

FINAL THOUGHTS Romans 15:1-13 p. 1,766  
*“Living in Unity & Hope as We Await God’s Future”*

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD IN SONG  
*“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” #1*

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE

*“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” 38 (vs. 1 & 4)*

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King”:  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever circling years Comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.**

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POSTLUDE: *“While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks”*

**DECEMBER 7TH 2025 –10:15AM**

PRELUDE: *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPENING PRAYER

FIRST THOUGHTS Isaiah 11:1-10 p. 1,076  
*“Being Rooted in God’s Past”*

PRAISING OUR GOD IN SONG

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #48*

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung.  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, By faithful prophets sung.  
It came a floweret bright, Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright She bore for us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.**

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

(L) The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all  
(R) **And also with you.**

PROFESSING OUR FAITH (*Nicene Creed, second part*)

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.**

FURTHER THOUGHTS Matthew 3:1-12 p. 1,499

(L) The word of the Lord. (R) Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "*Do You Hear What I Hear?*"

*"Present Day Repentance"*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" #10*

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!**

**Then cleansed be every life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within;  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.**

**We hail You as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge, and our great reward;  
O let us Your face upon us shine  
And fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to You, eternal Son,  
Whose advent has our freedom won,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit, evermore.**

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PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

**God of grace and glory, we thank you that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been forgiven our sins; past, present, and future. We rejoice in knowing that through the gift of faith we are a new creation in Christ! We admit however, that we have not lived fully into who you have created and redeemed us to be. We do not always love you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We can find it difficult to treat our neighbors and ourselves with the same forgiveness, mercy, and grace which you shower upon us. We ask that by the power of your Spirit, we would be transformed, so we may fully delight in your will and walk in your light, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

*"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (vs.1)*

**God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day.  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

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OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD-THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are invited to take part. We hold of the bread and eat together.  
We drink the juice individually as it is received.*