WORSHIP RESOURCE

December 22-23, 2018 | Fourth Weekend of Advent

WORSHIP SONGS

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (EMMANUEL) Words by James Montgomery (1816), Paul Baloche, Michael Rossback, and Brenton Brown / Music by Henry Smart (1867), Paul Baloche, Michael Rossback, and Brenton Brown, arr. 2015

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth. You who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field 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.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, come have your way among us. We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King. God is with us, even now His love is here.

HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE Words and Music by Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher, 2015

In the bleak midwinter all creation groans; For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone. Light is breaking in a stable for throne.

And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore. And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore. Unto us a child is born the King of kings and Lord of lords, And he shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

If I were a wise man, I would travel far. If I were a shepherd, I would do my part. But poor as I am, I will give to him my heart.

Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies. This baby born for sacrifice, Christ the Messiah. Into our hopes, into our fears, the Savior of the world appears. The promise of eternal years, Christ the Messiah.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Words by Phillips Brooks, 1868 / Music by Lewis H. Redner, 1868

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see Thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth!

And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

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 Emmanuel.

GOD IS LOVE

Words by Paxson Jeancake | Music by Paxson & Allison Jeancake, 2018

We love You God because You first loved us; this is the wonder of the cross. The hardest heart is not too far for grace; this is the wonder of the cross. This is the wonder of our God.

The Spirit dwells in us that we may love through the power of the cross. And we confess the Son of God is Lord through the power of the cross. O the power of our God.

If we abide in love, we abide in God. He will be with us, God is love. You sent Your only Son; on the cross He hung. O the love, perfect love, God is love.

May Your word abide in us to love; for the glory of the cross. And may we bear the fruit of life in You; for the glory of the cross. For the glory of our God.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 24; Isaiah 11:1-9; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 3:16-21 MONDAY | Ps. 40; Isaiah 11:10-16; Rev. 20:1-10; John 5:30-47 TUESDAY | Ps. 94; Isaiah 28:9-22; Rev. 20:11-21:8; Luke 1:5-25 WEDNESDAY | Ps. 17; Isaiah 29:9-24; Rev. 21:9-21; Luke 1:26-38 THURSDAY | Ps. 126; Isaiah 31:1-9; Rev. 21:22-22:5; Luke 1:39-56 FRIDAY | Ps. 102; Isaiah 33:17-22; Rev. 22:6-20; Luke 1:57-66 SATURDAY | Ps. 80; Isaiah 35:1-10; Rev. 22:12-21; Luke 1:67-80

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Redeeming Lord, during this season of Advent, may our souls magnify you alone; may our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

Your mercy is for those who fear you from generation to generation.

You have brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; you have filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine, that we may be saved.



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