

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, December 25th, 2022

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Luke 2:10-14

And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest Heav’n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. *Refrain*

Come, Desire of nations, come, fix in us thy humble home;
Rise, the woman’s conqu’ring Seed, bruise in us the serpent’s head.
Adam’s likeness, Lord, efface, stamp thine image in its place:
Second Adam from above, reinstate us in thy love. *Refrain*

Hail the heav’nly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

***Prayer of Invocation**

We ask God’s presence to enable us to worship him as we ought.

Recount the Wonders of His Mercy

Call to Confession

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer of Confession

(From *Streams of Mercy*)

God of our salvation,

What could we ever give to you in return for your greatest gift: your own dear Son? He is our peace and salvation, our Redeemer, our substitute. He stooped low to raise us up- was born like us that we might become like him. He united Deity and humanity, the Creator becoming created, so that one day we might shed our sinful flesh and be remade in his likeness. He worked out a perfect righteousness, which was given to us, so that we can draw near to you. When we cannot rise to him, he draws close and lifts us up to himself. He entered into holy war with Satan, defeating our enemy, winning our battle, and purchasing our eternal peace with you.

O God, these are tidings of great joy, and yet we often live without joy in our salvation. We find great joy in your good gifts without lifting our hearts to worship you, the giver of all good things. We prostitute our hearts daily; our attention and admiration are easily bought for a moment of pleasure and escape. We are relentless worshipers of ourselves- fearful of talking about you and appearing foolish, committed to our own agendas and brazenly unwilling to go wherever you would send us, captivated by our own little kingdoms instead of gratefully serving in yours. No wonder we are easily shaken when our eyes are always on ourselves and the fragile things in which we put our hope.

O God, have mercy on us. Though we desire to please you, we are weak and sinful, unable to stand in obedience unless you lift us up. Forgive us for the sin that remains in us. Though it frightens and troubles us, you have defeated it completely, giving us perfect peace in Christ. Thank you that we are forever united to him- his obedience is our very own, and your delight in him is always bathing us with your Fatherly pleasure.

Enlarge our hearts to celebrate this good news of great joy, for we are barely able to grasp the enormity of our salvation. Settle our hope and peace in the love of Christ, and make his throne the pleasure ground of our souls. Help us to love those

around us, drawing them into your family by caring and speaking of your greatness in wise and loving ways, always ready to share the great news, and eager to explain the hope that is in us. Help us to sing of your goodness, loudly in our souls and joyfully when we are together, with hearts that are undone by your love and kindness to us. In Christ's great name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 9:2-3

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

***Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. *Refrain*

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Psalms 24

The King of Glory

A Psalm of David.

¹The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

²for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.

⁵He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory! *Selah*

Sermon

The True Picture of Christmas

Reverend Seob Kim

Sermon Outline

I. The King of _____

II. The King of _____

III. The King of _____

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 47 How Did Christ Humble Himself in His Conception and Birth?

A. Christ humbled himself in his conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, he was pleased in the fullness of time to become the son of man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.

(We will receive our gifts and offerings for the Lord's work during the singing of this song.)

***What Child is This?**

What Child is this who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise a song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Receive the Gifts of His Grace

The Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ's sacrifice.

O Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful; Come, weak and unstable;
Come, know you are not alone.

O come, barren and waiting ones; Weary of praying, come;
See what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken; Come with fears unspoken;
Come, taste of his perfect love.

O come, guilty and hiding ones; There is no need to run;
See what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

*He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon;
His promise is peace for those who believe. (twice)*

So come, though you have nothing; Come, he is the offering;
Come, see what your God has done.
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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 ev'ry nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high appear;
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angel singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

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.

***Benediction**

***Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation
That blessed Christmas morn *Refrain*

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