

Morning Worship

December 27th, 2020

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen, Hymn 211, Trinity Hymnal

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.
2. From God our heav'nly Father,
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.
3. Fear not then,' said the angel,
'Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him
From Satan's power and might.'
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.
4. The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks afeeding,
In tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

RESPONSIVE READING (Pastor Fisher): Isaiah 43:1-13

- (1) *But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel:*
- (1b) "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.**
- (2) *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.*
- (2b) When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.**
- (3) *For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.*
- (4) Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people for your life.**
- (5) *Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west;*
- (6) I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!'**
- (6b) Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth—**
- (7) Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."**
- (8) *Bring out the blind people who have eyes, And the deaf who have ears.*
- (9) Let all the nations be gathered together, And let the people be assembled. Who among them can declare this, And show us former things?**
- (9b) Let them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified; Or let them hear and say, "It is truth."**
- (10) "You are My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He.**

(10b & 11) *Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the LORD, And besides Me there is no savior.*

(12) **I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses," Says the LORD, "that I am God.**

(13) ***Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?"***

Good Christian Men, Rejoice, Hymn 207, Trinity Hymnal

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| 1. 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! | He hath opened heaven's door,
And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this! |
| 2. Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this! | 3. 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! |

SCRIPTURE READING (Mr. Brillhart): Mark 4:26-41

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, (27) and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. (28) For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. (29) But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." (30) Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? (31) It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; (32) but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade." (33) And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear *it*. (34) But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples. (35) On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." (36) Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. (37) And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. (38) But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" (39) Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. (40) But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?" (41) And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

Tell Me The Old, Old Story, Hymn 625, Trinity Hymnal

1. Tell me the old, old story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love:
Tell me the story simply,
As to a little child,
For I am weak and weary,
And helpless and defiled.

(Refrain)

Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Of Jesus and his love.

2. Tell me the story softly,
With earnest tones and grave;
Remember, I'm the sinner
Whom Jesus came to save:
Tell me the story always,
If you would really be,
In any time of trouble,
A comforter to me.

(Refrain)

Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Of Jesus and his love.

3. Tell me the same old story,
When you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory
Is costing me too dear:
Yes, and when that world's glory
Is dawning on my soul,
Tell me the old, old story,
"Christ Jesus makes thee whole."

(Refrain)

Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Of Jesus and his love.

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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.