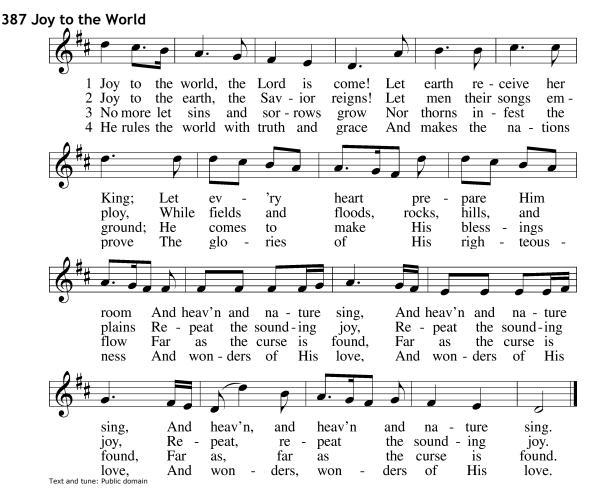
# CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25, 2020



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# Confession and Absolution



- P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.

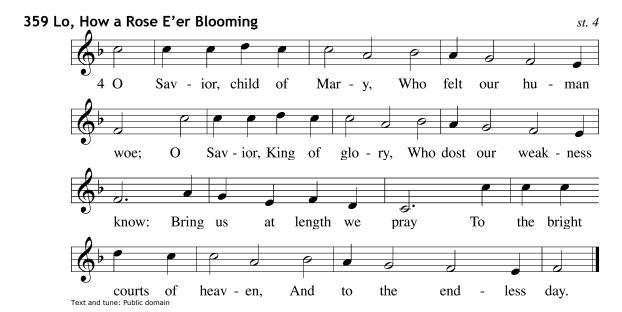
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Word

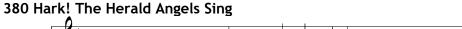
#### Introit

Psalm 93:1-2, 5; antiphon: Isaiah 9:2

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The people who walked in | darkness*
  have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep | darkness,*
  on them has | light shined.
The LORD reigns; he is robed in | majesty;*
  the LORD is robed; he has put on strength | as his belt.
Yes, the world is es- | tablished;*
  it shall nev- | er be moved.
Your throne is established | from of old;*
  you are from ever- | lasting.
Your decrees are very | trustworthy;*
  holiness befits your house, O LORD, for- evermore.
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.
The people who walked in | darkness*
  have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep | darkness,*
  on them has light shined.
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#### Gloria in Excelsis





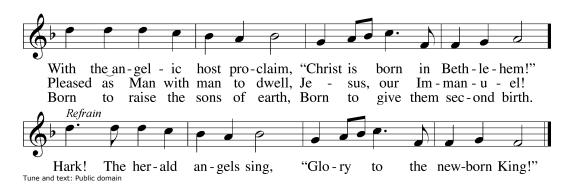
- 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings. to all He Light and life



Join the tri - umph of Jov - ful, all na - tions, rise, the skies: ye Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty! Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



# Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 62:10-12

<sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples.
<sup>11</sup>Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."
<sup>12</sup>And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD;
and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to 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!

**Epistle** 

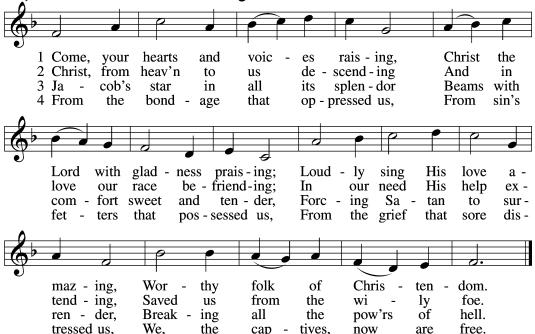
Titus 3:4–7

<sup>4</sup>When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# Hymn of the Day

375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising



- Oh, the joy beyond expressing
  When by faith we grasp this blessing,
  And to You we come confessing
  That Your love has set us free.
- 6 Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us, From Your lowly manger cheer us, Gently lead us and be near us Till we join Your choir above.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

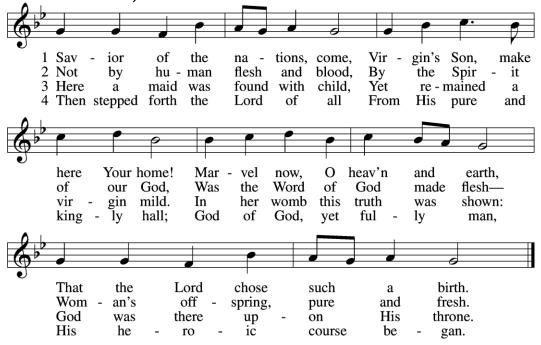
14"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Creed

#### 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



- God the Father was His source,
   Back to God He ran His course.
   Into hell His road went down,
   Back then to His throne and crown.
- For You are the Father's SonWho in flesh the vict'ry won.By Your mighty pow'r make wholeAll our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night. Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.
- D 8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

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#### Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

To us a child is born, to us a son is given; let us offer praise, thanks and prayer to God the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

# Brief silence

For all who celebrate the incarnation, that the knowledge that their God reigns would cause them to lift up their voices and sing for joy, and that they would always be ready to tell others about the Word made flesh, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For all pastors, that God would work through their proclamation of Christ to bring the good news of happiness and salvation to all who hear them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the nations of this world, that they would be given a spirit of peace so that conflicts cease and all see in the birth of Jesus the salvation of our God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For those who suffer persecution for the sake of Christ, that they would be kept firm in their faith as they bear witness to the light of the world, and that they would never lose sight of their identity as children of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the destitute, those recovering from natural disaster and those who find themselves in want, that they would receive the necessities for daily life, that the agencies who serve them would receive generous support, and that those who serve and those who are served would come to see God as the Giver of daily bread, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For those who suffer sickness in mind or body, those who are homebound and all who have asked for our prayers, that God would grant them healing, peace, patience and faith that endures, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For those who commune, that they would receive the body and blood of Jesus worthily with faith in His bodily presence here in the Sacrament for them, and that they would depart having received grace upon grace from His fullness, let pray to the Lord: **Lord**, **have mercy**.

In thanksgiving for all the people of God who have gone before us and now rest in His presence, that we, too, would be kept faithful until that day when He makes all things new, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, the Word become flesh, the Savior of the nations, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen.** 

# Offering

#### 363 Silent Night, Holy Night

- Silent night, holy night!
   All is calm, all is bright
   Round yon virgin mother and child.
   Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
   Sleep in heavenly peace,
   Sleep in heavenly peace.
- Silent night, holy night!
   Shepherds quake at the sight;
   Glories stream from heaven afar,
   Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
   Christ, the Savior, is born!
   Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night!
  Son of God, love's pure light
  Radiant beams from Thy holy face
  With the dawn of redeeming grace,
  Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
  Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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# 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.

# Lord's Prayer

- 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.
  For Thine is the kingdom
  and the power and the glory
  forever and ever. Amen.
- In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

#### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 217

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Sanctus

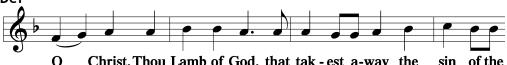
### 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



#### Pax Domini

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**



Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the 0 sin of the





#### Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

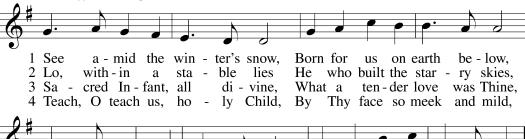
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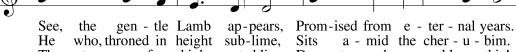
- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Benediction

- 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 T give you peace.
- C Amen.

#### 373 See amid the Winter's Snow





Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this! Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.



Hail, O ev - er - bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap-py dawn!



Sing through all Je - ru - sa-lem: "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"

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