

+ CHRISTMAS DAY +  
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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LSB 380*

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the\_angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Refrain

ref Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the\_incarinate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. Refrain

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*Stand*

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

**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.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### 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!**
- C** ♪ **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.**

- 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.**

### KYRIE

*LSB 186*

- C** ♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*LSB 187*

- P** ♪ **Glory be to God on high:**

**C** ♪ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon  
us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** ♪ The Lord be with you.

**C** ♪ And with thy spirit.

**P** ♪ 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.

**C** ♪ Amen.

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#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 52:7–10*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 52.

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

<sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;

together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.  
<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
<sup>10</sup>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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### GRADUAL

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

**P** 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, Mighty God,

**C** Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**P** Sing to the Lord a new song,

**C** for he has done marvelous things!

#### EPISTLE

*Hebrews 1:1–6*

**P** The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 1.

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,  
and he shall be to me a son”?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,  
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 190; John 1:14*

**C** ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**P** 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.

**C** ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*John 1:1–14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**C** ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to

become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And 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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **NICENE CREED**

**C** 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.**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth" LSB 382*

- 1 We praise You, Jesus, at Your birth;  
Clothed in flesh You came to earth.  
The virgin bears a sinless boy  
And all the angels sing for joy.  
Alleluia!
  
- 2 Now in the manger we may see  
God's Son from eternity,  
The gift from God's eternal throne  
Here clothed in our poor flesh and bone.  
Alleluia!
  
- 3 The virgin Mary's lullaby  
Calms the infant Lord Most High.  
Upon her lap content is He  
Who keeps the earth and sky and sea.  
Alleluia!
  
- 4 The Light Eternal, breaking through,  
Made the world to gleam anew;  
His beams have pierced the core of night,  
He makes us children of the light.  
Alleluia!
  
- 5 The very Son of God sublime  
Entered into earthly time

To lead us from this world of cares  
To heaven's courts as blessed heirs.  
Alleluia!

6 In poverty He came to earth  
Showing mercy by His birth;  
He makes us rich in heav'nly ways  
As we, like angels, sing His praise.  
Alleluia!

7 All this for us our God has done  
Granting love through His own Son.  
Therefore, all Christendom, rejoice  
And sing His praise with endless voice.  
Alleluia!

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## SERMON

*"Word Made Flesh" John 1:1-14*

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## OFFERTORY

*LSB 192*

**☩** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit  
from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy  
free spirit. Amen.

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## OFFERING

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE

*LSB 194*

**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, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, 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 know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### SANCTUS

*LSB 195*

**C** ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of  
the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB 196*

**P** ♪ 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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB 197*

**P** ♪ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread,  
and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and  
said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in  
remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given  
thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the  
new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness  
of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 197*

**P** ♪ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** ♪ **Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*

**C** ♪ **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN***"A Great and Mighty Wonder" LSB 383*

- 1 A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure:  
The virgin bears the infant  
With virgin honor pure! Refrain
  
- ref Proclaim the Savior's birth:  
"To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth!"
  
- 2 The Word becomes incarnate  
And yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky. Refrain
  
- 3 While thus they sing your Monarch,  
Those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,  
And oceans, clap your hands. Refrain
  
- 4 Since all He comes to ransom,  
By all be He adored,  
The infant born in Bethl'em,  
The Savior and the Lord. Refrain
  
- 5 All idols then shall perish  
And Satan's lying cease,  
And Christ shall raise His scepter,  
Decreeing endless peace. Refrain

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN***"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" LSB 624*

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born  
For us unholy and forlorn;  
From fleshly temple forth came He,  
Anointed from eternity.

- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh  
Was icon of God's righteousness.  
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;  
His hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came  
To God's own altar lit with flame;  
While weeping angels hid their eyes,  
This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be  
Of Him who hung upon the tree.  
He leads us to the Holy Place  
Within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive  
The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim  
Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*LSB 199*

**♩ 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.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 200*

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

**C** ♪ **and His mercy endureth forever.**

**P** ♪ Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** ♪ **Amen.**

**P** ♪ The Lord be with you.

**C** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 202*

**P** ♪ Bless we the Lord.

**C** ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 202*

**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.**

## HYMN TO DEPART

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain" LSB 388*

- ref Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!
- 1 While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. Refrain
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain
- 3 Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

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