



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 3, 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP- Psalm 20:1-2, 7

Leader: May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

People: May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

Leader: May he send you help from the sanctuary

People: And give you support from Zion!

Leader: Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

People: But we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

*HYMN #174

*1 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.*

*2 Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]*

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #175

*1 On this day earth shall ring
With the song children sing
To the Lord, Christ our King,
Born on earth to save us;
Him the Father gave us.*

Refrain:

Ideo-o-o, Ideo-o-o, Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

*2 His the doom, ours the mirth;
When He came down to earth*

Angels from the Realms of Glory

*3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]*

*4 Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord descending,
in his temple shall appear. [Refrain]*

*5 Though an infant now we view him
He will share his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him:
Every knee shall then bow. [Refrain]*

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

*Bethlehem saw His birth;
Ox and ass beside Him
From the cold would hide Him.*

*3 God's bright star, o'er His head,
Wise men three to Him led,
Kneeling low by His bed,
Lay their gifts before Him,
Praise Him and adore Him.*

*4 On this day angels sing;
With their song earth shall ring,
Praising Christ, heaven's King,*

*Born on earth to save us;
Peace and love He gave us.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God: In this Christmas season, we remember that your Son came into this world as a baby. We remember that he endured the same trials and temptations we face in our own lives. We remember what he suffered so that we could be assured of life eternal in your presence. For the times in 2020 when we forgot such truths, O Lord, forgive us. As we enter this new year, revive our spirits, renew our strength, restore our hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed**

We 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SPECIAL MUSIC

"What Child is This"

Arr, Tim Mills

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

***Doxology– Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 13:1-7 & Mark 12:13-17

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON:

"Asking the Right Questions"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution

Partaking of the Communion Elements

Closing

***CLOSING HYMN #78**

*1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;*

*2 Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past
4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears its years away.
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.*

*6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home!*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**