

“A Good ... Morning Worship - Rev Stephen Smith ... Start.”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We light the first Advent candle

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see you lie
Above your deep and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by

Yet in your dark streets shineth the everlasting light

The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in you tonight

O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray

Cast out our sin and enter in

Be born in us today

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell

O come to us abide with us

Our Lord Immanuel

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Lord, the light of your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness, shining

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us

Set us free by the truth you now bring us

Shine on me, shine on me:

Shine, Jesus, shine:

Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze: Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow:

Flood the nations with grace and mercy

Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence

From the shadows into your radiance

By your blood I may enter your brightness

Search me, try me, consume all my darkness

Shine on me, shine on me:

As we gaze on your kingly brightness

So our faces display your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory

Mirrored here may our lives tell your story

Shine on me, shine on me:

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PRAYERS

NEWS OF THE FAMILY LORDS PRAYER

Junior Church Leave

PSALM 80: 1-7 & 17-19

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

making your kingdom come.

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READING: Isaiah 64: 1-9

READING: Mark 13: 24-37

SERMON: 'A Good Start'

Into the darkness of this world.
Into the shadows of the night
Into this loveless place You came
Lightened our burdens eased our pain
And made these hearts Your home
Into the darkness once again
O come Lord Jesus come
Come with Your love to make us whole
Come with Your light to lead us on
Driving the darkness far from our souls
O come Lord Jesus come

Into the longing of our souls
Into these heavy hearts of stone
Shine on us now Your piercing light
Order our lives and souls aright
By grace and love unknown
Until in You our hearts unite
O come Lord Jesus come

O Holy Child Emmanuel
Hope of the ages God with us
Visit again this broken place
Till all the earth declares Your praise
And Your great mercies own
Now let Your love be born in us
O come Lord Jesus come
(LAST CHORUS)

Come in Your glory take Your place
Jesus the Name above all names
We long to see You face to face
O come Lord Jesus come

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PRAYERS FOR OTHERS + OURSELVES

A GOOD START

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness.
Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you.

*Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created.
All for love's sake became poor.

Refrain twice

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross. (3 times)

Refrain twice

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JUNIOR CHURCH RETURNS OFFERING & SHARING

Let me tell you about a baby and his family,
It is written down in the Bible so you might believe.
Many men had told of his coming, down through history,
Now the time had come for fulfilment of their prophecy.

CHORUS

*And they called his name Jesus,
Jesus, the Saviour.
And they called his name Jesus,
Son of the Most High God.
(Repeat)*

There was once a young girl called Mary, only in her teens,
She was visited by an angel, sent to Galilee.
And he told her she'd have a baby – how, she couldn't see –
Yet it was her will to obey him, so it was agreed.

CHORUS

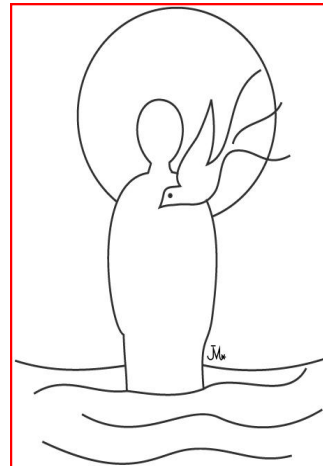
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TIME FOR REFLECTION

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you
wherever He may send you .

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**KEEP
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Sunday 10.45^{am} 3rd December 2017

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