



# December 27, 2020 1st Sunday of Christmas



## PRELUDE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who was in the beginning,  
who makes a dwelling among us,  
who covers us with justice and mercy. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
God of goodness and lovingkindness,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.**

**We have turned away from your invitation to new life.  
We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.  
In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,  
those we know and those known only to you,  
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!  
God forgives us all our sins,  
not through our own work,  
but through ☩ Jesus Christ, made known to all people.  
With all who come to the manger,  
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace. **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

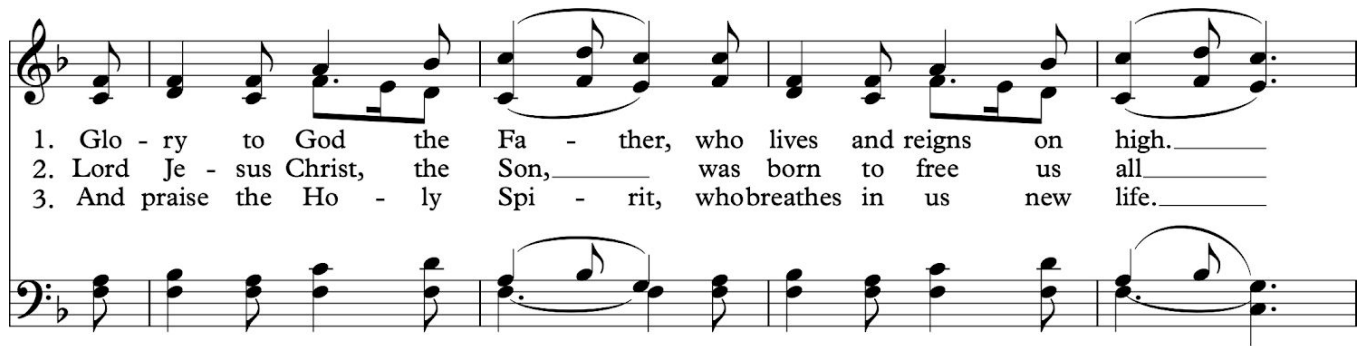
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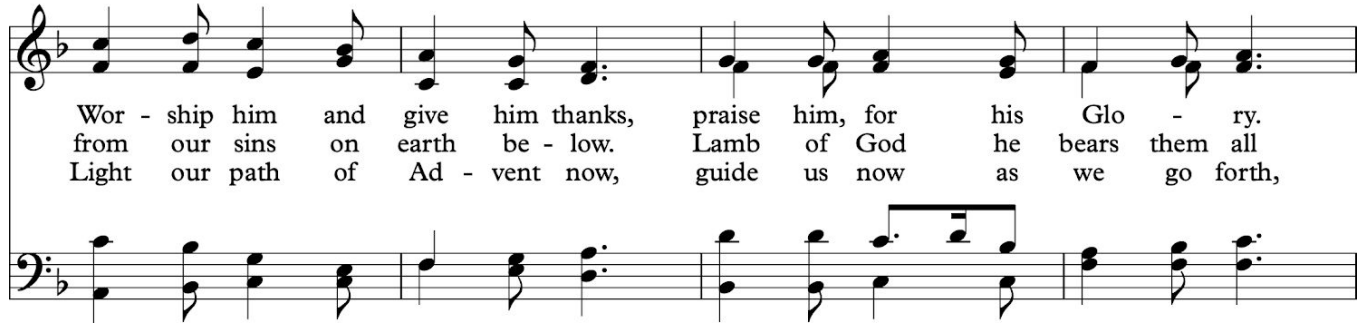
Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Christ have mer - cy on us now.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Lord come quick - ly save us now.

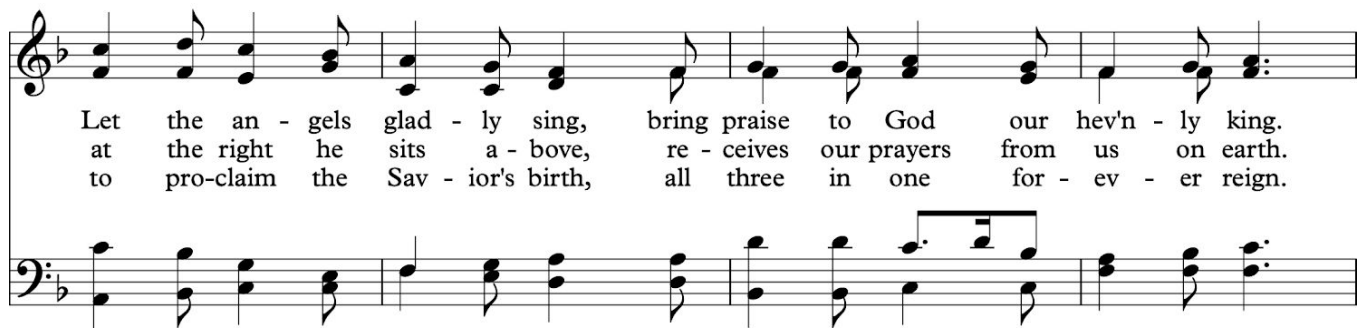
## HYMN OF PRAISE



1. Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, who lives and reigns on high. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, the Son, \_\_\_\_\_ was born to free us all \_\_\_\_\_  
3. And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit, who breathes in us new life. \_\_\_\_\_



Wor - ship him and give him thanks, praise him, for his Glo - ry.  
from our sins on earth be - low. Lamb of God he bears them all  
Light our path of Ad - vent now, guide us now as we go forth,



Let the an - gels glad - ly sing, bring praise to God our hev'n - ly king.  
at the right he sits a - bove, re - ceives our prayers from us on earth.  
to pro-claim the Sav - ior's birth, all three in one for - ev - er reign.



Glo - ry be to God, \_\_\_\_\_ peace to all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3**

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being 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 with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>62:1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 148**



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<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the Lord, | all you angels;**  
**sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,**  
**and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the Lord,  
 who commanded, and they | were created,  
<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,**  
**giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**  
<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord| from the earth,  
 you sea monsters | and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, | snow and fog,**  
**tempestuous wind, do- | ing God’s will;**  
<sup>9</sup>mountains | and all hills,  
 fruit trees | and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts | and all cattle,**  
**creeping things and | flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers | of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>**young | men and maidens,**  
**old and | young together.**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the Lord,  
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful**  
**servants,**  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 4: 4-7**

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”),

<sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

<sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

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## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Night and day, all creation praises you, O God. Strengthen your church across nations, denominations, and traditions. Fill us with wisdom and unify our proclamation of your forgiveness and mercy. As your body, we pray, **give peace, O God.**

All creation is holy to you, O God. You cause the earth to bring forth its shoots and gardens to spring up. Protect hibernating animals and frozen lands that wait earnestly for longer days of awakening and growth. As your body, we pray, **give peace, O God.**

The nations are upheld by your hand, O God. Cause righteousness and praise to spring forth, inspiring leaders to serve with compassion and integrity. Send your spirit of discernment upon legislators grappling with complex decisions for the sake of the common good. As your body, we pray, **give peace, O God.**

Send the spirit of your Son into our hearts, O God. Come quickly to hearts that race with fear, hearts that break with grief, and hearts that long for wholeness (especially). Reveal your power to heal and to save. As your body, we pray, **give peace, O God.**

Adopt us into your family, O God. Bless our elders with the peace and joy of Simeon and Anna. Strengthen those who have retired, those who work in older age, and those in need of income, food, company, or health care. Connect young and old across generations. As your body, we pray, **give peace, O God.**

Let us depart in peace, O God, according to your word. For all your saints, we give you thanks. Prepare our salvation in the sight of all your witnesses of every time and place. As your body, we pray, **give peace, O God.**

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O Lord our God. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

As Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray. **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, the power, and the glory. Forever and ever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God,  
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,  
proclaimed joy through the angels,  
sent the shepherds with good news,  
and led the magi by a star,  
bless you this day ☩ through the Word made flesh.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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