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Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come-

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Mark 11:9-10

Minister: Behold the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in the highest!

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings
Ris'n with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that men no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Chorus

*Come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King*

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

Chorus

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In his temple shall appear

Chorus

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

Chorus

Call to Confession

Romans 13:8-10

Minister: Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Jesus, it is sometimes so discouraging to take stock of how much sin still dwells in my heart and life—anger, impatience, anxious control, envy, fear, lust, self-pity, greed and selfish ambition. I am full of compromised desires and my transgressions are too numerous to count. I desire to want what you want, and I desire to do what you command, yet my heart is so easily pulled away. Have mercy, Holy Jesus, forgive me. Please send your Holy Spirit to renew my heart in your grace and power. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

Minister: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

Comfort comfort ye my people
Speak ye peace thus saith our God
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load
 Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them
 Tell her that her sins I cover
 And her warfare now is over

Yea her sins our God will pardon
Blotting out each dark misdeed
All that well deserved his anger
 He no more will see or heed
 She hath suffered many a day
Now her griefs have passed away
God will change her pining sadness
 Into ever springing gladness

For the herald's voice is crying
 In the desert far and near
Bidding all men to repentance
Since the kingdom now is here
 O that warning cry obey
 Now prepare for God a way
Let the valleys rise to meet him
And the hills bow down to greet him

Make ye straight what long was crooked
 Make the rougher places plain
Let your hearts be true and humble
 As befits his holy reign
 For the glory of the Lord
 Now o'er earth is shed abroad
And all flesh shall see the token
 That the Word is never broken

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

Worship Choir and Congregation

Come Find His Rest

Choir:

Come weary one leave thy labors
Come lift thy head
See thy Savior and Friend
His arms are open wide
O soul be satisfied
Come find his rest

Take his yoke upon thee
For he is gentle and lowly in heart
So learn from Christ the Lord
Thy Portion and Reward
Come find his rest

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Come weary one leave thy labors
Come lift thy head
See thy Savior and Friend
His arms are open wide
O soul be satisfied
Come find his rest

Take his yoke upon thee
For he is gentle and lowly in heart
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I heard the voice of Jesus say

Choir & Congregation:
I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto me and rest
Lay down o weary one lay down
Your head upon my breast

I came to Jesus as I was
So weary worn and sad
I found in him a resting place
And he has made me glad

Choir:

Take his yoke upon thee
For he is gentle and lowly in heart
So learn from Christ the Lord
Thy Portion and Reward
Come find his rest

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer Of Dedication

Sermon

"Good News of Great Joy"

Luke 2:8-20

Marcelo Jakubovic

Closing Song

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
News news Jesus Christ is born today
Earth and heav'n 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 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

Benediction

Postlude

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