Trinity Lutheran Church - Norman, Oklahoma

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First Sunday after Christmas December 31, 2023 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Lutheran Service Book - Page 203 Divine Service 4

Order of Holy Communion * = All Stand

Prelude

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

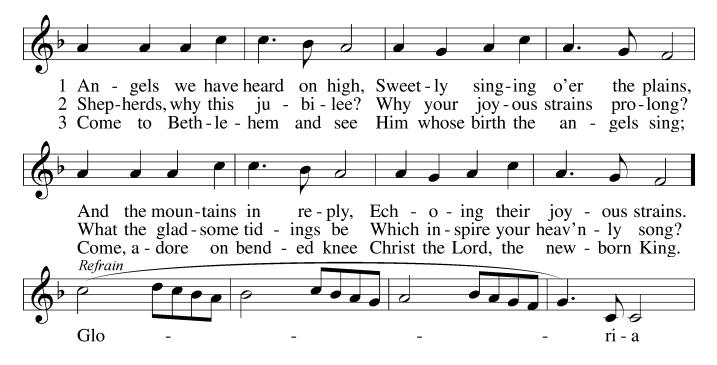
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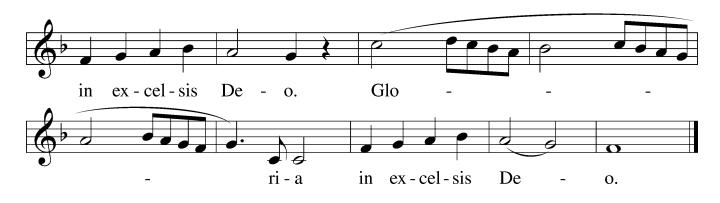
Share the Peace of the Lord

Announcements

Children's Message (10:30 a.m.)

368 Angels We Have Heard on High





Confession and Absolution

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

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C

Amen.

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Image P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

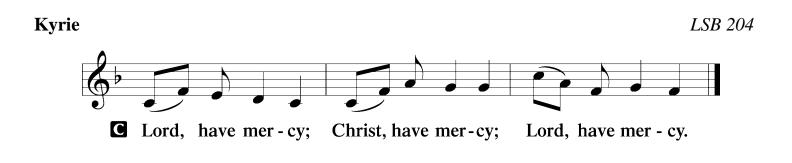
Kneel/Stand

- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Word

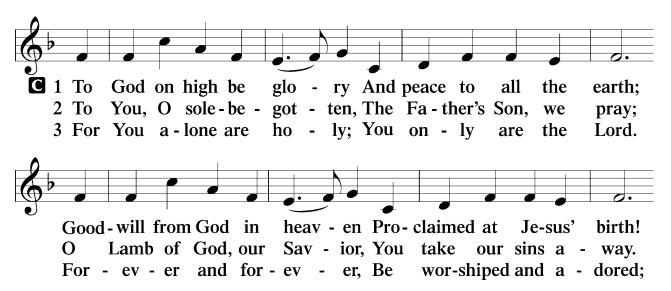
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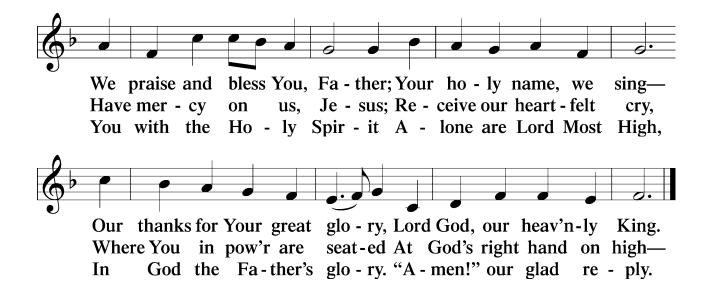
The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,* and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!* His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him. The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;* 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 be- | ginning,* 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.



Gloria in Excelsis







Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

¹⁰I 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.
¹¹For 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.
¹⁵For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,

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until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.
²The 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.
³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Psalm 111 (chanted responsively by whole verse)

¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,* in the company of the upright, in the congre- gation. ²Great are the works | of the LORD,* studied by all who de- | light in them. ³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,* and his righteousness endures for- | ever. ⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;* the LORD is gracious and | merciful. ⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;* he remembers his covenant for- | ever. ⁶He has shown his people the power | of his works,* in giving them the inheritance of the | nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;* all his precepts are | trustworthy; ⁸they are established forever and | ever,* to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness. ⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.* Holy and awesome is his name! ¹⁰The 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.

Epistle

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

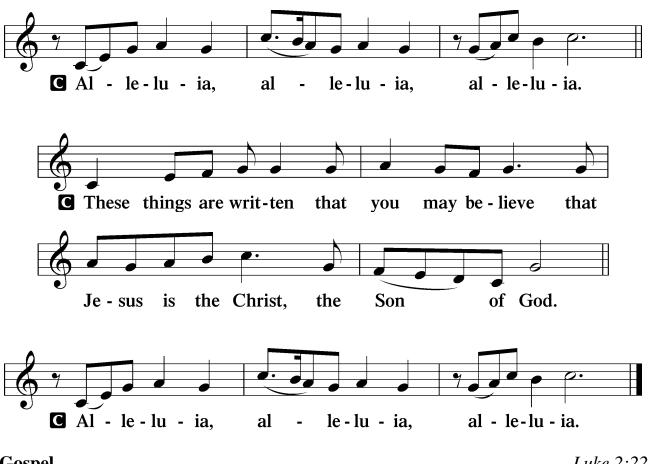


This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Stand **Alleluia and Verse**



Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter. P

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] 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."

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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.

Sit 389 Let All Together Praise Our God

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1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His	
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an	
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our	
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ela risus thranes. To day Us a news heavy'r a sain To	
glo-rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To	
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lie	
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The	e
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His	
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give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.	
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.	
splen-dor of His might, The splen-dor of His might.	
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, 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 blessèd paradise;
 The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.
- △ 7 Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore
 And praise to God the Father yield And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

Sermon

"THE ROYAL DIADEM IN THE HAND OF GOD"

12-31-23 TEXT: Luke 2:22-40 LITURGICAL DAY: 1st Sunday after Christmas

Theme: Joseph, Mary, Simeon and Anna all proclaim the Word made flesh, the glory of Israel and the salvation of the Gentiles.

I. CHRIST CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW.

II. CHRIST CAME AS A REVELATION TO ISRAEL.

III. CHRIST CAME TO COMMIT HIS SPIRIT TO HIS FATHER.

CONCLUSION: As an infant, Christ came to Jerusalem to be committed to the Lord, just as in His last days He sacrificed Himself on His cross in Jerusalem.

HOLY COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. If you are visiting, please speak to the Elder of the day, or to the Pastor about receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

During the gathering of the Offerings, members and visitors please pick up the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or tan (visitor) sheet and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you. Please fill out the date, address and phone number information as well as e-mail addresses. The sheets will be collected in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Thank you!

Stand **Prayer of the Church**

Note: If you would like a prayer included in the Divine Service today, please fill out the form and hand it to the elder or usher at the beginning of the service. You may also call the church office, e-mail, or leave a message on the answering machine for special prayers.

In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Madisen Lemke, Kandie Darmody, Lynlee Kocurek, Barbara Craun, Marie Campbell, Michael Meyer, Larry Klumpp

Other Needs We Pray for

* Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries
 * Pray for Rain
 * Pray for Peace for Israel & Palestine & the Ukraine

Military Service Members & their Families

Mike Gobble, Emily Shelton, Alex Laffin, Danny Greene, Courtney Tate, Eli Wiley

Police and Firefighters

<u>Birthdays</u>

1/4
1/5
1/6
1/6
1/6

<u>Anniversaries</u> <u>Years</u> None

Missions

Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Mexico, based in Mexico City. In this role, Daniel serves as the coordinator of theological education for the entire country. He works with and mentors national pastors and pastors in formation who are serving throughout Mexico. With the challenges of Mexico City's population being 25 million people and the shortage of national pastors in this country, Daniel provides assistance in sending out workers to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sit Offering

 (Fill out the Ritual of Friendship sheet and place it in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Place your offerings in the offering plates passed by the ushers.) We thank you for presenting your weekly offerings to the church in one of four ways:

 Place your offerings in the offering plates
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2. Mail your offering envelopes to the Church Office

3. Bring your Offerings to the Church Office

- You may place your offering in the wooden box on the bench by the glass doors.

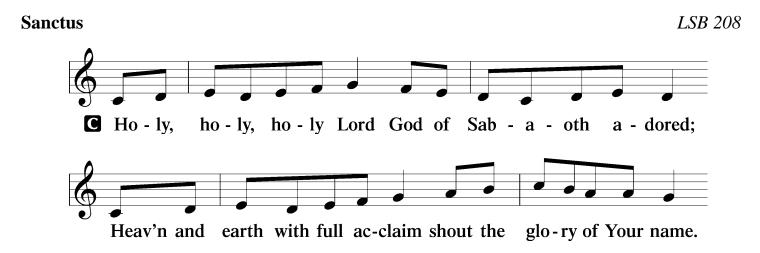
4. Use the "Simply Giving" service to give your offerings digitally online. Thank you to everyone for faithfully supporting our ministry here.

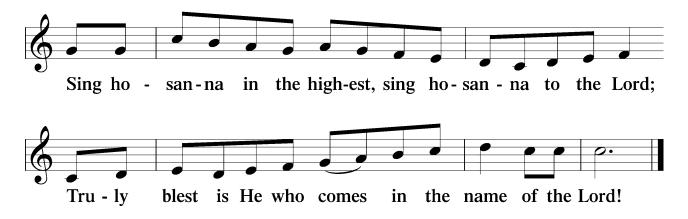
Service of the Sacrament

Stand Preface

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

 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.

The Words of Our Lord

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."

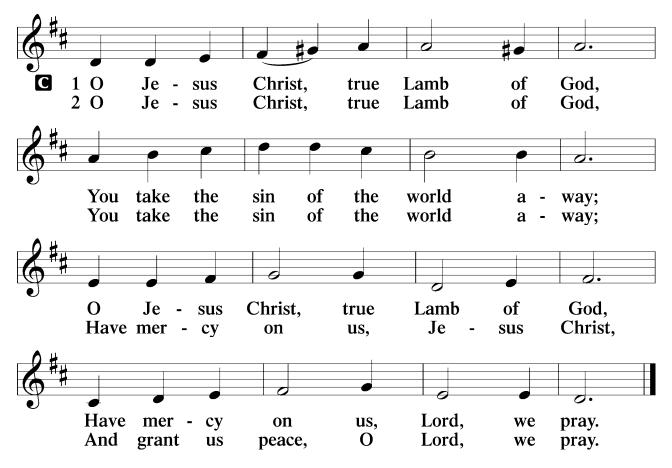
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

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Sit **Distribution**

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

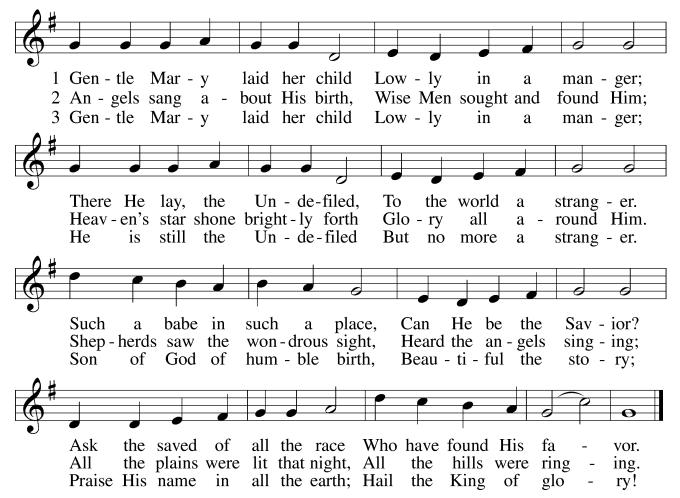
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

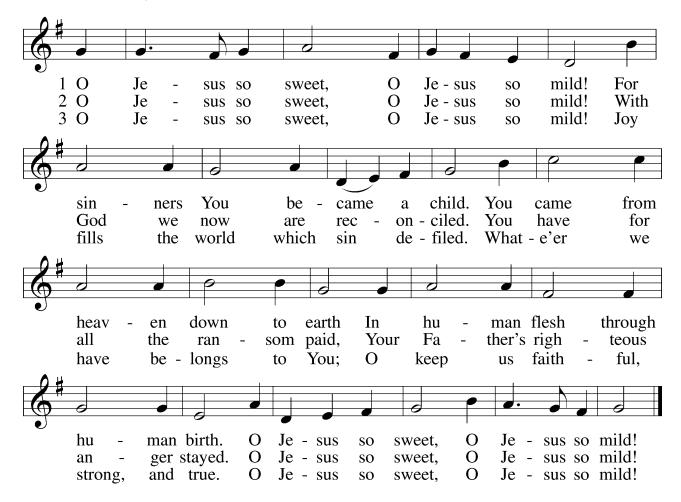
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

C Amen.

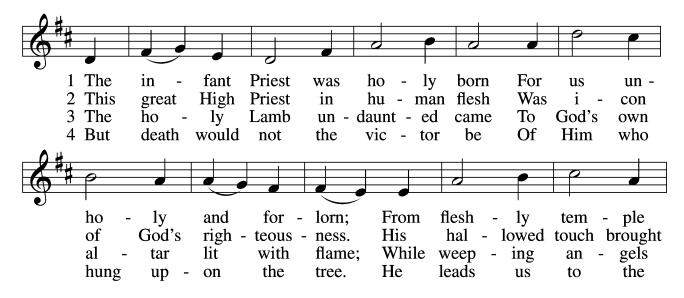
374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

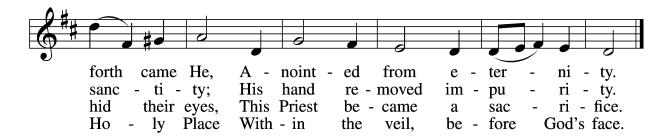


546 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild



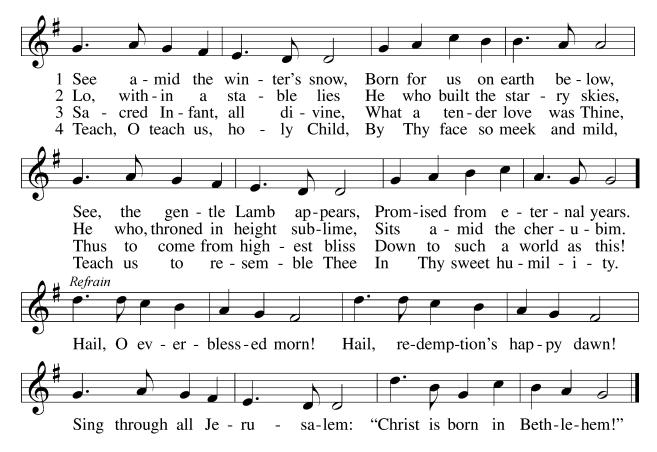
624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born





- 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 poursHis 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.

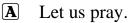
373 See amid the Winter's Snow



Stand **Nunc Dimittis**



Post-Communion Collect



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.



Benedicamus

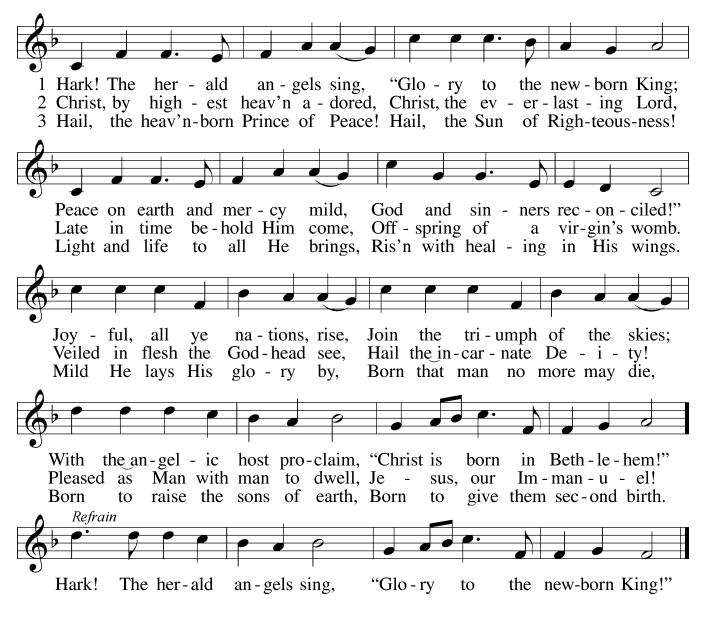
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

C Amen.

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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