

# DECEMBER 27, 2020 - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Prelude - "Prelude On Puer Natus In Bethlehem" by Walther; arr. Paxton

## 389 Let All Together Praise Our God

sts. 1-2, 5, 7



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  
5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a  
△ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No  
we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.  
Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

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*Stand*

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

### Invocation

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

### Christmas Dialog

- P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
  
- P** Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness on them light has shined.
- C** **We beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**
  
- P** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
- C** **In him was life, and that life was the light of men**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

*Sit*

<sup>10</sup>I 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.

<sup>11</sup>For 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.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
 until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
 and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The 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.

<sup>3</sup>You 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

*Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9a, b*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
 I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
 in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
 studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
 and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
 the LORD is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
 he remembers his covenant forever.

<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
 in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
 all his precepts are trustworthy;

<sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever,  
 to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
 he has commanded his covenant forever.  
 Holy and awesome is his name!

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
 all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
 His praise endures forever!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Epistle

Galatians 4:4–7

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

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

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The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second line contains the lyrics: "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>When 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 <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now 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. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And 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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And 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 <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And 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, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And 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.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And 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.

Sit

## 519 In His Temple Now Behold Him



1 In His tem - ple now be - hold Him, See the long - ex -  
2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir - gin pure, be -  
3 Je - sus, by Your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed You,



pect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told Him,  
hold Him lie While His a - ged saints a - dore Him  
weak and poor, Make us see Your great sal - va - tion,



God has now ful - filled His word. Now to praise Him,  
Ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Seal us with Your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us



His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.  
al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!  
in Your glo - ry To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

### Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

### 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

sts. 1-3, 5

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  
 △ 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  
 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 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  
 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. A - men.

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*Kneel*

### Prayer of the Church

*Each petition ends:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** Hear our prayer!

### Lord's Prayer

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

*Stand*

**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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

**937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace**

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
 △ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,

Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
 The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
 To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and

va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
 in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
 Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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**Postlude** - “*Let Us All With Gladsome Voice*” tune *Lasst Uns Alle*; setting *Held***Acknowledgments**

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