

Rev. Derek Fairman

Christmas Mass

We come together to celebrate Christmas, when time meets eternity as Our Lord Jesus Christ is born. We realize that the Lord has brought us light to overcome the darkness, but also the Lord has filled our hearts with the light of His presence too. If we have faith, the Lord can enter our hearts and remake them as only He can do.

This day we celebrate a wedding of sorts. What do I mean? This is a day when we celebrate the coming of God among us. The wedding was not exactly between a bride and a groom, but between God and the human race. The Lord Jesus Christ has brought the two together in Himself. So the Lord Jesus wedded the human and the divine together in an inseparable bond that will not dissolve.

He has bridged the two, the human and the divine, so that the human race could be brought back to God. For such a long time we had forgotten who God really was. Because we lost the holiness that God had given us, we were subject to the various harsh elements that the world would throw at us. Through the darkness of sin, we had turned our backs on God and since Adam and Eve had created a world that was alien to God. That world is what I would like to focus on.

That world is cruel and harsh. That world is empty. That world is a world in which everyone is out for himself or herself, and no one cares about God or each other. That world is not only antagonistic against God, but it ends up leaving us human beings antagonistic against each other. That is not necessarily the intention, but it happens none the less. The antagonism within the human heart directed at God also spills over so that it is directed at other human beings. That world is without love. That world does not rely upon faith but upon fear. That world is without any joy.

We do not want to live in that kind of world, so it's amazing to think about it, but we are responsible for building this world. When we treat others as if their feelings do not matter, we are building that world up. When we treat others as if their faults and their weaknesses mean that they cannot be included in something, we are building that world up. If we are selfish, or unkind, or petty, we are building that world up more and more.

When we are young, we are open to faith and hope and love. We know joy and peace and happiness. We know what simple things can make us happy. As we grow, however, we can lose

