

First United Methodist Church of CMCH
Online Worship Service, Sunday, December 27, 2020

“Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)”

By Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash

What hope we hold this starlit night;
A king is born in Bethlehem.
Our journey long, we seek the light
that leads to the hallowed manger
ground.

What fear we felt in the silent age,
four-hundred years can He be
found?
But broken by a baby's cry;
Rejoice in the hallowed manger
ground.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

Praise His name, Emmanuel.

The Son of God, here, born to bleed;
A crown of thorns would pierce His
brow.

And we beheld this offering,
Exalted now, the King of kings,
Praise God for the hallowed manger
ground.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Praise His name, Emmanuel.
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The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Text by Thomas O. Chisholm Music: William M. Runyan

"Great is Thy faithfulness, "
O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,
they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!"
"Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime
and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars
in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

"Great is Thy faithfulness!"
"Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

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Exodus 14:10-20 (NRSV)

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³ But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶ But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.” ¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.