

THE LORD'S DAY

Celebrating The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

December 14, 2008

I John 1:1f 'What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we held and our hand handled concerning The Word of The Life—...The Eternal Life which was with the Father and was manifested to us... we proclaim to you also that you may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write so that our joy may be made complete.'

PRELUDE

WELCOME, INVOCATION, & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE & PRAYERS

Hymns & Songs

Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, & Confession

Scriptures

❖ *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Hymn #196*

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 ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear; come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!

O'er the hills the angels 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.

❖ *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hymn #194*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

(refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *(refrain)*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(refrain)*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *(refrain)*

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *(refrain)*

(Congregation may be seated.)

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen Hymn #211

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;

(refrain)

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came; and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *(refrain)*

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." *(refrain)*

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm and wind: and went to Bethlehem straight-way, the Son of God to find. *(refrain)*

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.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION &
ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Romans 8:1-3*)

'There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are
in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of Life in
Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death!
For what the law could not do, weak as it was through
our flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the
likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for our sin.'

SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 9:1-7*

MISSIONS UPDATE Pastor Bryan Wright
PRAYER OF INTERCESSION &
"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

DECLARATION OF FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (page 845)

OFFERING

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

❖ *Let Us Love & Sing & Wonder*
John Newton & Laura Taylor
Let us love and sing and wonder,
let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder;
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood, (3X)
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us,
pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us;
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood, (3X)
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation
threatens hard to bear us down;
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He, who washed us with His blood, (3X)
soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice
join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
justice smiles and asks no more
He, who washed us with His blood, (3X)
has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus
of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us,
now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, (3X)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.
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PREACHING OF THE WORD Pastor Bryan Wright
Children's Message
I John 1:1-4
"The Incarnation, Fellowship, & Joy"

SONG OF RESPONSE
❖ *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
Hymn #32

BENEDICTION Pastor Bryan
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POSTLUDE
❖ If you are able, you are invited to stand.