

Lesson: Isaiah 7.10-14

10 Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, **11** Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. **12** But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. **13** And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? **14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Gospel: Luke 2. 1-14

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. **2** (*And* this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) **3** And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) **5** To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. **6** And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. **7** And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. **10** And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **12** And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **14** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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Prelude

Stand

HYMN # 102

P: O Lord, open thou my lips.

C: And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

Sit

PSALM 110

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

² The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

³ Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

⁴ The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

⁵ The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

⁶ He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

⁷ He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

HYMN # 87

Lesson: *(See back page)*

P: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to thee, O Lord.

Stand

Gospel: *(See back page)*

P: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Sit

HYMN # 85 1-8

Sermon

HYMN # 85 9-15

Stand

P: Let my prayers be set before thee as incense.

C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

MAGNIFICAT

C: My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:

for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

C: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

Several collects are said, ending with the Collect for Peace. After each collect:

C: Amen.

CANDLELIGHTING

Church darkened, candles lit

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

C: The light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us Lord for it is evening.

C: And the day is almost over.

P: Let your light scatter the darkness.

C: And enlighten thy church.

P: Joyous light of glory:

C: Of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Thou art worthy to be praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O giver of life: the universe proclaimeth thy glory.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

C: Amen.

HYMN # 646

Extinguish your candles when the acolyte extinguishes the last candle on the Advent wreath.

Postlude