

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship, December 23, 2007

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Please take time before the service to compose your heart for worship. You have come into the house of God, a harbor from storms, a safe haven from conflict, a place of rest for weary souls. Cast aside the concerns of your everyday life, and find relief here.

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #194

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. —Isaiah 7:14

All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. —Isaiah 53:6

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with Child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus. —Matthew 1:18-25

*God Calls His People to Worship

Revelation 4:1-5:14

*Prayer of Invocation

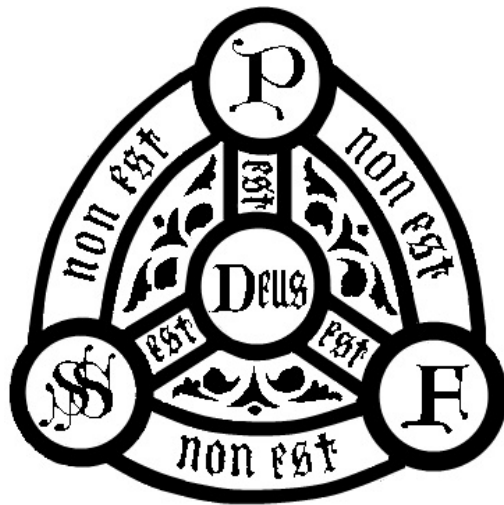
God’s People Respond in Worship

*Hymns Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, #193 Away in a Manger, #204
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, #203 O Come, All Ye Faithful, #208

*Prayer of Adoration

*Responsive Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11



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“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29

“Comfort, O comfort My people,” says your God. “Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.”

A voice is calling, “Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley; then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Call out.”

Then he answered, “What shall I call out?”

All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.

Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news; lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; lift it up, do not fear.

Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”

Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might, with His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him and His recompense before Him.

Like a shepherd He will tend His flock; in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

God Declares His Law

The Tenth Commandment:

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.
—Exodus 20:17

God Calls His People to Repentance

Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David. . . . Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.

—Isaiah 55:1-3, 6

God’s People Respond by Confessing Their Sins

Private Confession

Responsive Corporate Confession Psalm 32, *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 795

God Assures His People of Their Pardon

And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you Go. From now on sin no more.”

—John 8:11

God’s People Respond in Praise and Confess Their Faith

***Hymns** God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen, #211

Within a Crib My Savior Lay, #212 What Child Is This? #213

***The Apostles’ Creed** *Trinity Hymnal*, #845

***Hymns** Of the Father’s Love Begotten, #162

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High! #155

God Calls His People to Prayer

Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

—John 14:13

God’s People Respond by Presenting Their Petitions to Him

Pastoral Prayer

God Instructs His People Through His Word

***Reading of the Scriptures** Romans 5:1-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Why the Word Became Flesh” Mr. Cal Beisner

God’s People Respond in Thanksgiving

Offertory *O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord*, #174

***Gloria Patri** *Trinity Hymnal*, #734

***Hymn** Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder, #172

God Exhorts His People

But prove yourselves doers of the word,
and not merely hearers who delude themselves. (James 1:22)

***Benediction**

Silent Prayer and Musical Postlude