

# *Christmas Day*

## *December 25, 2021*



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**PRESERVICE MUSIC** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (arr. Hildebrand); “Angels We Have Heard on High” (arr. Held); “O Come All Ye Faithful” (arr. Hildebrand)

## 380 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

- 1 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!” **Refrain**

**Refrain** Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

- 2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the\_incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! **Refrain**
- 3 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 man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. **Refrain**

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 124:8; 130:3, adapt.; Luke 18:13*

**P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered this Christmas morning to hear God’s Word, to marvel at the mystery of the Word becoming flesh, and to receive Him as He comes to us in His body and blood, let us first consider our unworthiness before God and confess before Him and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition; only God’s Son, Jesus Christ, has set us free from our fears and failures, our sin and death, and He enables us to live forever as God’s children. Let us then take refuge in the infinite mercy of our God and, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, say: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, born into this world on Christmas, to live, suffer, die, and rise again for you. For Jesus’ sake, your heavenly Father forgives you all your sins. As your pastor, it is my privilege to announce this message of grace unto you and, as Christ has commanded, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of our sin
- C** **that we may rejoice in the salvation You have delivered unto us;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 62:10–12*

<sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. <sup>11</sup>Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” <sup>12</sup>And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Titus 3:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he 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, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO** “Once in Royal David’s City” (arr. Isaacson)

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:1–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” <sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

<sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 379 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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- 1 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**

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

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

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

- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

**SERMON** “God's Firstborn - Our Inheritance” Titus 3:4-7

**CREED** Nicene Creed (Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** let us pray to the Lord,

**C** Lord have mercy.

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** Amen.

**+ SACRAMENT +**

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You have given to us and all creation. This day we rejoice with the heavenly host as they proclaim the glad tidings of great joy,

knowing that the Word has become flesh and made His dwelling among us. Your holy Child, who entered our world that first Christmas, comes unto us again this day in His body and blood as we are drawn unto Your holy presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **SANCTUS**

*LSB 161*

**G** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 163*

**G** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

### **370 WHAT CHILD IS THIS**

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

### 393 INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

- 1 Infant holy,  
    Infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
    Oxen lowing,  
    Little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
    Swiftly winging,  
    Angels singing,  
    Bells are ringing,  
    Tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!
- 2 Flocks were sleeping,  
    Shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new  
    Saw the glory,  
    Heard the story,  
Tidings of a Gospel true.  
    Thus rejoicing,  
    Free from sorrow,  
    Praises voicing,  
    Greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!

### 366 IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all, From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav’nly music floats O’er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov’ring wing,  
And ever o’er its babel sounds The blessèd angels sing.
- 3 All you, beneath your heavy load, By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour, Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the angels sing.
- 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old,  
When down into the circling years Came Christ as was foretold.  
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s ancient promise bring,  
And all who take this gift will hear The song the angels sing.

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. You have come unto us, O Father, in the precious body and blood of Christ, our Lord. Grant that we who have received Your salvation rejoice in You all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Isaiah 9:6, adapt.; Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** Unto us  
**C** **a child is born!**  
**P** Unto us  
**C** **a son is given!**  
**P** And the government shall be upon His shoulder.  
**C** **And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**  
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**

## 388 GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

**Refrain** Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. **Refrain**
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior’s birth. **Refrain**
- 3 Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

## POSTLUDE “Christmas Medley” (arr. Ellers)

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