

# The Nativity of our Lord

## Christmas Day 2024 AD

### Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

**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.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

### Left Column

**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.

### Processional Hymn #387 Joy to the World



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  
play, 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.

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

K: 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.

**C: 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.**

K: The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**C: 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.**

K: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;\*  
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

**All: 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.**

**K: 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.**

**Kyrie**

**☐** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**☐** Glory be to God on high: **☐** 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**

**☐** The Lord be with you.  
**☐** And with thy spir - it.  
**☐** Let us pray.  
**☐** ... one God, now and forever.  
**☐** A - men.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*After the reading is said:*

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

## Gradual

## Epistle

*After the reading is said:*

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

*Stand*

## Gospel Processional Hymn #386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

- 1 **Now sing we, now rejoice,  
Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth  
Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth  
The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!**
- 2 **Come from on high to me;  
I cannot rise to Thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit,  
O pure and holy Child;  
Through Thy grace and merit,  
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!**

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Hymn #386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

- 3 **Now through His Son doth shine  
The Father's grace divine.  
Death was reigning o'er us  
Through sin and vanity  
Till He opened for us  
A bright eternity.  
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!**
- 4 **Oh, where shall joy be found?  
Where but on heav'nly ground?  
Where the angels singing  
With all His saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing  
In heav'nly joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!**

## 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

**Sermon Hymn #380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



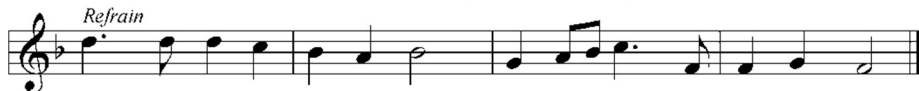
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 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,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



*Refrain*  
 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

**Sermon**

**Offertory Hymn #391 Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn**



Re - joice, re - joice this hap - py morn, A Sav - ior un -



to us is born, The Christ, the Lord of glo - ry!



His low - ly birth in Beth - le - hem The an - gels from



on high pro - claim And sing re - demp - tion's sto - ry!



My soul, ex - tol God's great fa - vor; Bless Him ev - er



For sal - va - tion; Give Him praise and ad - o - ra - tion!

**Offering** (Please give online following the service)

Choir Anthem "On This Day Forth Shall Ring"

**Prayer of the Church**

*After each petition is said:*

- P** O come let us adore Him
- C** Christ the Lord.

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**G** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface

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

### Sanctus

**G** 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

**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who

tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

**G** 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

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

**G** A - men.

#### Agus Dei

**G** 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, tha  
 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.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

Distribution Hymns #897, 378, 376 (*see below*)

**Nunc Dimittis**

**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 - ra - el. 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 without end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.  
**A** Let us pray.  
 ... one God, now and forever.  
**C** A - men.

**Salutation and Benedicamus**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.

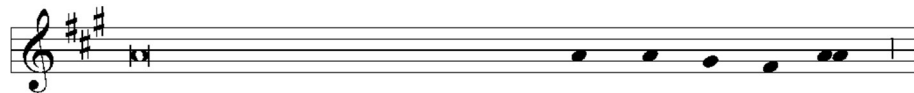


**B** Thanks be to God.

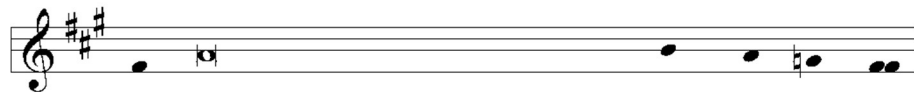
### Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un-to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



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

### Recessional Hymn #381 Let Our Gladness Have No End



1 Let our glad-ness have no end, al-le-lu-ia!  
2 Proph-e-sied in days of old, al-le-lu-ia!  
3 See, the love-liest bloom-ing rose, al-le-lu-ia!  
4 In-to flesh is made the Word, al-le-lu-ia!



For to earth did Christ de-scend, al-le-lu-ia!  
God has sent Him as fore-told, al-le-lu-ia!  
From the branch of Jes-se grows, al-le-lu-ia!  
He, our ref-uge and our Lord, al-le-lu-ia!

#### Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

### ✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

### Communion Hymn # 897 O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly



1 O re-joice, ye Chris-tians, loud-ly, For our joy has  
2 See, my soul, thy Sav-ior choos-es Weak-ness here and  
3 Lord, how shall I thank Thee right-ly? I ac-knowl-edge  
4 Je-sus, guard and guide Thy mem-bers, Fill them with Thy



now be-gun; Won-drous things our God has done.  
pov-er-ty; In such love He comes to thee.  
that by Thee I am saved e-ter-nal-ly.  
bound-less grace, Hear their prayers in ev-'ry place.



Tell a-broad His good-ness proud-ly, Who our race has  
Nei-ther crib nor cross re-fus-es; All He suf-fers  
Let me not for-get it light-ly, But to Thee at  
Fan to flame faith's glow-ing em-bers; Grant all Chris-tians,



hon-ored thus, That He deigns to dwell with us.  
for thy good To re-deem thee by His blood.  
all times cleave And my heart true peace re-ceive.  
far and near, Ho-ly peace, a glad new year!

#### Refrain



Joy, O joy, be-yond all glad-ness, Christ has done a -



way with sad-ness! Hence, all sor-row and re-pin-ing,



For the Sun of Grace is shin-ing!

## Communion Hymn #378 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light



1 Break forth, O beau - teous heav'n - ly light, And  
 2 O dear - est Child, whom I a - dore, Whose  
 3 All bless - ing, thanks, and praise to Thee, Lord



ush - er in the morn - ing. Ye shep - herds, shrink not  
 grace sur - pass - es mea - sure, My Broth - er, whom I  
 Je - sus Christ, be giv - en: Thou hast my Broth - er



with af - fright, The day of grace is dawn - ing. This  
 cher - ish more Than earth with all its trea - sure: Haste  
 deigned to be, Thou Lord of earth and heav - en. Help



Child, though weak in in - fan - cy, Our con - fi -  
 from Thy man - ger to de - part, O come and  
 me through - out this day of grace To praise Thy



dence and joy shall be, The pow'r of Sa - tan  
 dwell with - in my heart; With joy will I re -  
 love and seek Thy face; And when I stand be -



break - ing, Our peace with God now mak - ing.  
 ceive Thee, A cra - dle there will give Thee.  
 fore Thee For - ev - er to a - dore Thee.

## Communion Hymn #376 Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is  
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by  
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a  
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and  
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y  
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the  
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He  
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.  
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

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Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by  
 Shall we see Him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.  
 Then like stars His children, crowned, All in white, His praise will  
 sound!