

Lord’s Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2023

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may, by your Spirit, be drawn near to your presence and find that this place is indeed the very gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen!

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;

Lift up your voice with strength!

O Jerusalem, herald of good news;

Lift up your voice, do not be afraid!

Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Behold the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

He will gather the lambs in his arms;

He will carry them in his bosom,

And gently lead those that are with young. *Isaiah 40:9-11*

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God,

For his love revealed in the Word made Flesh!

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God,

For sending his Son to share our humanity, that we might receive everlasting life!

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God,

For our salvation and for bringing joy and peace into the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

†RESPONSE TO GOD’S CALL

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Selection 218

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We are not worthy to be called your children; and thus we turn to you again.

+Silent Prayer+

Have mercy on us, and bring us back to yourself as those who were once dead but now have life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

"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 a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'"

Luke 2:10-11

Pastor: Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your sins; wherefore as Christ's minister and by his authority, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

†*"Doxology"* Selection 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here

below: Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father,

Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOD CONVERSES WITH US

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 4:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

†GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"As with Gladness Men of Old" Selection 226

†We Respond by Confessing Our Faith *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†*"Gloria Patri" Selection 735*

SERMON TEXT Matthew 2:1-12

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

"A Response Befitting (Divine) Royalty" Pastor Jeff Prager
A Sermon for Christmas

†PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pr: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

P: Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Jesus, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us for our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us forever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin, from the works and assaults of the devil;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all lack of love,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all disordered and sinful affections; and from all deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and division; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and commandments,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, sickness, and famine; from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of suffering; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please you to grant us true repentance; to forgive us all our sin, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please you to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That it may please you to strengthen those who stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

O Lord, arise and help us;

And deliver us for your Name’s sake. Amen!

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Selection 208

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Pastor: It is indeed right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, in union with the saints who have gone before us and the whole church on earth, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Prayer of Preparation & Faith

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

‡Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

GOD COMMISSIONS US

†Prayer of Dedication

All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Selection 224

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

Matthew 2:1-12

[1] Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, [2] saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." [3] When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; [4] and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. [5] They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

[6] "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

[7] Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. [8] And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." [9] After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. [10] When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. [11] And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. [12] And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



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