

# THE LORD'S DAY

Celebrating The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

December 20, 2009

*Zechariah 3:1f "Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before The Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. And the LORD said to Satan, 'The LORD rebuke you...,' Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments...The Angel said, 'remove the filthy garments... I have taken your iniquity away from you and I will clothe you with festal robes.'"*

PRELUDE

WELCOME, INVOCATION, & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE & PRAYERS

Hymns & Songs

Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, & Confession

Scriptures

❖ *O Come, All Ye Faithful* . . . . . Hymn #208

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;

*(Refrain)*

*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 of Light;

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 heav'n above;

glory to God in the highest; *(Refrain)*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; *(Refrain)*

❖ *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* . . . . . Hymn #218

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er

all the earth; ye who sang creation's story,

now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*(Refrain)*

*Come and worship, come and worship,*

*worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er

your flocks by night, God with man is now residing,

yonder shines the infant Light: *(Refrain)*

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions

beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations;

ye have seen his natal star: *(Refrain)*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long

in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending,

in his temple shall appear: *(Refrain)*

All creation, join in praising God the Father,

Spirit, Son; evermore your voices raising

to th' eternal Three in One: *(Refrain)*

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

*Away in a Manger* . . . . . Hymn #204

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,

the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,

the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,

but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;

I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,

and stay by my cradle till morning in nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay

close by me forever, and love me, I pray;

bless all the dear children in thy tender care,

and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

*Silent Night! Holy Night!* . . . . . Hymn #210

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm,

all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant, so tender and mild,

sleep in heavenly peace,

sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake

at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar,

heav'nly hosts sing al-le-lu-ia;

Christ, the savior, is born!

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Silent night! Holy night! Son of God,

love's pure light radiant beams from thy

holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star,

lend thy light; with the angels let us

sing al-le-lu-ia to our King;

Christ, the Savior, is born!

Christ, the Savior, is born!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION &

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Ezekiel 36:25-28)*

'I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from

all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and

put a new spirit within you...I will put My Spirit

within you and cause you to walk in My statutes...

you will be My people and I will be your God.'

SCRIPTURE READING: *Luke 1:26-38*

MISSIONS UPDATE, Pastor Bryan Wright

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION &

"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

~ OVER ~

DECLARATION OF FAITH:

*THE LARGER CATECHISM, Questions 36-39, 41*

**Q36: Who is the Mediator of the Covenant of Grace?**

The only mediator of the Covenant of Grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father in the fullness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.

**Q37: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?**

Christ the Son of God became man by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.

**Q38: Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be God?**

It was necessary that the Mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to His sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure His favor, purchase a peculiar people, give His Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

**Q39: Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be man?**

It was necessary that the Mediator should be man, that he might represent our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

**Q41: Why was our Mediator called Jesus?**

Our Mediator was called Jesus, because He saves His people from their sins.

OFFERING

❖ *Doxology*

SONG OF PREPARATION

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

❖ *Once in Royal David's City (Vs 1,2,4,5) . . . . Hymn #225*

PREACHING OF THE WORD     Pastor Bryan Wright

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Zechariah 3:1-10*

"Advent & the Angel of the Lord III"

SONG OF RESPONSE

❖ *As With Gladness Men of Old . . . . . Hymn #226*

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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