

THE LORD'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 27, 2020 • 11:00 A.M.

“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

~ Psalm 34:1-3

▶ PRELUDE

A Miniature

Gordon Phillips

▶ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

▶ *CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 34:1-3



► *THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*(Hymn#218)

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 • seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

REFRAIN

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Smart, 1867



▶ *THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

▶ *THE CONFESSION OF FAITH - *Apostles Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*catholic means universal

▶ *DOXOLOGY

▶ THE PASTORAL PRAYER.....Rev. Danny Smit

▶ *THE ANTHEM *Masters In This Hall* *arr. Harry Simeone*

Noel! Masters in this hall, hear ye all the news today that's brought from over the waters; Now rejoice I pray. Shepherds in the hills, sat among the silent sheep, and no man spoke more words than had be asleep. Noel! Happy are the fold on earth and gone is sorrowing and fear! Noel! For today the folk are raised up and cast adown the proud. Noel! Then to Bethlehem, they all did go to see a wondrous Babe, lie in a manger low. This is Christ, the Lord, so masters all, I pray be glad, for Christmastide is come, and no one should be sad. Noel! Happy are the folk on earth and gone is sorrowing and fear! For today the folk are raised up and cast adown the proud Noel!!!

▶ THE LORD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS



► *THE HYMN OF PREPARATION.....*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (Hymn#561)*

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing ech - oes of your tone;
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious things you do im - part;
3. O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my ver - y heart o'er - flow
4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you will and when and where;

as you have sought, so let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
and wing my words, that they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
in kin - dling thought and glow - ing word your love to tell, your praise to show.
un - til your bless - ed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Frances R. Havergal, 1872
Mod.

CANONBURY L.M.
Robert Schumann, 1839; arr.



► *THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Genesis 3:19-24; Matthew 2:13-23

19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

20 The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

21 And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever--

23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.

14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt

15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

20 saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.

23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

*THE SERMON.....Crisis of Christmas: The Pursuit of Herod, Rev. Danny Myers



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
 2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,
 3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day:
 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy ser-vants what they ask of thee to gain,
 5. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-or to the Son,

cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
 in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy;
 • with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;
 what they gain from thee for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,
 laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, ev-er Three and ev-er One,

ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.
 God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
 • and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
 and here-af-ter in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.
 One in might, and One in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

Latin, 7th cent.
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851
 Alt. in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Smart, 1876



▶ *BENEDICTION

▶ *CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* (Hymn#195 Stanza 3)

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

▶ *POSTLUDE

Capriccio

W. A. Mozart





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NEWS & EVENTS

HAT AND GLOVE TREE

We're collecting new hats, gloves, scarves & socks to help minister to our Smyrna neighbors that are in need. If you want to participate please place your gifts on or around the Christmas tree in the Narthex. We will be collecting these items thru January 3rd & will deliver them to MUST MINISTRIES in Smyrna. Questions? Please contact Mark or Pat Jackson.

HELPING HANDS LEADER

Looking for a way to get involved? We are in search of a new Helping Hands Leader! The Helping Hands ministry exists to provide meals for church members in need of help (after having a baby, going through cancer treatment, surgery, etc). If you're interested in the position please contact Stefanie Smit at 770-676-8064 or Stefanie.carolyne@gmail.com. She will help the individual taking over work through this process and discuss situations when meals are appropriate, the email list, helpful suggestions, and more!

NURSERY NEEDS

The nursery is prayerfully looking for 1 more Sunday School teacher for ages 2-4 as well as volunteers for the 2's and 3's during Service. Both would begin in January.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will have a kick off breakfast Sunday, January 3rd at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

