

HOPE CHURCH

Worship Resources for Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020

Worship Songs:

**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.**

HOW MANY KINGS

Follow the star
To a place unexpected
Would you believe
After all we've projected
A child in a manger
Lowly and small the weakest of all
Unlikeliest hero
Wrapped in His mother's shawl
Just a child
Is this who we've waited for?

**'Cause how many kings
Stepped down from their thrones
How many lords
Have abandoned their homes
How many greats
Have become the least for me
And how many gods
Have poured out their hearts
To romance a world
That is torn all apart
How many fathers
Gave up their sons for me**

Bringing our gifts
For the newborn Savior
All that we have
Whether costly or meek
Because we believe
Gold for His honor and frankincense
For His pleasure and myrrh for the
Cross He'll suffer
Do you believe
Is this who we've waited for?

EMMANUEL

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of Life, Lord of All;
He is the Prince of Peace,
Mighty God, Holy One,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

**COME THOU LONG
EXPECTED JESUS**

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
With anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard
And angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mary.**

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

**Nails spear
Shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me for you
Hail hail the Word made flesh
The Babe the Son of Mary**

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

Don't Be Surprised

Luke 1:5-25

- Sometimes, we are _____ when God acts.

Zachariah preferred the safety of _____ over the risk of

_____. *Ben Patterson*

- God _____ his promises.

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, _____

_____ *has been heard. Luke 1:13 NRSV*

- What if we really _____?

- What if we don't?

Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me

overcome my _____!" Mark 9:24

