

CHRISTMAS DAY
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"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*Stand**The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.***Confession and Absolution**

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.**Introit***Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6*

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C: and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

P: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

C: Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for

him.

P: The LORD has made known his salvation;

C: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

All: 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.

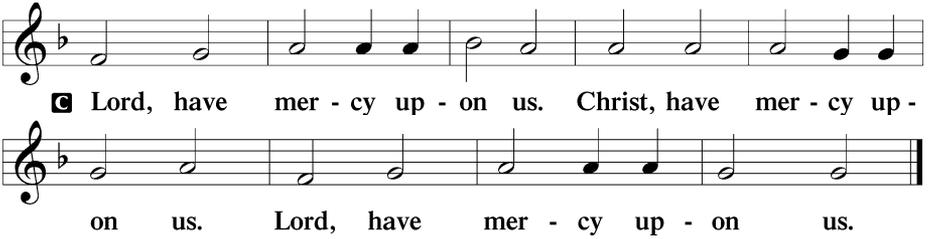
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Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

Collect

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 sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament

Isaiah 62:10–12

¹⁰Go 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.

¹¹Behold, 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.”

¹²And 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.

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

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Epistle

Titus 3:4–7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
⁵he 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks Be To God.

Stand

Verse

C: Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:15-20

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And 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.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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C: Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

Nicene Creed

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

And 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 men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will 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 in 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

Sit

Hymn of the Day

No. 384

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Sermon "Proclaimed to the Ends of the Earth" Luke 2:15-20

Stand

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Proper Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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.

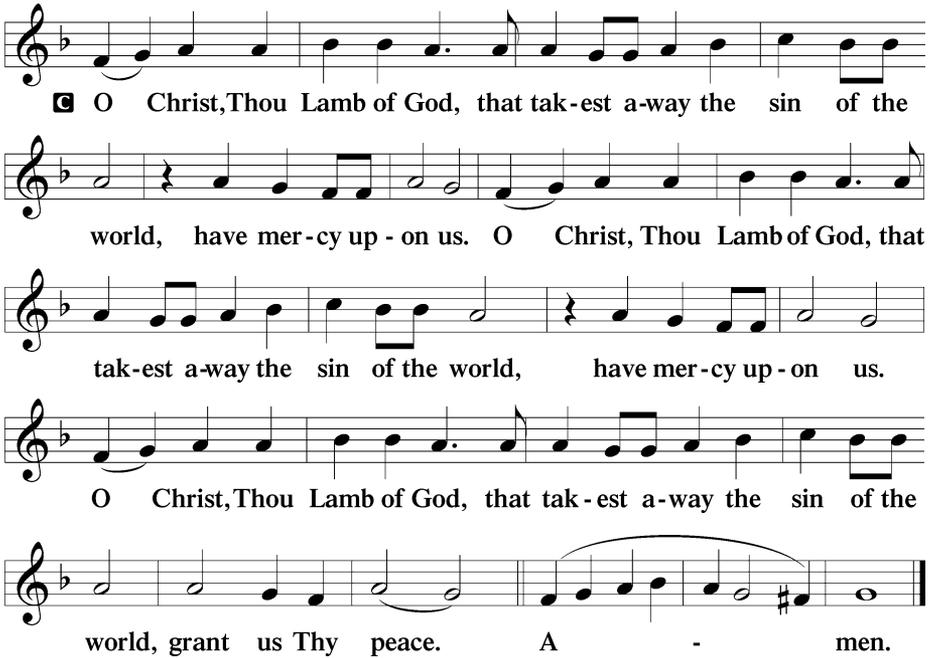
The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sing) Amen.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION As we come to the altar, we come confessing our sins, looking to Christ for forgiveness, asking the Holy Spirit to change our sinful lives, and recognizing Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine.

In faithfulness to God's Word, our congregation practices close communion. We invite to our altar all who have confirmed their faith with us before a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation or who have met with Pastor. Our practice in no way implies that people of other denominations are not Christians but allows us to maintain a clear confession of our faith and affords proper pastoral care of individuals.

Distribution Hymns

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

No. 621

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

No. 361

"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

No. 624

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: and His mercy endureth forever.

P: Let us pray ... one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen, amen, amen.**

Sit

Closing Hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 380

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Those who purchased poinsettias to decorate the church are welcome to take them home after service.

