

1st Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2020

9:00a

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Versicles

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L O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C Alleluia, alleluia.

Psalmody

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite (Sung by Pastor and Cantor)

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C O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

I Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

II For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

I In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

II The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.

I O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

II For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Psalm 111:1-10

P Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

P Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

C He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

P He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

C He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

P The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

C they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

C The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

- 6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

Readings

Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 2:22–40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting

for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

- L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

389 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
 3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
 4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
 in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
 at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
 hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

5 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.

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

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

Sermon

Theme: "Divide"

Text: Luke 2:22-40

Canticle

Benedictus (Congregation part spoken / Cantor part sung)

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- C** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
 He has come to His people and redeemed them.
 He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
 born of the house of His servant David.
 Through His holy prophets He promised of old
 that He would save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all who hate us.
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers
 and to remember His holy covenant.
 This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 free to worship Him without fear,
 holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.
- L** You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
 to give His people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of our God,
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us
 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;**
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer

Collects

Petitions ending in...

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.
O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.

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L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Please place your offering in an offering plate as you depart.

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