

HOPE CHURCH

Worship Resources for Sunday, Dec 20, 2020

Worship Songs:

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

**O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ, the Lord**

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above;
Glory to God,
All glory in the highest;

**O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ, the Lord**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;

**O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ, the Lord**

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 heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head 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!”**

**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.

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 heavenly 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.

COME EMMANUEL

Come and speak to us,
Come and renew us,
Come and live through us,
Emmanuel.
Grace to implore us, ever before us,
Come and restore us, Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel,
Come, Emmanuel
Come, Emmanuel,
Come, Emmanuel

KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the
King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Advent Responsive Reading:

Leader

Congregation

1

We are afraid of many things, God:
of Covid, security, our jobs, our
friends' and family's health

God says "Don't be afraid"

Jesus will restore the world.

Jesus brings the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding

He brings the Spirit of Knowledge and Love of the Lord.

2

We are afraid that your promises won't come true
That we don't trust enough
That we don't really rejoice in our salvation

God says "Be strong and courageous"

God is always with us through the Holy Spirit

When we listen to the words of promise and strength

We can see Jesus Birth as fulfillment of God's promise

3

We are afraid of changes
We like the way things are, and
Aren't sure what it means to really live
my life as a Christian

**The angel said to Mary: God Highly Favors You
and Mary followed God in faith,
Because of Jesus' birth
We also follow God in faith.
We are God's hands in the world today**

4

We're sometimes afraid to be Christians in this world
Society doesn't believe what we believe
It's hard to resist and stay true to God

**The Bible and the Holy Spirit show us a better way
When we read and remember God's love for us
We become stronger in our faith
When we encourage each other
We become stronger in our lives**

All:

**Thank you God for the gift of Jesus Christ
We see our salvation in this child
We see our fears drop away
We see our faith grow as we trust and learn
Thank You God for this Greatest Gift**

Sermon Notes – December 20, 2020

What Will Others Think?

Matthew 1:18-25

God takes responsibility for our _____.

- Who God _____ you are is vastly more important than what others _____ you are.

God changes our understanding of what is _____.

- *I am the light of the world. Whoever _____ will never walk in darkness, but have the light of life. John 8:12*

God gives us a new way of seeing our _____.

When we fight for our reputation:

- we let others shape our _____.
- we receive arbitrary rewards from others instead of _____.
- we live to promote ourselves instead of promoting _____.