

Prelude: Medley of Christmas Carols

Advent Reading: *Luke 2:30-33*

Lighting of Christ Candle

* ***O Come, all Ye Faithful*** #193:1,2,3 (HFG)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

* ***Angels We Have Heard on High*** #192:1,2,3 (HFG)

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: 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? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore, on bended knee,
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

Luke 2 – The Story of Christmas

Away in a Manger #185:1,2 (HFG)

Away in a manger no crib for a bed;
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
The little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Silent Night #195:1,2,3 (HFG)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Peace, Peace*

Offering: World Renew – California Fire Relief

* ***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*** #194:1,2 (HFG)

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.
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Stars were gleaming, shepherds dreaming,
Oh, the night was dark and chill.
Angels' story, manger glory, shepherds heard it on the hill.
Ah, that singing, hear it ringing,
Earthward winging, praises bringing:
Christ, the babe was born for you.
Christ, the babe was born for you.

* **Scripture:** *John 1:1-18 (ESV)* pg. 1107

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")

¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Incarnation: A Riches to Rags Story
We Have Beheld His Glory*

* ***Birthday of a King***

In the little village of Bethlehem,
There lay a Child one day,
And the sky was bright with a holy light
O'er the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain: Alleluia! O how the angels sang.
Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'Twas the birthday of a King.

'Twas a humble birthplace, but oh how much
God gave to us that day;
From the manger bed what a path has led,
What a perfect, holy way. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing**

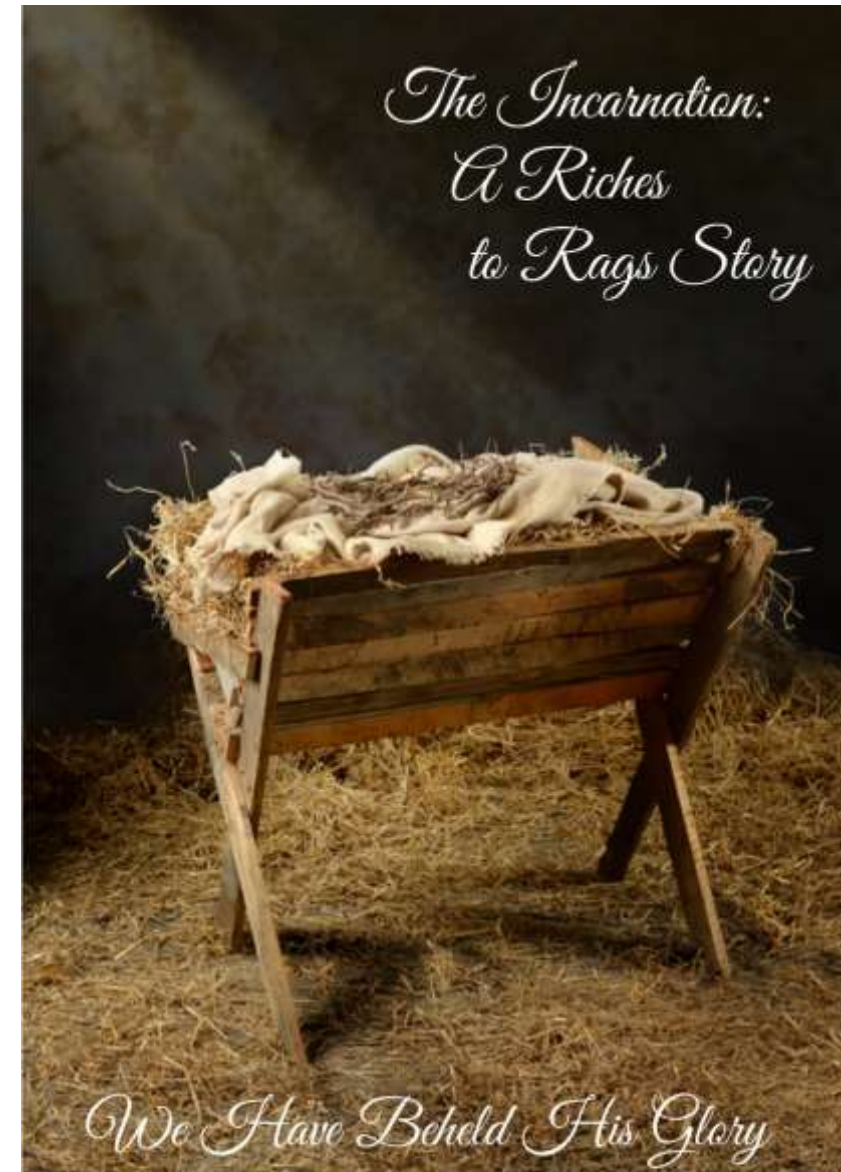
* **Glory to God**

#214 (PH)

Glory to God! Glory to God
In the highest, in the highest, in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
To the people whom God delights in.
Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth
To the people whom God delights in.
To the people whom God delights in, whom God delights in.
Glory to God! Glory to God
In the highest, in the highest, in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
To the people whom God delights in. Amen. Amen.

Ere zij God! Ere zij God
In den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
In de mensen een welbehagen.
Ere zij God in den hoge! Ere zij God in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde
In de mensen, in de mensen een welbehagen,
In de mensen een welbehagen, een welbehagen
Ere zij God! Ere zij God
In den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
In de mensen een welbehagen. Amen. Amen.

The Incarnation: A Riches to Rags Story
We Have Beheld His Glory
John 1:1-18



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Prayer: Ian H

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Music: Valerie A, Jessica H, Kara H,

Carol H, Lee V, Marc W, Nancy Z

Offering: World Renew Disaster Response Services show God's love
and bring hope to disaster-affected communities by restoring the
homes and lives of those who are most vulnerable. This offering
will go to assist those affected by the wildfires in California this fall.

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We Have Beheld His Glory

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