

**“Sunday Worship”**

Meditation Preached by The Rev. Jennifer Cameron

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**Hymns for Worship Video – December 26, 2021**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” #146 in the Book of Praise

**V. 1** Angels from the realms of glory

Wing your flight o'er all the earth

Ye who sang creation's story

Now proclaim Messiah's birth

*Chorus*

Come and worship come and worship

Worship Christ the newborn King

**V. 2** Shepherds in the field abiding

Watching o'er your flocks by night

God with us is now residing

Yonder shines the infant light

*Chorus*

**V. 3** Sages leave your contemplations

Brighter visions beam afar

Seek the great Desire of nations

Ye have seen His natal star

*Chorus*

**V. 4** Saints before the altar bending

Watching long in hope and fear

Suddenly the Lord descending

In His temple shall appear

*Chorus*

**V. 5** Though an infant now we view Him

He shall fill His Father's throne

Gather all nations to Him

Every knee shall then bow down

*Chorus*

*Henry Thomas Smart | James Montgomery*

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“Good Christians, all Rejoice” #141 in the Book of Praise  
(Words adapted for consistency with the Book of Praise)

**V. 1** Good Christians, all rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now give heed to what we say  
Jesus Christ is born today  
Ox and ass before Him bow  
And He is in the manger now  
Christ is born today  
Christ is born today

**V. 2** Good Christians, all rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now you hear of endless bliss  
Jesus Christ was born for this  
He has opened heaven’s door  
And we are blest for evermore  
Christ was born for this  
Christ was born for this

**V. 3** Good Christians, all rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now ye need not fear the grave  
Jesus Christ was born to save  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain His everlasting hall  
Christ was born to save  
Christ was born to save

*John Mason Neale / Sondra Tucker*

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“Go Tell it on the Mountain” Chorus #133 in the Book of Praise (sung twice)

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

*John W. Work Jr.*

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**Scripture Texts: Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his host!

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for he commanded and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,

<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

<sup>10</sup> Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

<sup>12</sup> Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

**Second Reading: Luke 2:41-52**

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said

to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**There is no meditation to print this week as I will be reading a story from a book of Christmas stories.**