

In Christ accepted and brought near,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
I see the path to life made clear,  
and all your merits, Lord, are mine.  
Death, hell and sin are now subdued,  
all grace is now to sinners given,  
and so we plead the atoning blood,  
and claim the title deeds of heaven.

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All creatures of our God and King  
Come to his cradle now and sing  
O praise Him! Hallelujah!  
Thou, angel host with golden beam  
Thou, Christmas star with silver gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Our heav'nly king with royal crown  
With grace and mercy has come down  
O praise Him! Hallelujah!  
Praise, praise the one come to redeem  
Not stopped by Herod's evil scheme  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

All wayward souls who art condemned  
Look to the star in Bethlehem  
O praise Him! Hallelujah!  
Come all ye shepherds, come wise men,  
Christ born that ye be born again!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

We here the church with joyful cheer  
Welcome the king who has come near  
O praise Him! Hallelujah!  
Bring gifts of incense, gifts of gold  
See all God's promises unfold  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Giving glory to King Jesus, born to save his people.  
Glory to King Jesus, born to save the world.  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### CLOSING PRAYER from Revelation 15

"Great and marvellous are your deeds,  
Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.  
Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your  
name? For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come and worship before you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed."

## SERMON NOTES Revelation 12

**At Christmas we remember the  
ultimate battle between good and evil.**

**At Christmas we rejoice that Satan is  
defeated.**

**At Christmas we are encouraged to  
keep going.**



**Sunday 13 December 2020**

Welcome to today's virtual service!

Do join with others on Zoom for the service at  
10.30am if you can!

**Meeting ID: 814 0377 2461, Passcode: 302033**

Or you can find the service at any time at  
[www.bramcote.church](http://www.bramcote.church)

**WELCOME** Watch the video of Ed's welcome.

*At this time of year, we celebrate the joy of Christ's  
birth.*

### SONG

Joy has dawned upon the world,  
promised from creation.  
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation.  
Not with fanfares from above,  
not with scenes of glory,  
but a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky  
with the songs of angels,  
as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place,  
shaped the earth in darkness,  
cling now to a mother's breast,  
vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory.  
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.  
Gold – a King is born today,  
Incense – God is with us,  
Myrrh – His death will make a way  
and by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom.  
Reconciling God and man,  
Christ our mighty Champion!  
What a Saviour! What a Friend!  
What a glorious mystery!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of history.

## BIBLE READING

from Luke 1:67-89

*This is what Zechariah the father of John the Baptist said when he was filled with the Holy Spirit.*

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David  
(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),  
salvation from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us—  
to show mercy to our ancestors  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,  
and to enable us to serve him without fear  
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,  
to give his people the knowledge of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins,  
because of the tender mercy of our God,  
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven  
to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow  
of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

*In our next song we celebrate the salvation that Jesus has won for his people.*

## SONG

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.  
The sin of man and wrath of God  
has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as He stood accused,  
beaten, mocked, and scorned.  
Bowling to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.

*Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,  
where Your love poured out over me.  
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah!  
Praise and honour unto Thee."*

Sent of heaven, God's own Son,  
to purchase and redeem,  
and reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree.

*Oh, that rugged cross...*

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full  
by the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.  
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me.  
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

See the stone is rolled away,  
behold the empty tomb.

Hallelujah, God be praised!  
He's risen from the grave!

*Oh, that rugged cross...*

## PRAYERS

*Praise be to the Lord God of Israel because he has come to his people and redeemed them. Father we thank you so much for Jesus, who has come to us and redeemed us. Thank you that because of his life and death, our sins can be forgiven. Thank you for your tender mercy by which we are saved, so that we might serve you without fear.*

*We are sorry Father for the times we forget your goodness to us in sending Jesus. We are sorry for the times we more excited by the treats we enjoy at this time of year than the eternal blessing Jesus has brought. We are sorry when we too distracted by the busyness of this time of year to remember Jesus. Please forgive us and fill us again with wonder this Christmas at what you have done in sending your Son.*

*Please help us to share this good news of Jesus' birth with others. Please will help the preparation of our Christmas services, and please will many people watch them. Please use the truth that Jesus is the greatest present, the present we need, to draw people to trust in him.*

*And please help our mission partners as they share this good news at Christmas. Thank you that Luke and Debs are able to visit local schools and share lessons and assemblies about true meaning of Christmas. Please may those visits help school pupils to believe in Him.*

*And please help us all this Christmas, especially this year when things will be quite different for many of us. Please fill us with joy as we remember that Jesus has come. We ask these things in his name, Amen.*

*This song reminds us that, as those whose sins have been forgiven, we have a sure hope for the future.*

## SONG

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
that gives me strength for every passing day;  
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
yet drives all doubt away.  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
and Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
to make his will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
a consolation strong against despair,  
that when the world has plunged me  
in its deepest pit, I find the Saviour there!  
Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
he whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
and they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
when I behold his face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
and every longing satisfied,  
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
for I am truly home.

*In the next video Toni introduces the children's material for today then Rich reads the bible passage which he then speaks on.*

## BIBLE READING & TALK

from Rich Adam

Revelation 12

*In our closing two songs we rejoice in the defeat of Satan through the coming of Jesus.*

## SONGS

Yes, finished! The Messiah dies  
cut off for sins, but not his own.  
Completed is the sacrifice,  
the great redeeming work is done.  
Yes, finished! All the debt is paid,  
justice divine is satisfied,  
the grand and full atonement made;  
God for a guilty world has died!

The temple curtain is torn down,  
the living way to heaven is seen.  
Through Christ the middle wall has gone,  
and all who will may enter in.  
The ancient shadows are fulfilled,  
the Scripture prophecies prove true,  
the sinless Lamb of God is killed,  
the promised covenant made new.

The reign of sin and death is done,  
and all may live, from sin set free.  
Satan and his pretended throne,  
are swallowed up in victory.  
Saved from the curse of God I am;  
my Saviour hangs upon a tree!  
See there the meek and silent Lamb;  
his final breath he breathes for me.