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Choral Introit

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Sermon Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

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*Content with Nazareth*

Song of Response

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (refrain)

O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

***OUR NURTURING ENVIRONMENT***

Matthew 2:19-23

- I. Three prophecies and a prophetic understanding:
  - A. Born of a virgin (Matthew 1:22-23)  
Speaks to Christ's Deity
  - B. Called 'Out of Egypt' (Matthew 2:14-15)  
Speaks to Christ's Identification with His People
  - C. Time of unconsolable grief (Matthew 2:17-18)  
Speaks to the World's Condition
- Today:*
  - D. Despised and rejected (Matthew 2:23)  
Speaks to the World's Rejection
- II. God provides 'parental counsel' to Joseph and Mary ... (Matthew 2:19-23)
  - A. Safe to return to the land of Israel.
  - B. Warning about returning to Jerusalem.
  - C. Settle in Nazareth.
- III. Joseph responds with obedience. (Matthew 2:21-23)
  - A. Leave Egypt
  - B. Return to Israel
  - C. Settle in the safety of Nazareth
- IV. Sometimes we need to be content with 'Nazareth.'
  - A. Despised
  - B. Rejected
  - C. Unpopular
  - D. Reproach
  - E. Shame
- V. We grow best where God plants us.
  - A. The light of God's glory is most evident in the darkness.
  - B. The strength of God's power is most evident in our weakness.

Prelude

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Choral Introit

Call to Worship      Psalm 96:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

\*Hymn No. 161      *Our Day of Joy is Here Again*

Our day of joy is here again, With love and peace and song;  
Come, let us join the angelic strain, With voices clear and strong.  
*Glory to our God, we sing, Glory to our Lord and King'*  
*Peace, good-will with all abide This holy Christmas tide.*

When darkness lay upon this earth, A glorious light did shine;  
God sent a Gift of priceless worth, And showed His love divine.  
*Glory to our God, we sing, Glory to our Lord and King'*  
*Peace, good-will with all abide This holy Christmas tide.*

Now to the manger let us go To worship and adore  
The tender Babe upon the straw, Our Savior evermore.  
*Glory to our God, we sing, Glory to our Lord and King'*  
*Peace, good-will with all abide This holy Christmas tide.*

How wonderful that God's own Son Should so Himself abase!  
His thrust the mighty from their throne, And gave the lowly grace.  
*Glory to our God, we sing, Glory to our Lord and King'*  
*Peace, good-will with all abide This holy Christmas tide.*

\*Unison Reading      Luke 2:10-11

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that  
will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a  
Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

\*Hymn No. 162      *The Birthday of a King*

In the little village of Bethlehem, there lay a Child one day,  
And the sky was bright with a holy light  
over the place where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia! O how the angels sang, Alleluia! How it rang!  
And the sky was bright with a holy light,  
'twas the birthday of a King

'Twas a humble birth-place, but on, how much God  
gave to us that day, From the manger bed with a path has led,  
what a perfect holy way,  
Alleluia! O how the angels sang, Alleluia! How it rang!  
And the sky was bright with a holy light,  
'twas the birthday of a King

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Scripture Reading      Matthew 2:19-23      Mr. Robert Smith

<sup>19</sup> After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt <sup>20</sup> and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead.”

<sup>21</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, <sup>23</sup> and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

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\*Hymn No. 151 *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
News! news! Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now:  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! joy!  
Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door,  
and man is blessed evermore:  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Peace! peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall:  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Mr. Robert Smith

Offertory

Morning Prayer

\*Hymn No. 154 *What Can I Give Him?*

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise-man I would do my part;  
Yet, what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

Sermon Concluded