

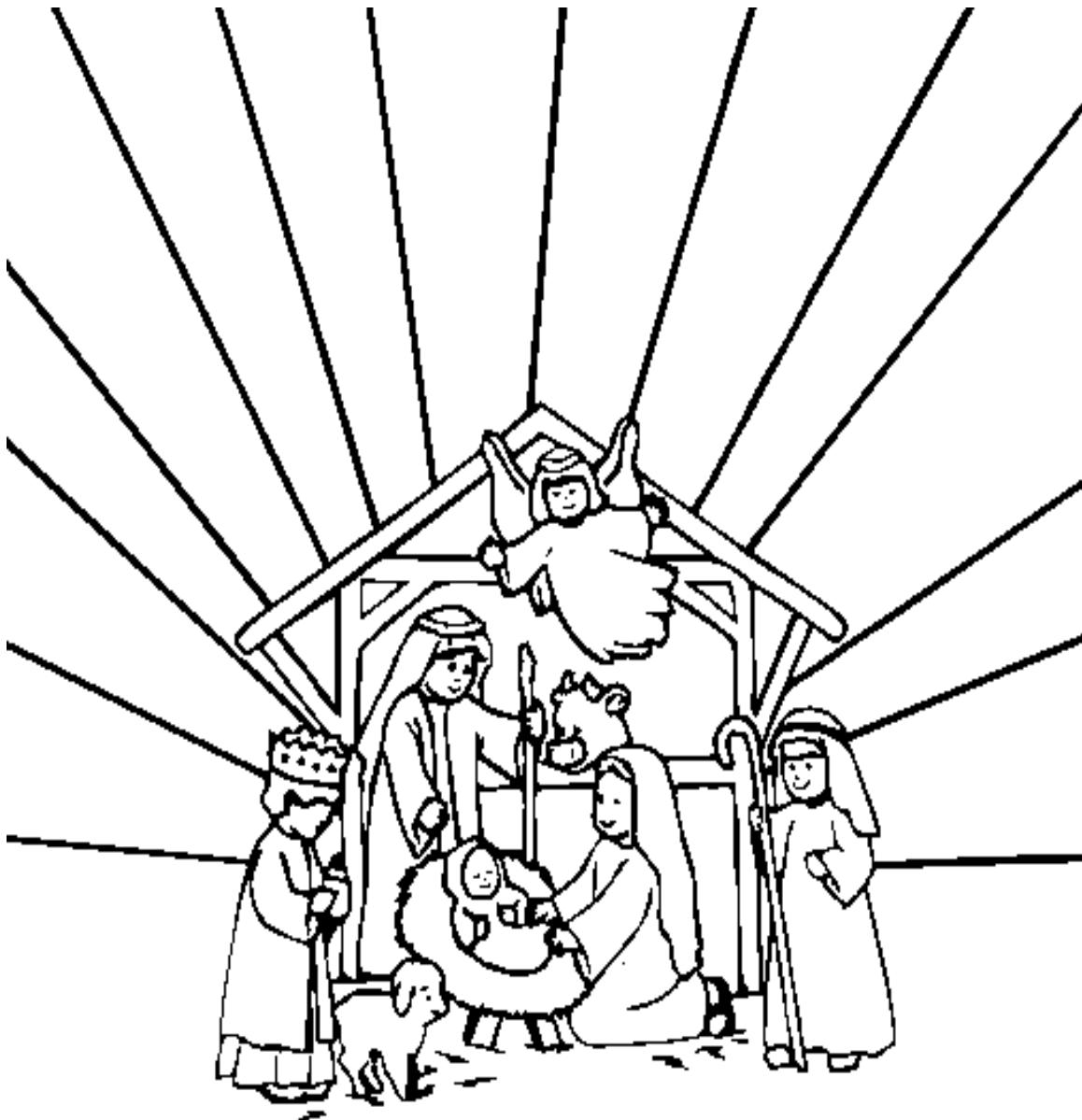
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Christmas Day Divine Service

December 25, 2025

Divine Service Setting Three

Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

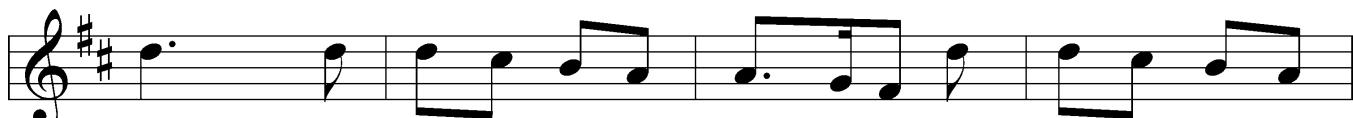
Processional Hymn

“Joy to the World”

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.

Text and tune: Public domain

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,

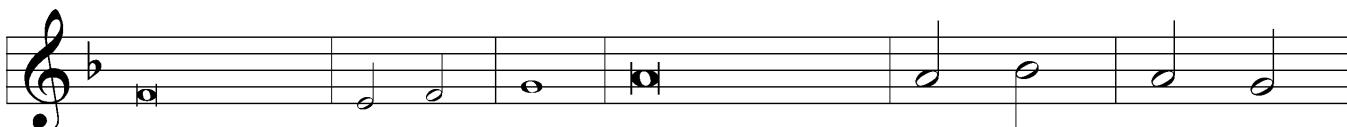
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

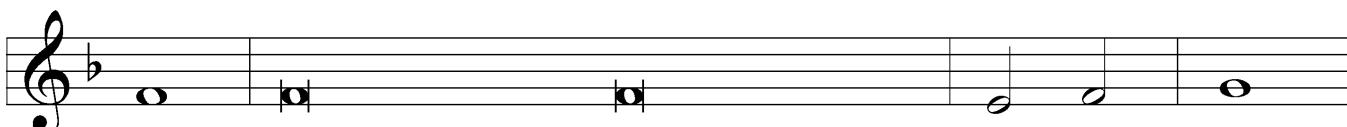
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, 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.



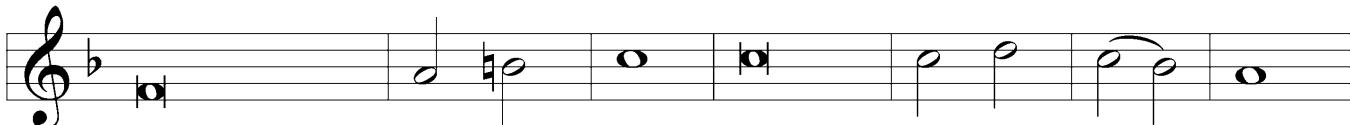
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



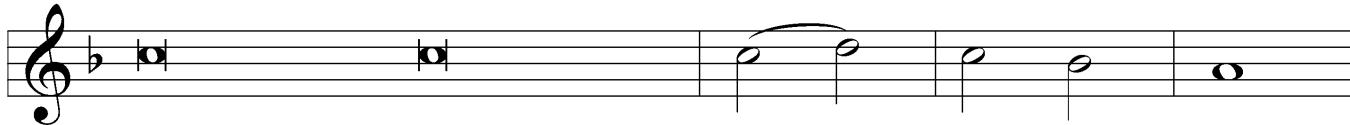
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



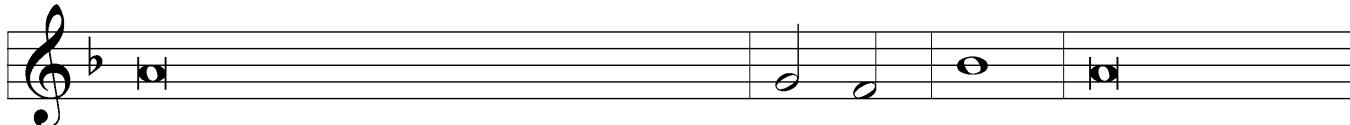
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



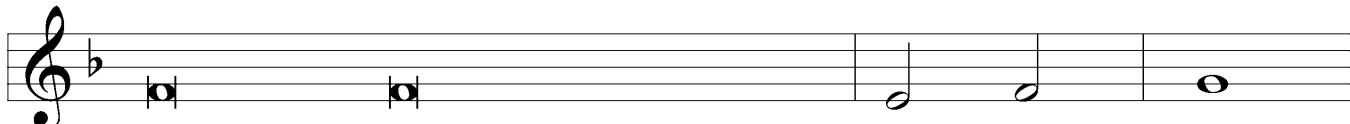
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.



For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



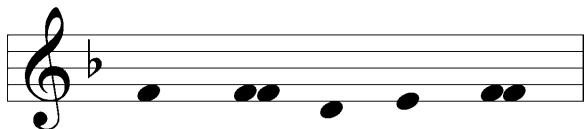
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



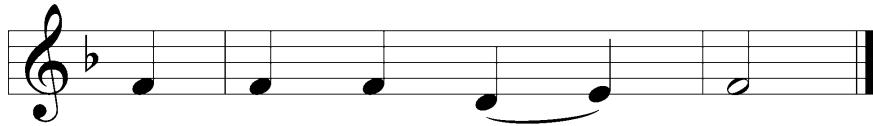
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

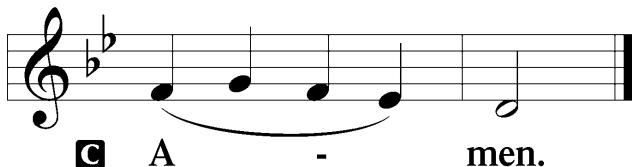


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God ... one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-6

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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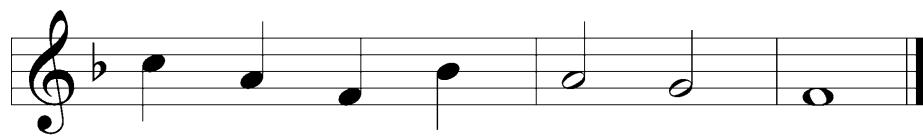


Music notation for Alleluia in G clef, B-flat key signature, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

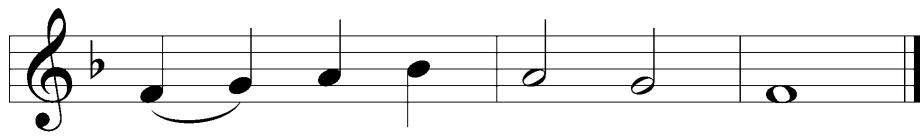
John 1:1-14

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



Music notation for Glory be to Thee, O Lord in G clef, B-flat key signature, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Music notation for Praise be to Thee, O Christ in G clef, B-flat key signature, common time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: 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.

Hymn of the Day

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

LSB 384



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
 △ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

A - men.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348-c. 413; (sts. 1-4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-77
 Tune: Plainsong, 13th cent., mode V
 Text and tune: Public domain

Offertory

LSB 192

C 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 pres-ence, 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. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

Preface

LSB 194

Musical notation for the first part of the Preface. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes on the G, A, and B lines of the treble clef staff.

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the second part of the Preface. The melody continues in B-flat major with eighth and sixteenth notes on the G, A, and B lines.

C And with thy spirit.

Musical notation for the third part of the Preface. The melody continues in B-flat major with eighth and sixteenth notes on the G, A, and B lines.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the fourth part of the Preface. The melody continues in B-flat major with eighth and sixteenth notes on the G, A, and B lines.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

Musical notation for the fifth part of the Preface. The melody continues in B-flat major with eighth and sixteenth notes on the G, A, and B lines.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Musical notation for the sixth part of the Preface. The melody continues in B-flat major with eighth and sixteenth notes on the G, A, and B lines.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. The key signature is B-flat major. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes on the G, A, and B lines of the treble clef staff, with a melodic line that includes a sustained note on the B line.

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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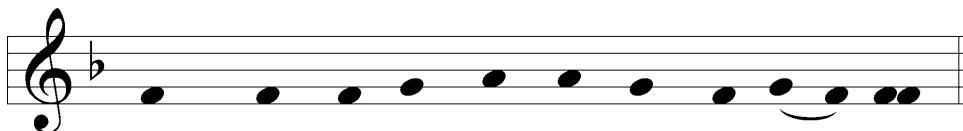
C Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
 against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo - ry for - ev - - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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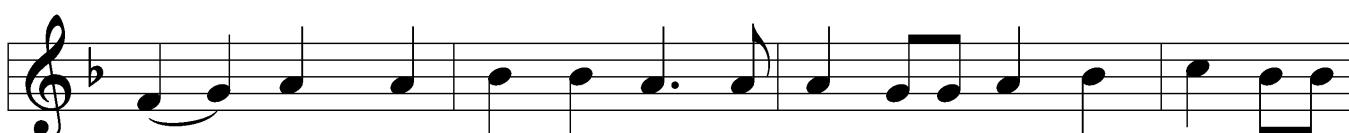
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



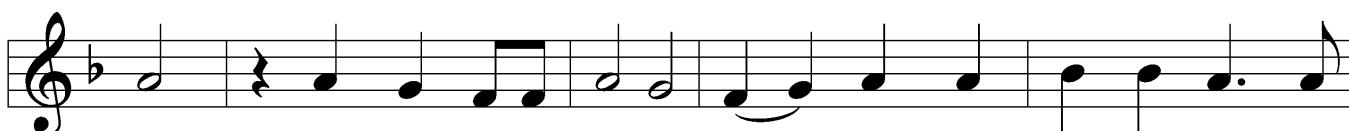
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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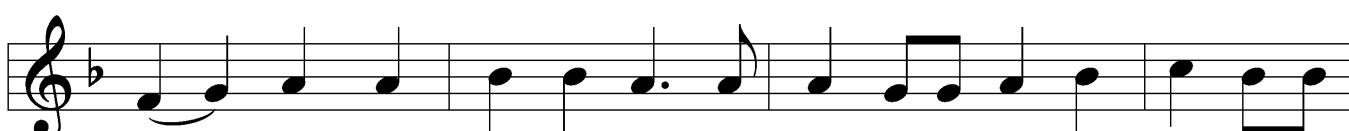
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



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



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Prayer Before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive his holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

LSB 367

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scand - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
Ye have seen His na - tal star.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text (sts. 1, ref. 2-4): James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79

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“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

LSB 624



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore 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.

Text: Chad L. Bird, 1970

Tune: Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, 1778, London; adapt. Edward Miller, 1731–1807

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Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Nunc Dimitis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - rael. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a sharp quarter note, and a double sharp quarter note.

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note.

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

Musical notation for the response 'A - men.', featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note.

C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201

Musical notation for the first line of the salutation, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are a quarter note, a double sharp quarter note, a quarter note, a sharp quarter note, and a double sharp quarter note.

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the second line of the salutation, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are a quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, a sharp quarter note, and a half note.

C And with thy spir - it.

Musical notation for the first line of the benediction, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are a double sharp quarter note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a double sharp quarter note.

A Bless we the Lord.

Musical notation for the second line of the benediction, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The notes are a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a quarter note, and a half note.

C Thanks be to God.

¶ 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 \ddagger give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Recessional Hymn

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”

LSB 383

1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
 3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
 4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,
 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,

The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
 And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
 Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
 The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
 And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain

Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: “To God on high be

glo - - ry And peace to all the earth!”

Text: Germanus, c. 634-c. 734; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: Alte Katholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1599, Köln

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May God bless your Christmas celebration with your family today, and throughout the Christmas season. We thank you for gathering with us to share in the wonderful blessings Jesus came to bring you.



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have donated the poinsettias placed in the Chancel area:***

Norman and Maryanne Anderson
In memory of Robert Anderson

Darren, Jamie, and Cecelia Bakken
In memory of Maynard and Harriett Mowrey
In memory of Leo and Cecelia Welch
In memory of Pete and Leona Bakken

Doug Benner
In memory of Kathy Benner

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In memory of Don Stuckwisch

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased."
Luke 2:14