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Sermon Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

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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

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- ³ 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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¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ 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.”

²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² 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, ²³ 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.”

The Anthem

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*Hymn No. 151 *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

O come let us adore Him,
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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