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AS WE GATHER

Months of anticipation for the young children among us reach their long-awaited fulfillment with the exciting arrival of Christmas Day! Take that anticipation, multiply it again and again, and you can begin to fathom how it felt for God's people, who long awaited the coming of the Messiah. Isaiah and the other prophets had foretold that this Child, this Son, would come to bring salvation unto us. In the birth of Jesus Christ, this anticipation that stretched for hundreds—even thousands—of years reaches its fulfillment as God's Son is born into our world. Together may we marvel at the mystery that is Christmas, rejoicing with the angels that this Good News is delivered unto us. May we together receive this gift anew as Jesus Himself is present with us as we gather to worship Him!

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

LSB 379

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered this Christmas morning to hear God's Word, to marvel at the mystery of the Word becoming flesh, let us first consider our unworthiness before God and confess before Him and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition; only God's Son, Jesus Christ, has set us free from our fears and failures, our sin and death, and He enables us to live forever as God's children. Let us then take refuge in the infinite mercy of our God and, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, say: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, born into this world on Christmas, to live, suffer, die, and rise again for you. For Jesus' sake, your heavenly Father forgives you all your sins. As your pastor, it is my privilege to announce this message of grace unto you and, as Christ has commanded, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

1. Little children, can you tell? Do you know the story well?
Ev'ry girl and ev'ry boy, Why the angels sing for joy
On this Christmas morning?
2. Yes, we know the story of God the Father and His love.
Jesus came to save us all. That's why angels sing and call
On this Christmas morning.
3. All God's children, do you know How your faith can bloom and grow?
Love is planted, life is stirred Ev'ry time we hear God's Word
On this Christmas morning.
4. All God's children, we rejoice When we hear the Savior's voice!
All God's angels shout the song! All God's people sing along
On this Christmas morning!

PSALM (*Read Responsively*)*Psalm 98*

Pastor: The LORD has made known His salvation;
People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
 Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
People: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.
 Pastor: The LORD has made known His salvation;
People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
 Pastor: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
 Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
The LORD has made known His salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
 Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
People: with the lyre and the sound of melody!
 Pastor: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
People: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
 Pastor: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
People: the world and those who dwell in it!
 Pastor: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the
 LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.
People: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.
The LORD has made known His salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
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.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of our sin

People: **that we may rejoice in the salvation You have delivered unto us;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38

In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Luke 2:14

Leader: Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest,

People: **and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased! Alleluia.**

HYMN

“Away in a Manger”

LSB 365

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

LSB 358 vs 1, 13-15

SERMON

“The Origin of Christmas”

Titus 3:4-6

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People: **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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Wonderful Counselor, You govern all things with wisdom, righteousness, and truth. Grant to Your creation the joy of Your presence, that we may see You at work in our midst. Guide the nations of the earth to Your Son, that all would know Your salvation.
- People:** **Wherever the good news of great joy is announced this day, grant that lives are changed forever by the power of Your Holy Spirit.**
- Pastor:** Mighty God, Your power knows no limits. You reign over all things and yet, in Christ, You stoop down to save us.

People: Give to us, Your Church, the power to declare Your mighty deeds throughout the world. Inspire us to fulfill our earthly callings so that, through our lives of joyful service, all would know of Your grace and mercy.

Pastor: Everlasting Father, You embrace us and make us Your children through faith in Your only-begotten Son. Bless all those who, in any form of sickness or infirmity, need Your tender care. Heal the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and grant Your saving power to all who rest in You.
Let us pray to the Lord:

People: We rejoice that You have come unto us to draw us unto You.

Pastor: Prince of Peace, You give to us what the world can never give. Drive out all fears and doubts. Deliver us from all enemies, seen and unseen.

People: Grant us solace in Him whose blood has set us free that we would be Your people forever. Open our ears to the message of the angels: “Fear not! For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!”

Pastor: Fearing, loving, and trusting in You above all things, we entrust all of these prayers to Your mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Him whose birth we celebrate this day: Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

LSB 381

LORD’S PRAYER

People: 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.

CHRISTMAS DAY PRAYER

O Dayspring from on high, Babe of Bethlehem, we follow in the steps of those who knelt in humble adoration at your manger so many years ago.

As you did with Mary and Joseph, so make your home in human lives and hearts. As Joseph and Mary went up from Galilee to Judea, lead us wherever we may help to carry out your plan for humankind. As Mary brought into this world “a light to lighten gentiles” and “the glory of your people Israel,” so enable us, too, to bring your peace to desperate people.

May all who see our worship of the newborn Babe wonder at the way we keep this day. And here and there, O Bethlehem’s royal Prince, let there be some who, because of us, ponder these things deep within their hearts.

We praise you, Sun of righteousness, risen with healing in your wings; we praise you now and evermore. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Unto us

People: a child is born!

Pastor: Unto us

People: a son is given!

Pastor: And the government shall be upon His shoulder.

People: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Joy to the World”

LSB 387

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