

Worship Leader Edition

Christmas 2 – Boy Jesus in the Temple

January 3, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Pastor Rob*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Pastor Rob*)

L: Blessed be the Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for individual reflection.*) Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283

Verse 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:

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Verse 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,

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: God of all learning, when the boy, Jesus, stayed in the temple to learn from the elders, it was the elders who in turn learned from him. Teach us, Lord, as you have taught others, and grant us wisdom and willingness to learn.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING (*Mark Bergherr*)

Ephesians 4:4-16

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of

the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Vicar Stephanie Luedtke

SONG OF THE DAY

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

ELW #275

Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain

Come and worship,
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.

Verse 2

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light.

Refrain

Verse 3

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations,
You have seen his natal star.

Refrain

Verse 4

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.

Refrain

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Pastor Rob*)

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*spoken*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. As we prepare to receive this gift of life and forgiveness, let us take a moment of silent confession.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Pastor Rob*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

PEACE AND BENEDICTION (*Pastor Rob*)

L: The God of all grace, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“I Am Free”

Jon Eagan, Glenn Packiam

Verse 1

Through You the blind will see
Through You the mute will sing
Through You the dead will rise
Through You all hearts will praise

Through You there's victory
Through You my heart sings
I am free
Yes I am free

Through You the darkness flees
Through You my heart screams
I am free
Yes I am free

Chorus 1

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(Echo each line)

I am free to run
I am free to dance
I am free to live for You
I am free
Yeah I am free

Chorus 2

(Echo each line)

I am free to run
I am free to dance
I am free to live for You
Oh, I am free
I am free
I am free!

Verse 2

Through You the kingdom comes
Through You the battle's won
Through You I'm not afraid
Through You the price is paid

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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