

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

THE SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE

December 27, 2009 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

Prelude: "Worship the King: Christmas Medley" arr. Ham
"The Messiah Medley" Handel/arr. Wyrzten

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Isaiah 12
I will praise you, O LORD. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.
The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

* Hymn: PH 345 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

* God's Greeting:
Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
The LORD be with you.
And also with you.
Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.
Blessed be God,
And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you have given to us the new light of your incarnate Word, even Jesus Christ our LORD. Grant that this light, imparted to our hearts, may shine forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Response: PH 340, stanza 3 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Reading from the Psalms:

Psalm 14 (p.538)

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, maker of all things and judge of all men, we acknowledge our many sins and wickedness before you, which we, from time to time, have committed in thought, word, and deed against your majesty. We repent and are sorry for these our sins. The remembrance of them is grievous, and the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, forgive us for all that is past, and grant that we may from now on serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Christ our LORD. Silent Prayer and Confession Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Jeremiah 33

Profession of Faith and Reception of New Members: Inserts

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 342

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave during the hymn.]

Scripture Reading:

Ruth 2:1-13

Sermon: The Book of Ruth: Under the Wings of Refuge

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 337

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

ANTIOCH

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund
Faith Promise for Missions

Offertory: “Back to Bethlehem”

arr. Ham

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Blessing:

May he, who by his Incarnation, gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and good will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

* Response:

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

MERTON

Honor, glory, might, dominion to the Father and the Son,
With the everliving Spirit while eternal ages run.

Postlude: “Joy to the World”

arr. Davis
