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Christmas Day

December 25, 2013

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude
Ring of the Bell

Cross Procession/Opening Hymn: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
Traditional English; Public Domain Selected Verses & nbsp
Edited by L. Sorenson

1)
God rest ye merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Savior, Was born on Christmas day;
To save us all from Satan's pow'r, When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!

2)
From God our Heavenly 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 Savior Of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him From Satan's pow'r and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!

4)
The Shepherds came to Bethlehem Where our dear Savior lay,
They found Him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling down, Unto the Lord did pray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Psalm 98, prayed responsivelyworship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Hymn: #387, "Joy to the World"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #374, "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Festival Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #364, "Away in a Manger"

Sermon: "Let Us Go to the Manger!"

Offering

Instrumental Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Piano: Sara Sorenson

Guitar: Mary Jo Arndt

Hymn: #393, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Closing Hymn: #388, "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Benediction

Closing Acclamation

Postlude