

**Welcome**

**Hymn – MP 708 - To God be the glory**

1. To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!*  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!*  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

3. Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!*  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

**Prayer**

**Hymn – MP 40 - Ascribe greatness**

Ascribe greatness to our God the rock,  
His work is perfect and all His ways are just.  
Ascribe greatness to our God, the rock,  
His work is perfect and all His ways are just.  
A God of faithfulness and without injustice;  
good and upright is He.  
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**Scripture Reading – Luke 2: 8-14** – <sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”

**Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 2: 6-16** - <sup>6</sup>We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are

coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those who love him— <sup>10</sup>these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup>This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. <sup>14</sup>The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup>The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, <sup>16</sup>for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

**Sermon**

**Prayer**

**Hymn – MP 175 - Glory be to God in heaven**

1. Glory be to God in heaven,  
and to all on earth, His peace;  
Lord and Father, King in glory,  
gifts of praise in us release,  
so our worship and thanksgiving  
from our hearts will never cease.

2. Christ incarnate, sent by Father  
to redeem, renew, restore;  
risen Lamb, in glory seated,  
hear our prayers, Lord, we implore.  
Now to Father, Son, and Spirit  
be all glory evermore.

**Prayer for the Offering**

**Hymn – MP 327 - Immortal, invisible**

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light  
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

*(Continued overleaf)*

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

5. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

***Benediction***

***Amen***

***Hymn – MP 460 - May Gods blessing surround you***

May God's blessing surround you each day,  
as you trust Him and walk in His way.  
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.