

December 28, 2014

Preparation for Worship – Please use this time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.

Prelude

Announcements

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship – “Glory to God” (Various Texts)

Minister: “Glory to God in highest heaven. And on earth peace for those on whom his favor rests.,

Congregation: In the tender compassion of our God, the morning sun has risen upon us who lived in darkness.

Minister: The Word has become flesh, has dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

Congregation: the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Minister: To us a child is born, to us a son is given. Alleluia.

Congregation: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.”

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

*Hymn - “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #203

Word of Greeting – Please pass the Friendship Registers found on the right end of each row.

Responsive Reading – Matthew 1:18-25 p. 807 in Pew Bible
Confession of Sin (Unison)

O God, You are very great, great in power and in holiness.

We acknowledge that we are sinners. We have sinned against You and done what is evil in Your sight. We are unworthy, but You welcome sinners. We are guilty, but You are merciful. You have shown boundless compassion toward us by not sparing Your Son and by freely giving us all things in Him.

This is the foundation of our hope, that You forgive those who are convicted of their sin, who despair of self but turn to You.

Happy are they who are Christ's, justified from all things, delivered from coming wrath, and made heirs of glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

“But for that very reason I was shown mercy, so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.” 1 Timothy 1:16, 17

Morning Prayer

*Hymn - “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” #195

*Confession of Faith – The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter VIII, “Of Christ the Mediator,” Paragraph V p. 853 in Trinity Hymnal

*Doxology #731

Offering

Offertory Anthem - “Tidings of Great Joy” arr. M. Parks

(Children 4 through K may be dismissed to Children's Church, 11:00 AM)

Scripture Reading –Hebrews 7:11-25 p. 1004 in Pew Bible
Sermon The Reverend Mr. David G. McKay

“ANOTHER PRIEST TO ARISE”

Prayer of Response from “The Valley of Vision”

THREE IN ONE, ONE IN THREE, GOD OF MY SALVATION,

Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit,

I adore thee as one Being, one Essence, one God in three distinct

Persons, for bringing sinners to thy knowledge and to thy kingdom.

O Father, thou hast loved me and sent Jesus to redeem me;

O Jesus, thou hast loved me and assumed my nature,

shed thine own blood to wash away my sins,

wrought righteousness to cover my unworthiness;

O Holy Spirit, thou hast loved me and entered my heart,

implanted there eternal life, revealed to me the glories of Jesus.

Three Persons and one God, I bless and praise thee,

for love so unmerited, so unspeakable, so wondrous,

so mighty to save the lost and raise them to glory. Amen.

*Hymn – “Silent Night! Holy Night!” #210

*Benediction

*Postlude

Sermon Outline

Hebrews 7:11-25

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“ANOTHER PRIEST TO ARISE”

Introduction: Christmas celebrates Christ's coming.

Hebrews 7:11 speaks of the need “for another priest to arise.” Why?

I. A King Forever

Heb. 7 quotes Ps. 110:4. V. 1, “The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand...”

“LORD,” Yahweh; “Lord,” Adonai

Warfield: “The Divine Messiah in the Old Testament.” Ps. 110 fulfilled in Christ, Acts 2:34-36, Luke 20:41-44.

A “merely human redeemer ... could do very little”

II. A Priest Forever

Ps. 110:4 quoted in Heb. 7:17 & 21, “a priest forever”

Heb. 7:1, Melchizedek was both king and priest.

Spurgeon, “None of the kings of Israel united these two offices ...”

Melchizedek, “king of righteousness,” Jer. 23:6

Word play – v. 11 “perfection,” v. 25 “uttermost” or “all perfect”

III. For Us Forever

Verse 24. Christ “holds his priesthood ... forever”

Mt. 1:23, “Immanuel, which means 'God with us'.”

Luther's “SHEBLIMINI”

Verse 11, “to arise,” or “to come, to cause to appear, to be born.”

The promise is of a Messiah Who will come: Gen. 49:10; Num. 24:17; Isa. 9:6, 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Ezek 34:22, 23; Zech. 9:9

The angel brings “good news,” “a Savior is born.” Luke 2:10, 11

Christ came, flesh and blood, Heb. 2:14, 17, 4:15.