

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI  
Worship Music and Bible Reading – Christmas Day, 2022

**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!**

**For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the every circling years shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendor fling,  
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.**

**Flocks were sleeping shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe is born for you.**

Jesus:

Reader A: In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants, flames of fire." But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

### **Angels, We Have Heard on High**

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**

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### **Joy to the World**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,**

**and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,**

**Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

**Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**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 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 of his love.**