

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE CONFESSION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed are those who believe what the Lord has spoken.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are unprepared for the coming of our Lord. With our minds, our lips, and our whole lives we have disobeyed your will. We have not responded in faith. We beg your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, and seek the power of your Holy Spirit to restore our peace.**

P: The one who is coming has come, born among us to live our life and die our death, and guarantee our resurrection. By God's will you have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. For his sake your sins are forgiven.

C: **Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

THE HYMN: "He Made a Way in a Manger"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come.
Take away the hindrance of our sins
and make us ready for the celebration of your birth,
that we may receive you in joy and serve you always;
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS

THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

THE HYMN – "Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

THE SERMON – "Mary's Witness"

THE APOSTLES CREED

LEADER: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostolic Creed:

**CONG: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,


People: Hear our prayer.

THE OFFERTORY AND THE GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE HYMN: "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

HE MADE A WAY IN A MANGER

<p>VERSE 1</p> <p>Longing for a Savior A hopeless world would wait Sin demanded justice At a price we could not pay But God displayed His mercy The greatest gift of love When we could not reach Heaven Heaven came to us</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chorus</i></p>	<p>CHORUS</p> <p>He made a way in a manger A way through the Son Messiah the Promised Before time had begun For God so loved this world Though He knew what love would cost He made a way in a manger To make a way to the cross</p>
<p>VERSE 2</p> <p>In Bethlehem a stable Became a throne of grace As God Himself our Savior Drew near to take our place His mother smiled in wonder As shepherds stood in awe The Sacrifice of Heaven Lay sleeping in the straw</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chorus</i></p>	<p>BRIDGE</p> <p>He is the Life who died our death; The precious Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. Away in a manger No crib for a bed The little Lord Jesus Laid down His sweet head The stars in the sky Looked down where He lay The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chorus</i></p>
<p>Ending</p> <p>He made a way</p>	

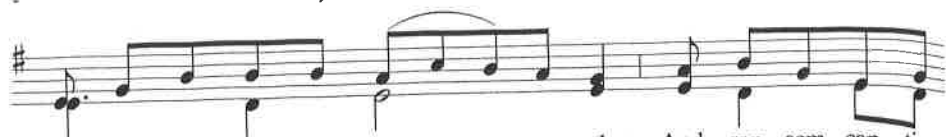
50. LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

**Lord I lift Your name on high;
Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross,
My debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high!**

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Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel



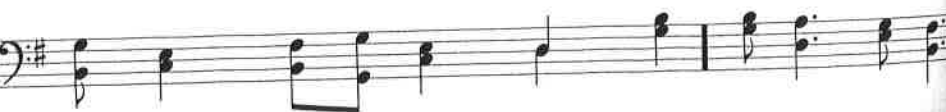
1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2 Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on
 3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
 4 Oh, come, blest Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by your



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.



5 Oh, come, O Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

60. OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You,
I want to see You,
Repeat

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory,
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

Repeat whole song

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Go Tell It on the Mountain

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Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night, Be -
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When, lo, a - bove the earth Rang
 3 Down in a lone - ly man-ger The hum - ble Christ was born; And

Refrain

hold, through-out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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