

THE LORD'S DAY

Celebrating The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

December 13, 2009

Genesis 22:10f "And Abraham stretched out his hand, & took the knife to slay his son. But The Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven...& He said, 'Do not stretch out your hand against the lad & do nothing to him, for now, I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me...Then The Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time...and in your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed"

PRELUDE

WELCOME, INVOCATION, & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE & PRAYERS

Hymns & Songs

Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, & Confession

Scriptures

❖ *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* Hymn #207

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul
and voice; give ye heed to what we say:

Jesus Christ is born today; earth and heav'n
before him bow, and he is in the manager now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul
and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss:

Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened
heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.

Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul
and voice; now ye need not fear the grave:

Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one
and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

❖ *Angels We Have Heard on High* Hymn #214

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

(Refrain)

Gloria in excelsis Deo,

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous
strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *(Refrain)*

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

(Congregation may be seated.)

What Child is This Hymn #213

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 Christian, 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 the
song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby: joy, joy
for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

O Little Town of Bethlehem Hymn #201

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
wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim
the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings
of his heav'n. 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 CONFESSION &

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Psalm 65: 1-4)*

'There will be silence before You, & praise, O God, You
who hear our prayers...Sins prevail against me, but as
for our transgressions, You forgive them! How blessed is
the one whom you choose and bring near to dwell in
Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of
Your House!'

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:1, 16-25

MISSIONS UPDATE, Pastor Bryan Wright

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION &

"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

DECLARATION OF FAITH:

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OFFERING

❖ *Doxology*

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SONG OF PREPARATION

(Children 10 and under come forward during last verse for the Children's Message.)

❖ *See, Amid the Winter's Snow* Hymn #199

PREACHING OF THE WORD Pastor Bryan Wright

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Genesis 21:1-8 & 22:1-19 Judges 13:1-25

"Advent & the Angel of the Lord II"

SONG OF RESPONSE

❖ *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Hymn #216

BENEDICTION

Pastor Bryan Wright

POSTLUDE

❖ If you are able, you are invited to stand.