

# Divine Service First Sunday after Christmas

DECEMBER 27, 2020

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)*

## Opening Hymn: 367 ss. 1-5

1. Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship,  
Come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the Infant Light:  
Come and worship:  
Come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
Ye have seen His natal star:  
Come and worship,  
Come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

4. Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His Temple shall appear:  
Come and worship,  
Come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

5. All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship,  
Come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

## Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

## Call to Confession

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

CONG..... But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG..... Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

## The Introit of the Day Is. 52:10; Ps. 98:1-4

The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

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

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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.

The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

## The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here  
their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
LORD.

CONG..... *Amen.*

**Choir:** "Let Our Gladness Have No End" 381 ss 1 and 3  
1 Let our gladness have no end, alleluia!  
For to earth did Christ descend, alleluia!

Refrain:

On this day God gave us  
Christ, His Son, to save us;  
Christ, His Son to save us.

3 See, the loveliest blooming rose, alleluia!  
From the branch of Jesse grows, alleluia! [Refrain]

PASTOR: **Collect of the Day.**

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.

## **The Old Testament Reading:** ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

61:10 I 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.  
11 For 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.  
62:1 For 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.  
2 The 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.  
3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

## **Gradual:** ISAIAH 9:6; PSALM 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder.  
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!

## **The Epistle:** GALATIANS 4:4-7

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his  
Son, born of woman, born under the law,  
5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might  
receive adoption as sons.  
6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son  
into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then  
an heir through God.

## **Verse:** LUKE 2:30,32

Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for  
revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.  
Alleluia.

## **Holy Gospel:** ST. LUKE 2:22-40

22 And when the time came for their purification according to  
the Law of Moses, they brought him 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")  
24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the  
Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young  
pigeons."  
25 Now 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.  
26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he  
would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.  
27 And 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,  
28 he 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;  
30 for my eyes have seen your salvation  
31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel."  
33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said  
about him.  
34 And 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.”

36 And 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,

37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

38 And 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.

39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**Sermon Hymn:** 374 ss. 1-3 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

1 Gentle Mary laid her child  
Lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the Undefined,  
To the world a stranger:  
Such a babe in such a place,  
Can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race  
Who have found His favor.

2 Angels sang about His birth;  
Wise men sought and found Him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth,  
Glory all around Him:  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,  
Heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night,  
All the hills were ringing.

3 Gentle Mary laid her child  
Lowly in a manger;

He is still the Undefined,  
But no more a stranger:  
Son of God, of humble birth,  
Beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth,  
Hail the King of glory!

**Sermon:** “God Sent Forth His Son!” GALATIANS 4:4-7

**The Post-Sermon Hymn:** 389 ss. 1-7

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

1. Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav'n again, To give us His own Son,  
To give us His own Son.
2. The Father sends Him from His throne To be an infant small;  
And lie here, poorly manger'd now In this cold dismal stall,  
In this cold dismal stall.
3. Within an earthborn form He hides His all creating light;  
To serve us all He humbly cloaks The splendor of His might,  
The splendor of His might.
4. He undertakes a great exchange, puts on our mortal frame;  
And in return gives us His realm, His glory and His name,  
His glory 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 blessed paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.

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

### **The Apostles' Creed** (We Confess Together)

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 everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer**

### **The Collect for the Word**

PASTOR: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

CONG: Amen.

### **The Benediction**

PASTOR: 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.

CONG: Amen.

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