



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

December 20, 2020

Prelude — *The Morning Star Enfleshed* — Jonathan Gilley

Welcome — Rev. Bijan Mirtolooi

Call to Worship — Luke 2

Leader: There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

All: **An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.**

Leader: But the angel said to them, “Fear not! I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a Baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

All: **Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”**

Song of Praise — Hark/Joy Medley

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 host 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 th’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 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!”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.

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

Prayer of Adoration (*concluded by the Lord's Prayer*)

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Gracious God, in the coming of Jesus you gave us the greatest gift of all. Yet we hardly take notice. We are caught up with our own gifts, given and received, and our own concerns. Forgive us for the casual way we treat your gift of love. Help us to stand in awe before the wonder and mystery of the incarnation. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. Amen.

Words of Encouragement — John 1:14, 16a

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth ... Out of his fullness we have all received grace.

Song of Praise — You are the Living Word

Bread of Heaven, sent down from glory

Many things you were on earth, a holy king, a carpenter. You are the living Word

Awesome ruler, gentle Redeemer

God with us, the living Truth, and what a Friend we have in you. You are the living Word

Jesus, Jesus, that's what we call you

Manger-born, put on a tree, you died to save humanity. You are the living Word

Prayers of the People

Pastoral update | Christmas Eve service will livestream at 7 p.m.: youtube.com/redeemerwestside

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Scripture Reading — I John 4:7-12

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Homily — *The Love of God* — Rev. Joel Kady

Closing Song — Go Tell it on the Mountain

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

The shepherd feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn

Benediction and Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude — *Greensleeves* — arr. John Coltrane