

# The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day

December 25, 2016



## SERVICE OUTLINE

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### **INTROIT** *Ps. 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 9:6*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*

**and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,**  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*

**Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*

**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.**

The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;\*

**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;\*

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **GRADUAL** *Ps. 118:26a, 27a, 23*

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord!\*

**The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.**

This is the Lord's | doing;\*

**it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

### **DAILY READINGS**

**December 25:** Is. 49:1–18; Matt. 1:1–17; **26:** Is. 49:22–26; 50:4–51:8, 12–16; Matt. 1:18–25; **27:** Is. 51:17–52:12; Matt. 2:1–12; **28:** Is. 52:13–54:10; Matt. 2:13–23; **29:** Is. 55:1–13; Luke 1:1–25; **30:** Is. 58:1–59:3, 14–21; Luke 1:26–38; **31:** Is. 60:1–22; Luke 1:39–56.

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### **Old Testament Reading: Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38**

17In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. 18Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. 19And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the Lord had commanded Moses. 20He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. 21And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the Lord had commanded Moses. . . . 34Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 35And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 36Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. 37But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. 38For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

### **Epistle: Titus 3:4–7**

4But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, she saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and

renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### **Holy Gospel: John 1:1–14**

1In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.