

The Doxology and Prayer

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hope Is Born

Choir & Orchestra

In the stillness of the night, shepherds watch are keeping.

Suddenly, a brilliant light luminates the evening.

Filled with fright, they stare in awe, angels far above them.

"Fear not!" is the angel's call, bringing peace to all, Amen.

Soon, the sky is filled with song, with angelic singing.

Singing: "Gloria!"

Message waited for so long, God is truly for us.

God is for us!

Unto us is born a Son; He will be our Savior.

Tidings glad to everyone: God displays his favor.

Angels sing their glorias, flying through the heavens.

Celebration for the one gift that has been given.

Shepherds off to see the Child as the angel told them;

Mighty God, now meek and mild, Holy Child awaits them.

Wondrous is the sight of him in a lowly manger.

Little town of Bethlehem, home to Heaven's stranger.

God has come to earth to dwell; we behold his glory!

Hope is born, Emmanuel; Love has penned this story!

In the stillness of the night, Hope is born, Emmanuel!

In The First Light

In the first light of a new day no one knew he had arrived.

Things continued as they had been while a newborn softly cried.

But the heavens wrapped in wonder knew the meaning of his birth.

In the weakness of a baby they knew God had come to earth.

As his mother held him closely, it was hard to understand;

That this baby not yet speaking was the Word of God to man.

He would tell them of his kingdom, but their hearts would not believe.

They would hate him and in anger they would nail him to a tree.

But the sadness would be broken as the Song of Life arose,

And the Firstborn of creation would ascend and take his throne.

He had left it to redeem us, but before his life began,

He knew he'd come back not as a baby but as the Lord of ev'ry man.

Hear the angels as they're singing on the morning of his birth;

But how much greater will our song be when he comes again,

When he comes again!

Hear the angels as they're singing on the morning of his birth;

But how much greater will our song be when he comes again to Earth!

When he comes to rule the Earth!

Philippians 2:1-11

Pastor Steven Clark

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn of Response

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.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

Say what may the tidings be,

Which inspire your heav'nly song?

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, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Benediction and Three-Fold Amen

Pastor Ben Phillips



Christmas Cantata

Hope Is Born—Emmanuel!



EXALT GOD
EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE
ENGAGE GOD'S WORLD

