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The First Sunday of Christmas

Hymns and Carols with Holy Communion

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THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels;

Refrain:

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

Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! **[Refrain]**

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: **[Refrain]**

THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

THE CHRISTMAS INTROIT

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Christmas is the Good News that God so loved the world that He sent His Son to save us from Sin and death.

People: The angel told Joseph to name Mary's son Jesus; because He would save His people from their sins. [Mt 1:21]

Pastor: An angel announced this Good News to the shepherds saying, "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." [Lk 2:10-11]

People: Christmas is the Good News that the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all. [Titus 2:11]

Pastor: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." [Acts 4:12]

People: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." [Acts 2:21]

Pastor: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

People: "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." [Rom 10:9-10]

Pastor: The Bible says, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." [1 John 1:8]

People: The Bible also says, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." [1 John 1:9]

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,

People: By what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Pastor: We have not loved You with our whole heart;

People: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

People: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of God's Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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 the' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

THE COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray, O God, as You make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of You only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, grant that we, who joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." ...

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt 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."

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 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, 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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHRISTMAS HYMNS AND COMMENTS

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
“There is no peace on earth,” I said,
“For hate is strong, and mocks the song

Of peace on earth, good will to men.”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

“God is not dead, nor both He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.”

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

“Angels We have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

[Refrain]

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

[Refrain]

“Now Sing We Now Rejoice”

Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art!
Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee!
Draw me unto Thee!

Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there!
May we praise Him there!

Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light,
Oh, that we were there!
Oh, that we were there!

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

THE OFFERING

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Special Prayers will be made at this time
Petitions will end with the words, "Lord in Your mercy"
The congregation may respond, "Hear our prayer."*

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray

People: 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 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Holy, mighty and merciful God, Father in heaven the whole universe is full of Your glory.

People: In great love You sent Jesus Your Son to be born among us, come to save us from our sins.

Pastor: To heal the sick and suffering, cast out demons and preach Good News to the poor,

People: To suffer and die on the cross, to rise and to give new life to all who believe.

Pastor: On the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying:

People: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying:

People: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: **Remembering His glorious birth, innocent death, triumphant resurrection and ascension, His presence here and now, we await His coming at the Last Day.**

People: Send us Your Holy Spirit. Nourish our faith. Help us to live faithfully as Your children until Jesus come again. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again,
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.

The Father sends Him from His throne
To be an infant small;
And lie here, poorly manger'd now
In this cold dismal stall,
In this cold dismal stall.

Within an earthborn form He hides
His all creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.

He undertakes a great exchange,
Puts on our mortal frame;
And in return gives us His realm,
His glory and His name,
His glory and His name.

He is a servant, I a lord;
How great a mystery;
How strong the tender Christ-child's love,

No truer friend than He,
No truer friend than He.

He is the key and He the door
To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more
To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.

Your grace and lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus we adore;
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore.
We praise You evermore.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King:
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love.