

Advent: Come and sing with the Angels!!

Music and singing became part of celebrating the birth of Christ since the very beginning.

We read in Luke 2: 8 – 15: *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them... The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."

The angels, who do not need salvation, sang a song of praise to the Lord because the Saviour was born. How much more should we who need salvation sing a song of praise to our Lord? We should be singing "Glory to God," because we are redeemed!

"Glory to God in the highest.", the angels sang.

The newly born King had taken off his divine, heavenly royal robes. He put his glory aside and came to us - not to be served but to serve (Phil 2:6-8; Mt 20:28). Glory to our God in heaven who gave the gift of his Son!

In the book of Revelation given to John on the island of Patmos, ***he saw angels singing the same song*** before the throne of God. "Then I looked," says John, "and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne... In a loud voice they sang:

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise ... Amen! (See Revelation 5:11,12; 7:12) – This heavenly song of the angels is our text for Sunday's sermon!

"Glory to God," sang the angels for the shepherds. "Glory to God," sing the angels around the throne since Jesus ascended to heaven.

We ought to learn from these angelic choirs.

God's first commandment for our lives is, "You shall have no other gods before me." In other words, "Glory to God in the highest."

And, the first thing Jesus taught us to pray is, "Hallowed be Thy name." In other words, "Glory to God in the highest."

All believers have to relearn the angels' song. On our lips today and everyday ought to be the words of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest." Because Christ came to make us a people for our God.

May our songs of praise glorify him, God our Father, and Jesus his Son, who is worthy of praise during this season of Advent, and always!