## THE LORD'S DAY

## **December 10, 2023**

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, **there am I** in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

**PRELUDE** – The prelude is a time for heart preparation. It is important that we use this time for preparing ourselves for the privilege of entering the presence of the King.

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"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

## I See Jesus

I don't look back: God knows the fruitless efforts,
The wasted hours the sinning, the regrets;
I leave them all with Him Who blots the record,
And mercifully forgives, and then forgets.

I don't look forward, God sees all the future,
The road that, short or long, will lead me home,
And He will face with me its every trial,
And bear for me the burdens that may come.

I don't look round me: then would fears assail me, So wild the tumult of earth's restless seas; So dark the world, so filled with woe and evil, So vain the hope of comfort or of ease.

I don't look in; for then am I most wretched; Myself has naught on which to stay my trust; Nothing I see save failures and short-comings, And weak endeavors crumbling into dust.

But I look up -- into the face of Jesus, For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled. And there is joy, and love, and light for darkness, And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

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Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2