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## The Lord's Day

December 13, 2020

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### Welcome & Announcements

#### Prelude

*Praise to the Lord ~ by Johann Gottfried Walther*

#### Call to Worship

(From Psalm 56)

**Leader:** In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

**All:** I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you.

**Leader:** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

**All:** that I may walk before God in the light of life.

#### \*Hymn of Praise

**Hymn # 218 (vs. 1-3, 5)**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

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;  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
5. All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

#### \*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Confessing Our Faith Together: John 1:1-4

*(recite in unison)*

**"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men."**

## Tithes and Offerings

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver."

*Please use the offering plate in the narthex after the service,  
mail your gift to the office, or give online at <https://www.gospelfellowshipppca.org/give>*

## Offertory

***My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord ~ by Johann Christian Bach***

## \*Hymn of Response

**Hymn # 1 (vs. 1, 2)**

***All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.
2. The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

## \*Offertory Prayer

## New Testament Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

## Verse of the Month

*(recite in unison)*

**Isaiah 9:2    "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."**

## Hymn of Preparation

**Hymn # 211**

***God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen***

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.
2. From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came; and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name.   
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.
3. "Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior  
of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.
4. The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks a-feeding,  
in tempest, storm, and wind: and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

## Pastoral Prayer & 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 debts as we forgive*

*our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**\*Sermon Text**

**Isaiah 8:1-10**

**Sermon**

**"Immanuel: God With Us"**

**Rev. Dr. Matthew Everhard**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn # 740**

***Threefold Amen***

1. Amen, Amen, Amen

**Postlude**

***In Peace and Joy I Now Depart ~ by Johann Christian Bach***

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