



JOY TO THE WORLD

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APPROACHED TO GOD

Before the service, meditate and speak to God. During the service let God speak to you. After the service talk to each other and the wider community about God.

KEYS

- Words printed in **ALL CAPS & bold** are spoken or sung by everyone.
- At places marked with the “†,” you are invited to stand, as you are able.

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WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

Good morning to all who gather in front of computer, tablet or phone. We call out to God.

Open us to your presence in worship and learning.

Open us to your presence in service and in play.

Transform us in ways that help us to better love and live.

Open us, O God to you.

HYMN: Good Christian Friends Rejoice VU #35

Good Christian friends, rejoice

with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say:

Jesus Christ was born today.

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today!

Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Holy One,

As this calendar year draws to an end, we look back in amazement. It has been a year of so many new things some have been difficult and hard to bear, while others have brought us joy.

We thank you that although there have been things which divide us, there are many more which bring us together. We thank you that we live in an age of technology so that we can worship together while staying apart.

While we thank you for these things, we also are reminded of those who have forgotten who and what they are in this world and ask that you remind them that they, too are your children and we pray for them as well.

For all that you give us, we give thanks. **Amen**

Hymn: Twas in the Moon of Wintertime VU#71

'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain:
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender Babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round,
but, as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high: (Refrain)

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. (Refrain)

O children of the forest free, the kin of Manitou,
the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace and joy. (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Psalm #148
- Luke 2: 22- 40

REFLECTION

Hymn VU#59 Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

CLOSING PRAYER¹

Loving God,
You come to us in the living Word you call scripture.
Thank you for your wisdom, distilled over the years and brought
to us by teachers and leaders and our own understanding.
Thank you for coming to us in worship, where we can praise you
in song and dance and listen for your Spirit in prayer.
We pray that our speaking and living will reach out to the world
and bring your Word honour and gratitude.
As we join together in the words of the Christian family prayer;
Our Father..... Amen

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

As we go about our daily lives, go in the spirit of God.
Create a holy place wherever we are.
Know that there is nowhere you can go
where God is not and nowhere is too far
to find your way home. **Amen.**

¹ from Singing a Song of Faith edited by Nancy E. Hardy)

DOXOLOGY: Go tell it on the mountain VU #43

Refrain

***Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.***

Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born
And God sent our salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)



THANK YOUS & CREDITS

Thank you for participating in today's worship, I pray you have been greatly blessed.

Remember, for those we are unable to connect with any reason; call to buoy up their spirits, and/or pray for them and entrust them to the care of the divine.

Due to physical distancing caused by the Corona Virus, COVID 19, all church activities that require physical contact are suspended until further notice.

Those of you who are on PAR and those who mailed in the gifts and offerings thank you. You can also e-transfer your gift and offerings to zionunitedarmstrongbc@gmail.com

We are always happy to hear your comments and queries. If you have a prayer request you may use the messenger tab here or email them to standrewsenderby@hotmail.com

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