

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Sunday, December 27, 2020

Joy to the world! Christ has come and Christmas is here!
Let all of creation sing praise to our God!

PRELUDE

"He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child"

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French Carol
arr., A. Jordan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Oxford Baptist Staff

Christ is born!
Praise the Lord!
God has come to claim us as God's own children.
Praise the Lord!
Love has given us this glorious gift!
Praise the Lord!

CAROL

"Angels, We Have Heard on High"
Sam Hampton, violin

GLORIA

Angels, we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains:
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, our newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

~Traditional French Carol, source unknown
Accompaniment by Jason Krug

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Aho

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Mr. Andy Archer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Aho

MUSIC MEDITATION

"Do You Know?"
Children's Choirs

R. E. Schram

*Do you know? Do you know? Do you know who Jesus is?
He's the first Christmas present from God above.
Yes, I know. Yes, I know. Yes, I know who Jesus is.*

*Do you know? Do you know? Do you know who Jesus is?
He's the Child in the manger, a gift of love.
Yes, I know. Yes, I know, Yes, I know who Jesus is.*

*Do you know? Do you know? Do you know who Jesus is?
He's our friend and our Savior, He's God's own Son.
Yes, I know, Yes, I know. Yes, I know who Jesus is.*

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MESSAGE

"Three Prayers for Christmas"
Luke 2:22-40
(see attached)

Rev. Aho

CAROL

"Away in a Manger"

MUELLER

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid 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, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

*~Stanzas 1 & 2, anon., St. 3, J.T. McFarland
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BENEDICTION

Rev. Aho

POSTLUDE

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

arr., M. Hayes