Luke 2:13-14

Minister: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,  
    "Glory to God in the highest,  
    and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Let us join our voices in praising God together!

**Hymn of Praise**

**Joy To The World**

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 world 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 sin and sorrow 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

**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 th'angelic hosts proclaim  
 Christ is born in Bethlehem  
 Hark the herald angels sing  
 Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n 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 heav'n born Prince of Peace  
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
 Light and life to all he brings  
 Ris'n with healing in his wings  
 Mild he lays his glory by  
 Born that men 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

**Call to Confession**

1 John 1:8-9

Minister: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Public Confession**

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Minister: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!****Angels We Have Heard On High**

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

*Chorus*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

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Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song

*Chorus*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

*Chorus*

**Pastoral Prayer****Tithes And Offerings****Musical Offering****Behold Our God**

Who has held the oceans in his hands  
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*

*continued*

You will reign forever  
(Let your glory fill the earth)

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*

*Behold our God seated on his throne  
Come let us adore him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore him*

## **The 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

## **Prayer Of Dedication**

### **Sermon**

#### **"A Son Has Been Born"**

*Ruth 4:13-22*

Rev. Richard Harris

## **Closing Song**

#### **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of angels

*Chorus*

*O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him  
Christ the Lord*

God of God Light of Light  
Lo he abhors not the Virgin's womb  
Very God begotten not created

*Chorus*

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above  
Glory to God in the highest

*Chorus*

Yea Lord we greet thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father late in flesh appearing

*Chorus*

## **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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