

**Home Worship Liturgy
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020**

The Lord be with you! We invite you to combine individual or family worship in your home with a video available on the Calvin Church website around 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 20.

<https://www.calvincrc.org/recent-services/>

Italicized parts of the liturgy are included in the video, so you can choose to participate along with the video or on your own.

Prelude: Two Preludes on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" – David Gale; Mark Hayes

Welcome

*Call to Worship: Prepare the Way of the Lord – Becki Slagle Mayo
Cherub and Covenant Choirs; Nancy Triezenberg, piano*

Advent Reading and Prayer

Greeting

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and from the Holy Spirit – the Spirit who makes us one with God and one as the people of God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (#81: stanzas 1-4)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

If those gathered choose to sing more songs together, here are a few options:

- Sing familiar hymns accompanied by a piano or another instrument, if available.
- Sing familiar hymns a cappella.
- Consult hymnary.org for hymn lyrics (and some music sheets) to distribute, if necessary.

Call to Confession

*As we wait for the Lord this Advent,
we approach the throne of our gracious God
to confess our sin and ask for forgiveness and new life.
Let's pray together.*

Prayer of Confession

*Lord Christ,
we confess our willingness to be loved*

*but also our reluctance to love.
We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love
but also our refusal to forgive.
We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love
but also our resistance to follow you.
In this Advent time, forgive our failure
to respond as we should.
Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you
with joy, as the shepherds;
with gratitude, as Simeon;
with obedience, as Mary;
with love, as you have loved us.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

*The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life in Jesus Christ.
In Christ, we are forgiven, and we are free to live in hope and peace. Amen!*

*Anthem: Jesus, Joy of Highest Heaven – Keith and Kristyn Getty
Covenant and Cherub Choirs; Maria VandenBosch and Amy Netz, directors; Nancy Triezenberg,
accompanist*

Message for Children

Before the video prayer, you may wish to speak or journal your own prayers, and then join your prayers to others as you start the video again.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

*Hymn: "Away in a Manger" (#86: stanzas 1-3)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

Prayer for Illumination

*Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Scripture Reading – The Scripture passage scheduled to be preached this week Sunday,
December 20: Luke 1:68-79*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – “O Bright and Morning Star”

Prayer of Application

Moment for Community Care

Benediction

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

*Doxology: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (#81: stanza 5)
(see the end of this document for music and lyrics)*

Postlude: Joy to the World – Adrian Mann; David Cherwien

Liturgists: Pastoral Intern Makalah Hartgerink and Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preacher: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Moment for Community Care: Nate Dierlam

Organist/Pianist: Kenneth Bos

Audio: Brian Netz

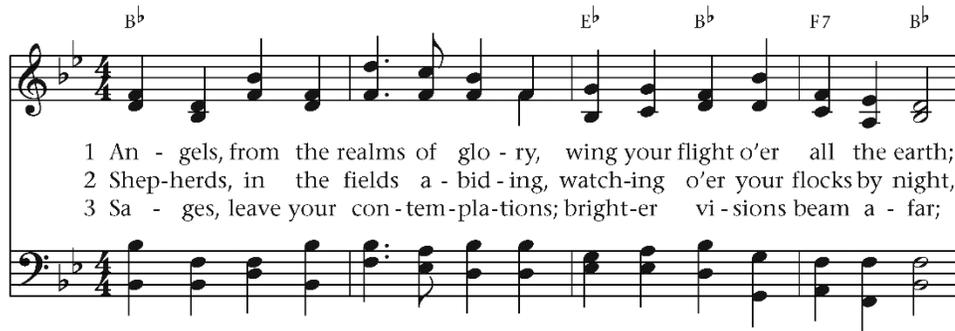
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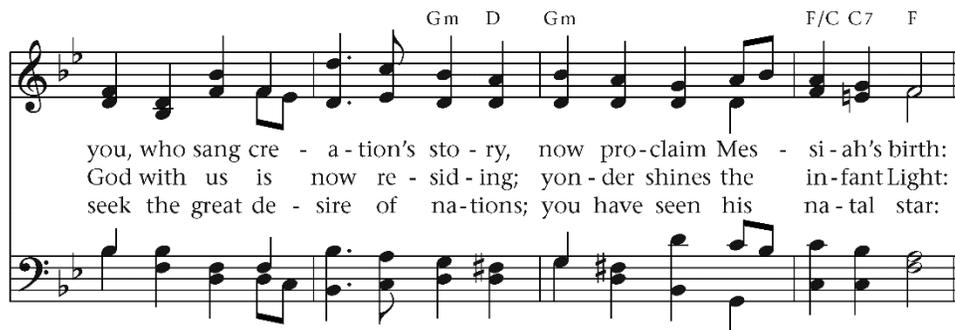
81 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

B^b E^b B^b F7 B^b



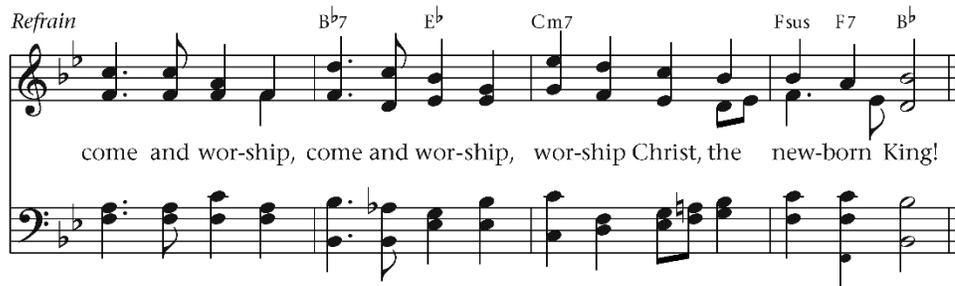
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;

Gm D Gm F/C C7 F



you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
seek the great de - sire of na - tions; you have seen his na - tal star:

Refrain B^b7 E^b Cm7 Fsus F7 B^b



Refrain
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King!

4 Though an infant now we view him,
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
Refrain

5 All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
Refrain

Optional call to worship

All who come from near and far, **come and worship.**
All who thirst for God, **come and worship.**
All whose hearts overflow with gratitude and hope, **come and worship.**
All whose hearts may be filled with despair or grief, **come and worship.**
All who come with doubts or questions about life in Jesus, **come and worship.**

[Add other phrases as appropriate].

Through the grace of God's Holy Spirit,
come, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Words: James Montgomery, 1816, alt., P.D.
Music (REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7 refrain 4.4.6): Henry Smart, 1867, P.D.

Away in a Manger

F B^b F C7

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord
 2 The cat - tle are low-ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus: look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear child - ren in

B^b F C7 F Gm/B^b C7 F

down where he lay; the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my side un - til morn-ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care; pre-pare us for heav-en to live with you there.

Words: North American, 19th c., P.D.

Music (AWAY IN A MANGER 11.11.11.11): James R. Murray (1841-1905), P.D.

Alternate tune

F Am D Gm C F Gm C7 F

Music (CRADLE SONG 11.11.11.11): William J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921), P.D.