

DECEMBER 27, 2020 - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Prelude - "Prelude On Puer Natus In Bethlehem" by Walther; arr. Paxton

389 Let All Together Praise Our God

sts. 1-2, 5, 7

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first staff contains the first five lines of the hymn. The second staff continues with the next four lines. The third staff concludes the hymn with the final two lines.

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
5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a
△ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,
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
mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No
we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And
give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.
Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Christmas Dialog

- P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P** Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness on them light has shined.
C **We beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**
- P** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
C **In him was life, and that life was the light of men**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
C **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. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9a, b

¹Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
 in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
²Great are the works of the LORD,
 studied by all who delight in them.
³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
 and his righteousness endures forever.
⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
 the LORD is gracious and merciful.
⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
 he remembers his covenant forever.
⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
 in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
 all his precepts are trustworthy;
⁸they are established forever and ever,
 to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
⁹He sent redemption to his people;
 he has commanded his covenant forever.
 Holy and awesome is his name!
¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
 all those who practice it have a good understanding.
 His praise endures forever!
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.

Epistle

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

519 In His Temple Now Behold Him

1 In His tem - ple now be - hold Him, See the long - ex -
2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir - gin pure, be -
3 Je - sus, by Your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed You,

pect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told Him,
hold Him lie While His a - ged saints a - dore Him
weak and poor, Make us see Your great sal - va - tion,

God has now ful - filled His word. Now to praise Him,
Ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia,
Seal us with Your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us

His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.
al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
in Your glo - ry To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \pm everlasting. Amen.

Sit

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

sts. 1–3, 5

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 △ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly

gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

A - men.

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Kneel

Prayer of the Church

Each petition ends:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy:
C Hear our prayer!

Lord's Prayer

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.
C For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

Stand

Benediction

LSB 183

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 \ddagger give you peace.

C Amen.

937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,

Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and

va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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