

Christ Our Redeemer

Christmas Two – January 3, 2020

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HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

CW 65 Text. Tune, Setting: Public Domain



O lit - tle town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove,
How si - lent - ly, how si - len - tly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly Child of Beth-le-hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep And dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go
While mor - tals sleep, The an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring
So God im - parts To hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his
Cast out our sin And en - ter in; Be born in us to-



by. Yet in thy dark streets shin-eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
love. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
heav'n. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin
- day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing To God the King And peace to all the earth.
Where meek souls will Re - ceive him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.
Oh, come to us, A - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

CALL TO WORSHIP

P (Pastor): A Savior has been born to you;

C (Congregation): **He is Christ the Lord.**

P: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

C: **Proclaim his salvation day after day.**

P: Declare his glory among the nations,

C: **His marvelous deed among all peoples.**

P: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

C: **Tremble before him, all the earth.**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Lord Jesus, you came into a world of sin to redeem us from its curse. We confess our part in bringing this curse upon you.

C: **We confess at your beautiful birth the ugliness of our sin. You came as the Light of the world, but the light of our faith is often dim. Joy fills our songs, but our hearts remain troubled by guilt. We long for your saving grace—your Spirit to warm our faith, your love to fill our hearts, your forgiveness to remove our guilt. We repent of our sin. For the sake of Jesus, who was born for us, lived for us, and died for us, forgive us.**

P: The time has come for you to throw off your guilt and pain and to rejoice in God's forgiving love. Hear the Word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

(all sing)

All glory be to God on high!

Your name, O Lord, we glorify;

We praise you for your peace and grace,

Your favor toward our fallen race.

O Lamb of God, to you we pray.

You take all human sin away.

Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;

From God's right hand, your mercy share. (to the tune of CW 38)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Micah 5:2-5a

²“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

³Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

⁵And he will be our peace.

EPISTLE LESSON - Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹²He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil — ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

¹⁶For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

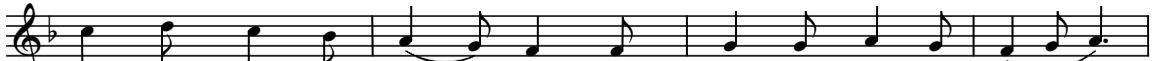
HYMN

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

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Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to thee.
Now through his Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a mang - er lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death o'er us had reign - ed Through sin and van - i - ty;
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all his saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
He for us ob - tain - ed E - ter - nal joy on high,
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to thee! Draw me un - to thee!
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

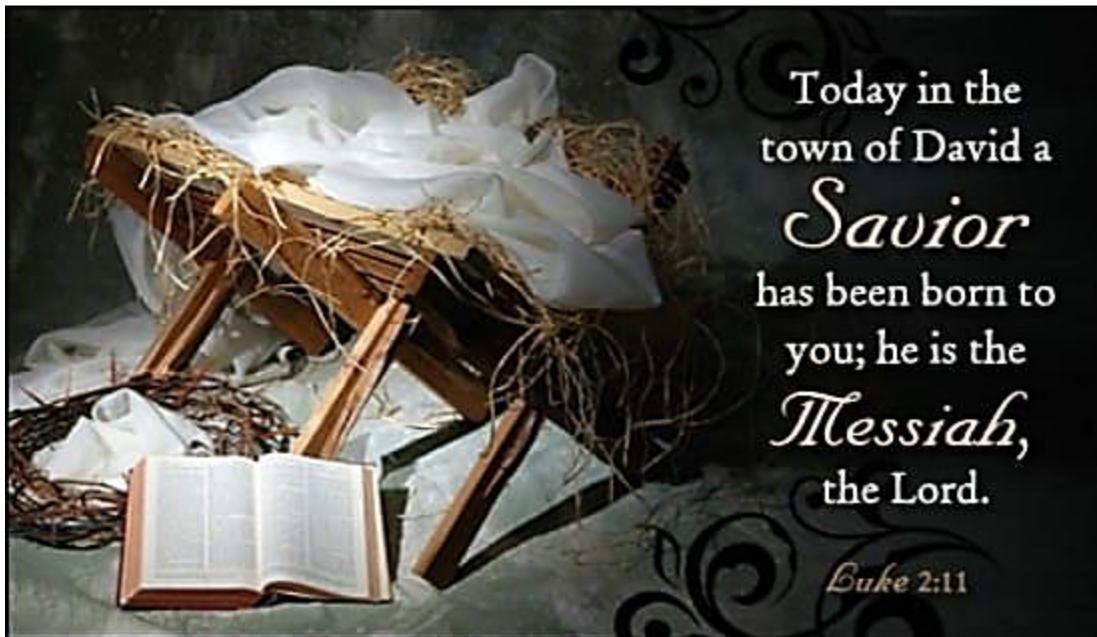
SERMON TEXT John 7:40-43

⁴⁰On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the Prophet.”

⁴¹Others said, “He is the Messiah.”

Still others asked, “How can the Messiah come from Galilee? ⁴²Does not Scripture say that the Messiah will come from David’s descendants and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?” ⁴³Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. ⁴⁴Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

SERMON



Stand

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Supper

Our church practices membership communion.

We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.

You will be guided to the table by an usher.

Your group may come forward together.

Please practice social distancing with other groups or individuals.

The bread and wine are laid out individually for you to remove from the table.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

Stand following the distribution

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, you wonderfully created us, and in the incarnation of your Son you wonderfully restored our human nature. We now have the full assurance that our sins have been forgiven, and we are at peace with you. Now we pray: make us alive in him who made himself to be like us, Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

“Joy to the World”



Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room And
- play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Re -
ground; He comes to make his bless - ings flow Far
prove The glo - ries of his right - eous - ness And



heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n, and
- peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat, re -
as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far
won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders,



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Sunday	January 3	8a Worship with Communion No Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30a Worship with Communion
Monday	January 4	School resumes from Christmas Break
Thursday	January 7	7p Worship resumes as well as Bible Study following the service
Sunday	January 10	8 & 10:30a Worship, 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School Installation of Church Leaders 9:00a Finance Board Meeting
Tuesday	January 12	7p Church Leaders Meeting

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**A warm welcome to our
visitors. May the Lord bless
your worship with us today.**

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- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.christredeemer.church and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.