

THE DIVINE SERVICE

January 5, 2020

The Second Sunday After Christmas

In Preparation

Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Luke 2:15-32

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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 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 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. 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. 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, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, as at the baptism in the Jordan River you once proclaimed Jesus your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized in his name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and with him be heirs of life eternal; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Entrance



CHORAL INTROIT

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

❖ CAROL OF INVOCATION

John Francis Wade, 1751

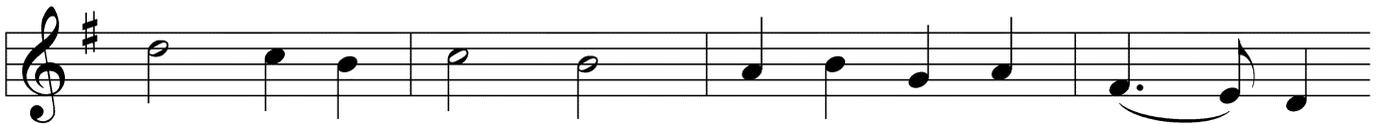
J. F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
2. God of God, Light of Light;
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:



O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
glo - ry to God in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Minister: Unto us a child is born and unto us a Son is given.

People: His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

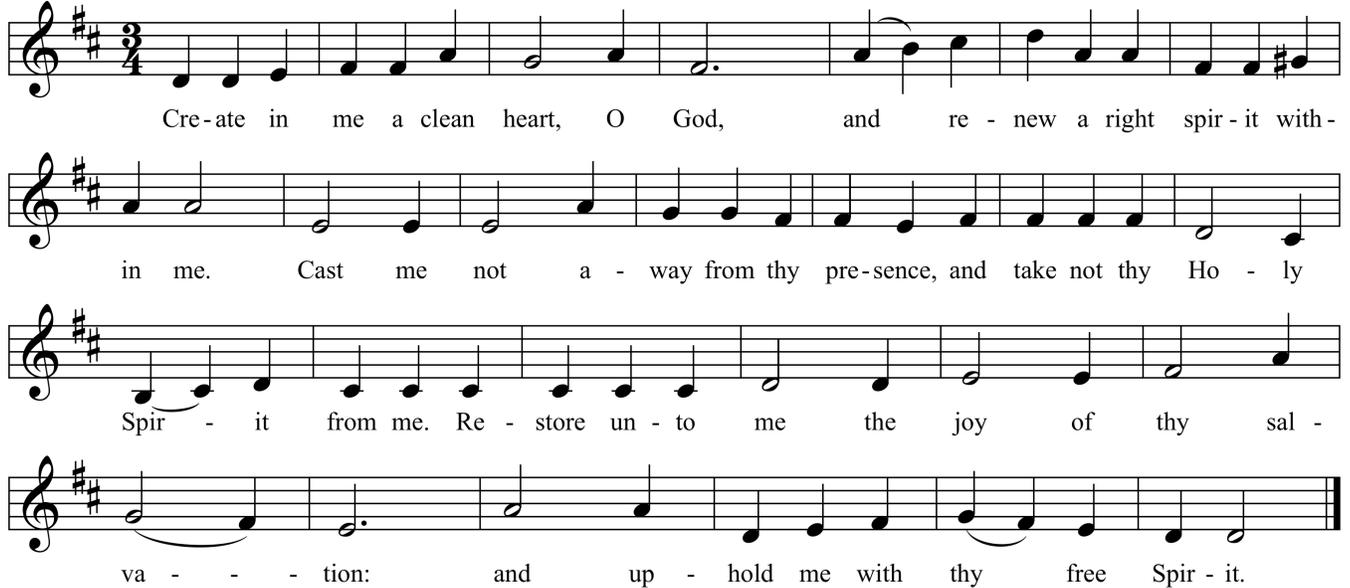
PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 51:10-12

Johann A. Freylinghausen



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 pre - sence, 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.

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Minister: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: and our mouth will declare your praise.

❖ THE GLORIA AND CAROL OF GRATITUDE

Gloria in Excelsis
Nikolaus Decius, 1525

Deutsche Evangelisch Messze, 1539

All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o - ra - tion; in grace and
truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer us sal - va - tion; thou show - est thy good - will to
men, and peace shall reign on earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.

Phillips Brooks, 1868

Traditional English melody

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n;
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
so God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n!
cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

The Service of the Word



THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CAROL FOR CHOIR

A Virgin Unspotted – William Billings (1746-1800)

A virgin unspotted by Prophet foretold,
Should bring forth a Savior which now we behold,
To be our Redeemer from Death, Hell, and Sin,
Which Adam's transgressions involved us in.

*Then, let us be merry, put sorrow away,
Our Savior, Christ Jesus, was born on this day.*

God sent down an angel from heaven so high,
To certain poor shepherds in fields as they lie,
And made them no longer in sorrow to stay,
Because that our Savior was born on this day.

Then, presently after, the shepherds did spy
A number of angels that stood in the sky;
They joyfully talked and sweetly did sing
"To God be all glory, our Heavenly King!"

To teach us humility all this was done,
To learn us from hence haughty pride for to shun.
The manger his cradle who came from above,
The great God of mercy, of peace and of love.

(Traditional English Carol)

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 111



*Choir: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.
Great are the works | of the LORD,
studied by all who de- | light in them.*

**All: Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.**

**He provides food for those who | fear him;
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.
He has shown his people the power | of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.**

**The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;
all his precepts are | trustworthy;
they are established forever and | ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.**

**He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.
Holy and awesome | is his name!
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.
His praise endures for- | ever!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

❖ CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

German carol

Traditional German melody



1. While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tid - ings
 2. There shall be born, so he did say, in Beth - le -
 3. There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who
 4. This gift of God we'll cher - ish well, that ev - er



brought an an - gel bright. (All) (Choir)
 hem a child to - day. How great our joy! Great our joy!
 shall re - deem us all. joy our hearts shall fill.



(All) Joy, joy, joy! (Choir) Joy, joy, joy! (All) Praise we the Lord in



heav'n on high! (Choir) Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

THE SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:22-35

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Luke 2:22-32

Nunc Dimittis – Alexander Gretchaninof (1864-1956)

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 to be the glory of thy people, Israel.

WELCOME

At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Barry McBee

Unison: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **THE THIRD GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:36-40

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MORNING SERMON

Rev. Eric Landry

Great Expectations
Luke 2:22-40

The Service of the Table



❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

❖ Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Medieval Latin carol

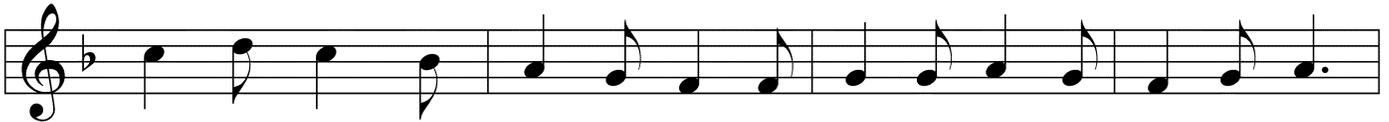
German melody, 14th cent.



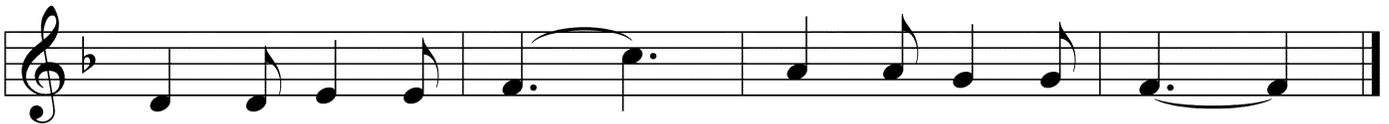
1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath ope'd the heav'n - ly door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

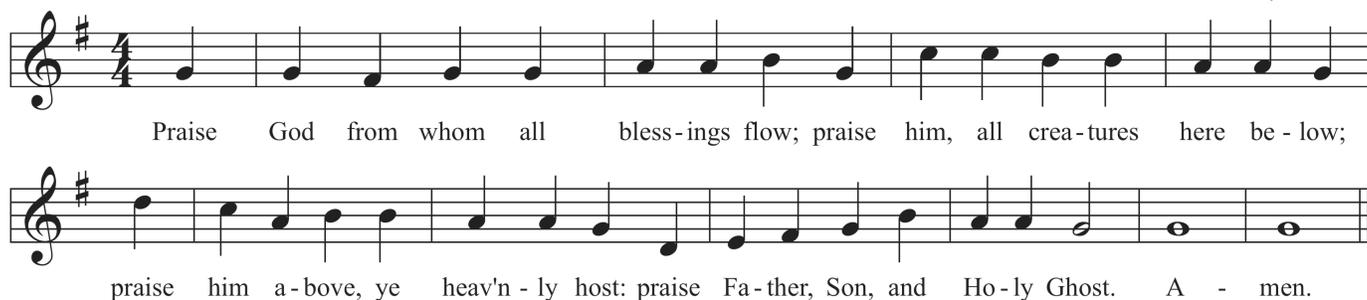


Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

Thomas Tallis, c. 1567



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Minister: Our gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts, receive these offerings as our worship properly given to you for the glory due your name. Use them to strengthen your church, expand your kingdom, and show mercy to our neighbors. In the name of your Son we pray.

People: Amen.

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

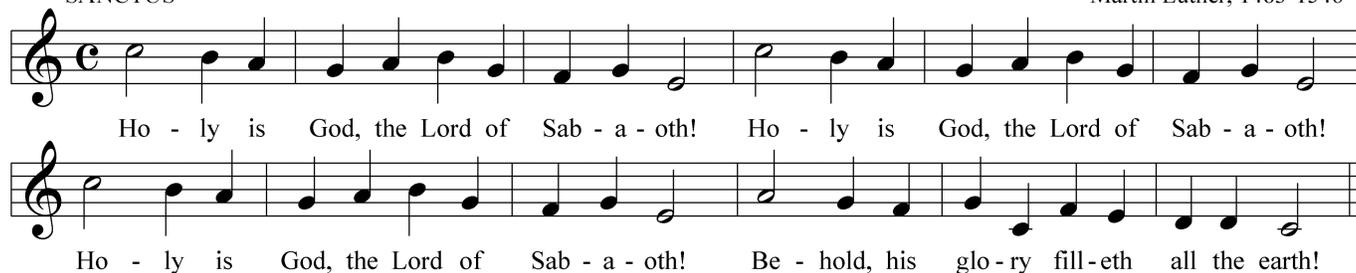
Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

People: **It is good and right to do so!**

Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have given us a new revelation of your glory that, seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

Martin Luther, 1483-1546



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!
Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold, his glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Bread

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413

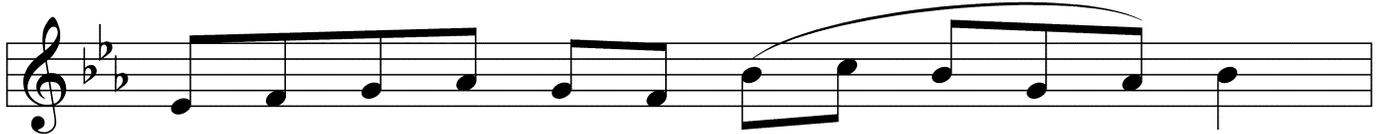
Latin 12th-15th cent.



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2. *O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,*
3. This is he whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
4. *O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;*
5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King;
hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wear - ied prais - es be,



of the things that are, that have been,
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - - - - er;
now he shines, the long - ex - pect - - - - ed;
let no tongue on earth be si - - - - lent,
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - - - - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
let cre - a - tion praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Cup

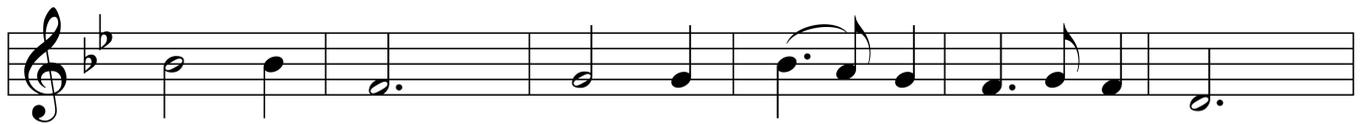
In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor. 11:25)

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Franz Gruber, 1818



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight! Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in
heav'n - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,



heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ DEPARTING HYMN

Piae Cantiones, 1582

Piae Cantiones, 1582



1. On this day earth shall ring with the song
 2. His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came
 3. God's bright star o'er his head, wise men three
 4. On this day an - gels sing; with their song



chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to
 down to earth, Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -
 to him led; kneel they low to his bed, lay their gifts be -
 earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, Heav - en's king, born on earth to



save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
 side him from the cold would hide him. I - de - o - o - o,
 fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
 save us; peace and love he gave us.



I - de - o - o - o, I - de - o, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service concludes to pray with you and help answer questions you may have about the Christian faith or Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

LESSONS

Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the deeds of the LORD!
they are studied by all who delight in them.
His work is full of majesty and splendor,
and his righteousness endures for ever.
He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.
They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.
He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his Name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

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. 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.

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. 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. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Galatians 4:4-7

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

Luke 2:15-21

When 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." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2:22-35

²²And 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”) 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.”

Sermon Lesson – Luke 2:36-40

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.