

Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

Sing Praise to the Lord

***Call to Worship**

Micah 5:2

O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

***O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

***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

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Prayer of Confession

(from *Prone to Wander*)

Mighty God,

You are the great Creator, who has made all things from nothing. In the beginning you made man in your image and declared all your handiwork to be good. You took pleasure in your creation, crowning it with the light of your presence as you walked with Adam in the garden each day. But Adam fell, exchanging the glorious light of your love for the darkness of sin and rebellion; each one of us sinned in Adam, and we continue to sin. We are lovers of darkness as we hide ourselves from you in guilt and despair. We thank you that our sin and darkness can never overwhelm the shining brightness of your glory. Though we still are drawn to walk in darkness many times each day, you sent your Son into this world to shine the radiant light of your love on vile sinners like us. Thank you, Lord.

Jesus, all things were made through you. You are worthy of the worship of angels, yet you laid aside your crown and took on our flesh in order to destroy our darkness. Born as a helpless babe, you are the Messiah who came to redeem us from the fall and reconcile us to God. Though you were the Light of the World, you were slain by darkness in order to satisfy the wrath of your Father as you paid for the sin of your people. Then bursting forth from the darkness of death, you rose again into the glorious light of day and victoriously carried our human flesh and blood into the courts of heaven. There in heaven, those you have redeemed will worship you forever as Savior and King.

Holy Spirit, draw our hearts from darkness to light. Show us the glory of our Redeemer and cause us to revel in his love and bask in the warmth and joy of his great pleasure in us. Cause us to hate the darkness of our sin and flee to the brightness of his love, which welcomes us as treasured family members and carries us as honored guests to the table of celebration. We come in his holy name, amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

John 1:14, 16

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

***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.

Prayer for the Church and Congregation

Give Attention to His Powerful Word

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

Sermon

Behold! The Long Awaited Servant!

Rev. Seob Kim

Sermon Outline

Proposition: In Isaiah 42:1-4, Isaiah prophesied to the Jews and Gentiles, to wait and behold YHWH's humble servant on a mission.

I. Behold! The Servant of _____!(v.1)

II. Behold! The Servant with _____!(v.2-4)

II. Behold! The Servant on _____! (v.1, 3, 4)

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Q. Dear Christians, what do we believe concerning our faith?

A. I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

***Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders, of his love.

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.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come, ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.

*O come, let us adore him; o come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

God of God, Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created: *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain*

Child, for us sinners, poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

***Benediction**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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