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A Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *(refrain)*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. *(refrain)*

Charles Wesley; Mendelssohn

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Christ, is Savior, King and Head of his Church

Yet we have denied our need to be in submission to him.

We have denied our need to be in submission to one another.

**Forgive us for declaring we have no need of the body of Christ
through our selfishness, pride, and apathy.**

Restore us to real community, O Lord.

Teach us anew how to suffer and rejoice together.

Forgive our self-promotion and help us to delight in one another.

**Help us to show the glory of Christ through obedience
motivated by love for you and our brothers and sisters.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to
Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity
is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for
all her sins.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.

What has Christ done?

**All things were created through him and for him.
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the Church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.
In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Why should we follow Christ?

**He is the radiance of the glory of God
and the exact imprint of his nature,
and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.
After making purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

-Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20 & Hebrews 1:1-4

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

**Our Father who art 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth good-will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song of peace on earth, good-will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."

Till ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day—
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth, good-will to men!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-20

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The New King"

Pastor Ian Hard

[Please find the sermon outline and/or space for notes after
the *Benediction* at the end of bulletin.]

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glori Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking
Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated
in the physical presence of the body of Christ.*

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? (*refrain*)

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (*refrain*)

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: The New King

The King's

1.Humility

2.Holiness

3.Honor