Celebrating Christmas – Believe

December 27, 2020
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The First Sunday after Christmas

Greeting Alex Lockridge

An Instrumental Interlude

Corbin High School Band

Call to Worship Paul Sims

Rejoice in God! Marvel at all that God has done!

Our eyes have seen the glory of God, made known to us.

Rejoice in God, Creator of all that has life.

Our eyes have seen the love of God, come to us in a baby.

Rejoice in God, Giver of redemption and grace.

Our eyes have seen the power of God, at work to change the world.

Hymn

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

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:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,

God on earth is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;

Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen the Infant's star:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,

Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

- James Montgomery

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture – Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

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A Reading from the Gospels – Luke 2:22-40

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Sermon

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Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Benediction

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Lift up your hearts, people of God, for our hopes have been fulfilled. The One for whom we have waited has come, and our eyes have seen the salvation that God has prepared for all people. Let us therefore rejoice and give thanks! Amen.

Carol

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Give ye 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!

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

Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, 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!

- 14th century Latin carol