



Gripped By His Love

December 20, 2020

Prelude:	Katerina Taktikos
Greeting and Invocation	Pastor Casey Dwyer
Thoughts on Advent Celebration	Jane Niederbrach
Call to Worship: from Psalm 36 and 92	Jane Niederbrach
“Once In Royal David’s City”	Worship Team
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Worship Team
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	Worship Team
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Baker Family
Children’s Story:	Rebekah Just
“What Child Is This?”	Emelia Baker, Laurie Niederbrach, Ed Manzo
Scripture Reading: Micah 7:18-20; John 13:1, 31-35	Nancy Preston
“O Holy Night”	Bryan Just, Ed Manzo
Pastoral Prayer:	Jim Stamoolis
Sermon:	Gripped By His Love
	<i>2 Corinthians 5:14-15</i>
“Thou Who Was Rich Beyond All Splendor”	Worship Team
Benediction	
Postlude	

Once In Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little Child

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor and meek and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy

Jesus is our childhood's pattern
Day by day like us He grew
He was little weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feels for all our sadness
And He shares in all our gladness

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He has gone

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

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How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour
All for love's sake becamest poor
Thrones for a manger didst surrender
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour
All for love's sake becamest poor

Thou who art God beyond all praising
All for love's sake becamest man
Stooping so low but sinners raising
Heavenwards by Thine eternal plan
Thou who art God beyond all praising
All for love's sake becamest man

Thou who art love beyond all telling
Saviour and King we worship Thee
Emmanuel within us dwelling
Make us what Thou wouldst have us be
Thou who art love beyond all telling
Saviour and King we worship Thee