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“Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”  
A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-’ring wing,  
Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,  
His word of peace shall to the earth God’s an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
And ev-er o’er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.  
The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.  
And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In the silence of this moment, let us prepare ourselves, and confess our sin to God.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Holy and gracious God,

**C** I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** In the silence of this night, by the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and in quiet joy.

**C** Amen.

### 379 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

sts. 1, ref, 2-4



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God In the high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



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



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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### + WORD +

### 944 KYRIE — II

sts. 1-3



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.  
 Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.  
 Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

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## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 9:2-7*

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For 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.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## + PSALM 96 - HANOVER TUNE +

*O sing to the Lord, a new song now sing.  
O sing to the Lord, all earth Your praise bring.  
O sing to the Lord and give praise to His name,  
And day after day His salvation proclaim.*

*Among nations all His glory declare,  
His marvelous deeds to folk everywhere.  
For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
He is to be feared above all gods always.*

*For all of the gods of nations are vain,  
The Lord made the heav'ns, and o'er them does reign.  
Before Him are splendor and great majesty,  
Strength, glory are there in His sanc-tu-ar-y.*

*Ascribe to the Lord, O fam'lies of earth,  
Ascribe to the Lord strength, glory, and worth.  
Ascribe to the Lord glory due to His name;  
Bring off'rings and come to His courts; praise proclaim.*

*O worship the Lord in splendor of all  
His holiness; come and tremble in awe.  
Say unto the nations, "The Lord alone reigns!"  
The world is established; it firmly remains.*

*He will judge the peoples with equity,  
Let heavens rejoice; let earth joyful be.  
Let seas all resound and all that is in them;  
Let fields all be joyous, with all things in them.*

*Then all of the trees will sing forth with joy.  
They'll sing to the Lord; all praise they'll employ,  
Because He is coming, the earth's judge to be—  
He'll judge earth, all peoples, with true equity.*

## EPISTLE

*Titus 2:11–14*

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### VERSE

*Luke 2:11*

**P** Alleluia.

**C** Alleluia.

**P** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

**C** Alleluia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:1–14*

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

**G** **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.

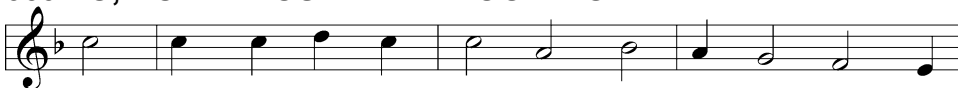
<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for 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,

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

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 359 LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in  
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have  
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er  
air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -  
woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the  
kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to  
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and  
know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

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## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

**☩ 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty and ever-living God, hear our prayer from the silence of our hearts and from Your Holy Church. Inspire all those who confess Your holy name with the Spirit of truth, unity, and concord. Grant that they agree in the truth of Your holy Word and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Save and defend our country, heavenly Father. Grant to all in authority wisdom and strength to know and do Your will. Direct the hearts of all rulers that they rightly administer justice to all. Give grace to all pastors and servants of Your Church that they by both their life and doctrine proclaim Your true and lively Word and rightly administer Your holy Sacraments. Give to all Your people Your heavenly grace that in quiet joy and with due reverence they hear and receive Your holy Word, truly serving You in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We implore You, O Lord, mercifully to consider this congregation begging You especially to comfort and help all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity. Defend them from every evil to body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, we give You high praise and thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Your saints from the beginning of the world. We commend to Your mercy also, O Lord, all Your servants who have departed with the sign of faith and now rest in the sleep of peace. Grant that on the day of the resurrection of all flesh, we and all Your servants of the mystical Body of Your Son be set together on His right hand and hear His most joyful voice

saying, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Mediator, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

### + SACRAMENT +

## PREFACE

**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.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, 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:

## OH, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD



1 Oh, ho - ly, ho - ly, is the Lord, The God by  
2 How blest is He, the com - ing One, Lord Je - sus



heav'n and earth a - dored. We join the an - gels  
Christ, God's on - ly Son, Ho - san - na with ga -



in their song, Their glo - rious prais - es to pro - long.  
lac - tic space, Sing we, saved on - ly by His grace.

## 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

## O LAMB OF GOD, THE ONLY SON



1 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, Who for us  
2 You with the Fa - ther ev - er reign, With Ho - ly



our sal - va - tion won, The sins of all You  
Spir - it to or - dain By grace our fail - ings



take a - way. Give ear, O Sav - ior, as we pray.  
to for - give. Grant us Your peace that we may live.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

370 WHAT CHILD IS THIS

376 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVIDS CITY

361 O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

357 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

In quiet joy, O God, how silently the wondrous gift is given: the gift of Your Son at Christmas in His mother's lap and the gift of Your Son now in us as members of His own Body. With sins forgiven, grant us a quiet night now and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Candle lighting)*

363 SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

sts. 1–3



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 - en - ly  
Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



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

## **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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

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