

THE LORD'S DAY

December 17, 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 AM WITH YOU"

**It is not always comfort to remember
That "God is in His Heaven",
When heavy clouds have hidden all the sunshine
And we are tempest-driven;
When all the world is desolate and lonely,
Or filled with hate and strife;
When hearts grow weary with their cares and troubles,
And grief and sin are rife.**

**It does not help that God is in His Heaven,
For that seems far away;
No voice comes down to us from that high silence,
No answer when we pray;
Up there, we think, the ceaseless hallelujahs
That rise around the throne
Must dull the echoes of earth's lamentations,
And drown the sad heart's moan.**

**But here is comfort - "I am with you always
The Faithful and the True
And I will never leave thee nor forsake thee,
The long, hard journey through",
For Jesus Christ is present help and refuge,
Not far, but very near;
Our Light, our Guide, our Shepherd, our Consoler,
A Saviour Who is here.**

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*. . .for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake
thee. Hebrews 13:5b*