

Morning Worship

December 13th, 2020

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, Hymn 193, Trinity Hymnal

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.
4. At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

RESPONSIVE READING (Pastor Fisher): Isaiah 55:1-13

¹ *"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.*

² **Why do you spend money for *what* is not bread, And your wages for *what* does not satisfy?**

^{2b} *Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance.*

³ **Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live;**

^{3b} *And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David.*

⁴ **Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people.**

⁵ *Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."*

⁶ **Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.**

⁷ *Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts;*

^{7b} **Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.**

⁸ *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.*

⁹ **"For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.**

¹⁰ "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,

¹¹ **So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.**

¹² "For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace;

^{12b} **The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.**

¹³ ***Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.***"

O Come, All Ye Faithful Hymn 208, Trinity Hymnal

1. O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels;

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

2. God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God, Begotten, not created;

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels;
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest;

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Late in flesh appearing;

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

SCRIPTURE READING (Mr. Brillhart): Luke 1:26-37

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, (27) to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. (28) And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one,

the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" (29) But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. (30) Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. (32) He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. (33) And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." (34) Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" (35) And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. (36) Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. (37) For with God nothing will be impossible."

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Hymn 196, Trinity Hymnal

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| 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart. | 3 Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness,
our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend,
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all. |
| 2 Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth." | 4 Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne. |

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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.