Prelude Greeting/Announcements Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" LBW #50 Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:pg. 77 LBW Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading	Isaiah 63:7-14
Second Reading	Revelation 12:1-6
Faith Seeds	

The Gospel Acclamation LBW #43

"Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn, a Savior unto us is born, the Christ, the Lord of glory! His lowly birth at Bethlehem. The angels from on high proclaim and sing redemption's story! My soul, extol, God's great favor; bless him ever for salvation; Give him praise and adoration!"

The Announcement of the Gospel:	"Glory to You, O Lord"	
Gospel	Matthew 2:13-23	
Response after the Gospel:	"Praise to You, Oh Christ"	
Sermon "There's a Dragon in the Nativity" Pastor Dave Wollan		
Hymn "Cold December Flies	s Away" LBW #53	
Nicene Creed:		

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Response

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Distribution	. "Lamb of God"	LBW pg. 92
Communion	LBW #44, 1	98, and 54
Benediction		
Closing Hymn "	Go Tell It on the Mountain"	' LBW #70

"What Does This Mean?"

Questions about Today's Worship Theme:
Matthew 2:13-23

- † What compromises did Herod commit in seeking greatness?
- † How does Matthew put Herod's power play into perspective?
- † How have you experienced the goodness and grace of God in the face of evil?

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