

Praise Music

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

Chorus: Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song? (Chorus)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to men on earth

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

1. 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.
2. Still thru 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.

Welcome

Prelude

Gathering Question & Reflection

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news^[a] of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.^[b]

² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,^[c]

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,^[d]
who will prepare your way;

³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴ John the baptizer appeared^[e] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with^[f] water; but he will baptize you with^[g] the Holy Spirit.”

Gathering Question & Reflection cont :

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211 (v 1, 2)

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. Refrain

Advent Wreathe

Centering Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful (UMH 234, v1, 2)

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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Oh, sing, choirs of angels sing in exultation
Oh, come, oh come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him born the King of Angels. (Refrain)

Prayers of the People

Offering Prayer

Intro to Children's Pageant

Children's Pageant

Communion

Special Music

Hymn of Response

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Point

He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.

(Love, peace, Joy)

Benediction

Postlude