

# CHRISTMAS DAY

## GOD REVEALS HIS GLORY

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***Welcome** Today, we meditate on the mystery of the Nativity: Christ is born to live and die and rise again for us! The Word becomes flesh. Glory to God in the highest. May the joy of Christmas be with us for-*

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### Greeting

M: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.**

### I. We Sing God's Praise!

Rejoice, rejoice, this happy morn, A Savior unto us is born:  
The Christ the Lord of Glory.

His lowly birth in Bethlehem The Angels from on high proclaim  
And sing redemption's story

My soul, extol God's great favor, Bless him ever For salvation  
Give Him Praise and Adoration.

M: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice.

He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies.

Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.

Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

M: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King.

Let ev'ry heart Prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing ... ..

He rules the world with truth and grace

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness

And wonders of His love ... ..

M: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Let all together praise our God, Before His highest throne.

Today He opens heav'n again And gives us His own Son ...

He leaves his heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall, ...

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music. Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn--shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you 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!"

Come, Desire of Nations, come, Fix in us Thy humble home.

O, to all Thyself impart, Formed in each believing heart!

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Please be seated.

### II. God Reveals His Glory!

#### The Christmas Old Testament Lesson Exodus 33:18-23, 34:5-7

Who is our Lord and Savior? God reveals his glory to Moses.

M: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and redeemed His people. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: **He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him with out fear in holiness and righteousness all our days. Alleluia!**

#### The Christmas Gospel

John 1:1-14

Christ the eternal Word takes on human flesh to dwell among us. With majestic prose John relates the central mystery of the faith. Those who hear him in faith behold "the glory of the One and Only [Son]...full of grace and truth."

## Hymn 33 All Praise to You, Eternal God

The Christmas Sermon

Hebrews 1:1-9

### God Sent His Son to Save Us

### III. We Respond to God's Love!

Christmas Thank Offering

## Hymn 59 Christ the Lord to Us Is Born

Please Stand.

The Christmas Prayers

M: Dear Father, we rejoice to hear the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born for us. For fulfilling your prophecies and in the fullness of time sending your Son to be our Savior, we give you our heartfelt thanks and praise.

**C: Unto us a child is born! Unto us a Son is given!**

M: What a great mystery of our faith this is: that God has become fully human for our salvation! Even though he is the all-powerful Lord of all, he is wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

**C: Help us always believe that this precious child was born as our substitute to be our Savior.**

M: In the midst of our joy, we grieve for the people in our world who do not know that Jesus has come to bring them forgiveness and healing. As the shepherds spread abroad the good news of the birth of the Savior, may we also spread the news about this child.

**C: Grant that the true peace between God and fallen mankind may comfort all people.**

M: Move us to sing out our praise to you, today and every day, as the joy of Christmas remains in our hearts.

**C: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.**

Benediction

M: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn 38 s. 8-10, 13-15 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

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