

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI  
Worship Hymns and Bible Readings – 12/13/2020

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fear of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

Hallelujah to the Lord!  
Hallelujah to the Lord!

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Hallelujah to the Lord!  
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Emmanuel  
Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah to the Lord!

**The Sun**

John 8:12 New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

Matthew 17:2 New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Malachi 4:1-2 New Living Translation (NLT)

**4** The LORD of Heaven's Armies says, "The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed—roots, branches, and all.

<sup>2</sup> "But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture.

## 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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
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Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the 'incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Come, desire of nations come; Fix is us thy humble home.  
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### **The Rose**

Isaiah 35 New Living Translation (NLT)

**35** Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days.

The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses.

<sup>2</sup> Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers  
and singing and joy!

The deserts will become as green as the mountains of Lebanon,  
as lovely as Mount Carmel or the plain of Sharon.

There the LORD will display his glory,  
the splendor of our God.

<sup>3</sup> With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands,  
and encourage those who have weak knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those with fearful hearts,  
"Be strong, and do not fear,  
for your God is coming to destroy your enemies.  
He is coming to save you."

<sup>5</sup> And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind  
and unplug the ears of the deaf.

<sup>6</sup> The lame will leap like a deer,  
and those who cannot speak will sing for joy!

Springs will gush forth in the wilderness,  
and streams will water the wasteland.

<sup>7</sup> The parched ground will become a pool,  
and springs of water will satisfy the thirsty land.

Marsh grass and reeds and rushes will flourish  
 where desert jackals once lived.  
<sup>8</sup> And a great road will go through that once deserted land.  
 It will be named the Highway of Holiness.  
 Evil-minded people will never travel on it.  
 It will be only for those who walk in God's ways;  
 fools will never walk there.  
<sup>9</sup> Lions will not lurk along its course,  
 nor any other ferocious beasts.  
 There will be no other dangers.  
 Only the redeemed will walk on it.  
<sup>10</sup> Those who have been ransomed by the LORD will return.  
 They will enter Jerusalem singing,  
 crowned with everlasting joy.  
 Sorrow and mourning will disappear,  
 and they will be filled with joy and gladness.

### **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
 Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.  
 It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it the Rose I have in mind;  
 with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
 To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
 Dispels with glorious splendour the darkness everywhere.  
 True man yet very God, from sin and death He saves us, and lightens every load.

### **The Candle**

Revelation 21:22-26 New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there. <sup>26</sup> And all the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city.

### **Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light  
 Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;  
 Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
 joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;  
 till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
 fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;  
 more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day

### **While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks**

“All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;  
 good will henceforth from heaven to earth begin and never ease,  
 begin and never cease!”

### **All Earth Is Waiting**

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One, and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord.  
 All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;  
 and cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel, “A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,”  
 For his name is “God with us,” our brother shall be,  
 in him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;  
 open new highways, new highways for the Lord.  
 He is now coming closer, so come all and see,  
 and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared,  
 yet, feel His presence throughout the earth today,  
 for He lives in all Christians and is with us now;  
 again, with His coming, he brings us liberty.