

# The Nativity of Our Lord

Unto us a child is born.

Unto us a son is given.

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



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25 December 2020 A ✠ D 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Divine Service - Healey Willan Setting

*In Nomine ✠ Jesu*

## THE CHORAL PRELUDE

*Born Today*

R. Proulx

Alleluia! Born today! Christ is born to us; Today the Savior has appeared

Born today! Angels on earth do sing, and archangels rejoice.

Born today! The righteous cry out: Glory be to God in the highest! Alleluia!

## *Stand* THE HYMN

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

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## The Preparation

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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.

*Kneel* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**O Almighty God, merciful Father, 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

## THE INTROIT OF THE DAY

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1-4



|Unto| us a child is born, unto us a son is / given:  
 and the government shall be up- / on his shoulder:  
 and his name shall be / c alled:  
 Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,  
 The everlasting Father, The / Prince of Peace.–

**O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous / things:  
 his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten / him the victory.**

The LORD hath made known his sal- / vation:  
 his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight / of the heathen.

**He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of / Israel:  
 all the ends of the earth have seen the sal- / vation of our God.**

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the /  arth:  
 make a loud noise, and re- / joice, and sing praise.

***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 for- / ever. Amen.***

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## THE NINE-FOLD KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, — have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up - on —

us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, — have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

☐ Glo-ry be to God on high: ☑ And on earth peace, good will toward men.  
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, *we wor-ship Thee*, we glo-ri-fy Thee,  
 we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
 God the Fa-ther Al - might-y. O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten  
 Son, Je-sus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,  
 that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on — us.  
 Thou that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, *re-ceive our prayer*. Thou that  
 sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 For Thou on - ly art ho - ly, Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou on - ly, O ☩ Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most  
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

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



A-men.

### Sit THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38*

*In those days*, it came to pass in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was raised up. So Moses raised up the tabernacle, fastened its sockets, set up its boards, put in its bars, and raised up its pillars. And he spread out the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent on top of it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. He took the Testimony and put it into the ark, inserted the poles through the rings of the ark, and put the mercy seat on top of the ark. And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, hung up the veil of the covering, and partitioned off the ark of the Testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

This is the Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



## THE GOSPEL

*St. John 1:1-18*

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to St. John:



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

✠ 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 nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 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 beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ “ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

## THE 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.

Sit THE HYMN OF THE DAY

*Now Praise We Christ the Holy One*  
(choir sings stanza 5)

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## THE SERMON

## THE OFFERING

## THE VOLUNTARY MOTET

8:00 a.m. —*Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

S.D. Wolfe

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!  
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!



Oh, where shall joy be found?  
 Where but on heavenly ground?  
 Where the angels singing  
 With all His saints unite,  
 Sweetest praises bringing  
 In heavenly joy and light.  
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

10:30 a.m. – *Be Not Afraid*.....J. S. Beyer

Be not afraid! Be not afraid!  
 Behold, I bring news of great joy,  
 Which shall be for all people.  
 For unto you is born a Savior,  
 Which is Christ, the Lord, in David's city!

*Stand* **THE OFFERTORY**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spi - rit with -  
 in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal -  
 va - tion, and up - hold me \_\_\_\_\_ with Thy free Spir - it.

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each bid:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion:* O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

### THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, 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 be drawn to the love of 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:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Sab - a-oth; heav - en and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the  
name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Kneel*

## THE THANKSGIVING

Glory be to You, O Lord Jesus Christ, almighty and everlasting Son of the Father, that by the sacrifice of Yourself upon the cross, offered up once for all, You perfected them that are hallowed, and ordain, as a memorial and seal thereof, Your Holy Supper, in which You give us Your body to eat, and Your blood to drink, that being in You, even as You are in us, we may have eternal life, and be raised up at the last day. Most merciful and exalted Redeemer, we humbly confess that we are not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which You have shown unto us, and that, by reason of our sins, we are too impure and weak worthily to receive Your saving gifts. Hallow us, therefore, we beseech You, in our bodies and souls by Your Holy Spirit, and thus fit and prepare us to come to Your Supper, to the glory of Your grace, and to our own eternal good. And in whatsoever, through weakness, we do fail and come short, in true repentance and sorrow on account of our sins, in living faith and trust in Your merits, and in an earnest purpose to amend our sinful lives, graciously supply and grant, out of the fullness of the merits of Your bitter sufferings and death; to the end that we, who even in this present world desire to enjoy You in the Holy Sacrament, may at last see You, our only comfort and Savior, face to face in Your heavenly kingdom, and dwell with You, and with all Your saints, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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  $\text{✝}$  evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

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 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 BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

## THE THANKSGIVING

Praise, and honor, and glory be unto You, O Lord! The bread which we break is the communion of Your holy body, and the cup which we bless is the communion of Your holy blood. O everlasting Son of the Father, hallow us by Your Holy Spirit, and make us fit partakers of Your holy body and blood, that we may be cleansed from sin and made one with all the members of Your Church in heaven and on earth. Lord Jesus! You have bought us: To You will we live, to You will we die, and Yours will we be forever.

**Amen.**

## THE PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

## THE AGNUS DEI

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



**Visitors** who have not before received communion from Pastors Petersen or Frese are kindly asked to speak with either of them, or one of the ushers, before approaching the altar for the first time.

Communicants are encouraged to take the bottom of the Chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths. Children and adults who are not eligible for the Holy Communion may cross their arms, placing both hands on their shoulders, to indicate they would like a blessing at the rail.

*Sit* **THE COMMUNION HYMNS**

*All My Heart Again Rejoices*

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*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*LSB 359*

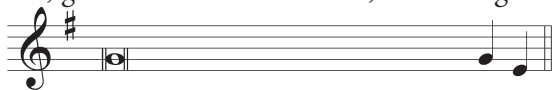
*Stand* **THE NUNC DIMITTIS**



|Lord, now| lettest Thou Thy servant depart / in peace,  
 ac- / cording- to Thy Word;  
 |for mine| eyes have seen Thy / Salvation:  
 which Thou hast prepared before the face / of all- people,  
 |a-| Light to lighten / the Gentiles,  
 and the Glory of Thy / people- Israel.  
 |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 for- / ever.- Amen.

## THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:



And His mercy endureth for-ev-er.

Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A-men.

## THE SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS, AND BENEDICTION

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God. \_\_\_\_\_

*Kneel*

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 ☩ give you peace.



A-men. A-men. A - men.

*Stand*

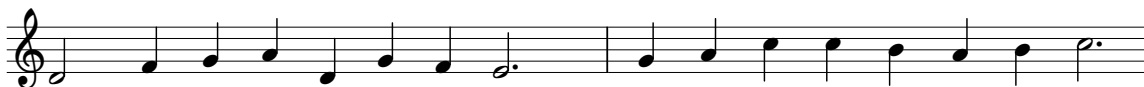
## THE HYMN

*Joy to the World*

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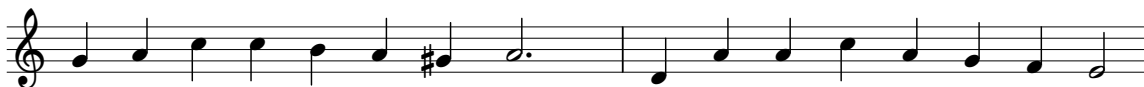
*Silent Prayer  
Soli Deo Gloria*

# Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One



1. Now praise we Christ, the Ho - ly One,  
 2. He Who Him - self all things did make  
 3. The grace and pow'r of God the Lord  
 4. The no - ble moth - er bore a Son--  
 5. Up - on a man - ger filled with hay  
 6. The heav'n - ly choirs re - joice and raise  
 7. All hon - or un - to Christ be paid,

The bless - ed vir - gin Ma - ry's Son,  
 A ser - vant's form vouch-safed to take  
 U - pon the moth - er was out-poured  
 For so did Gab - riel's pro - mise run--  
 In pov - er - ty con - tent He lay;  
 Their voice to God in songs of praise.  
 Pure Off-spring of the fav - ored maid,



Far as the glo - rious sun doth shine  
 That He as man man - kind might win  
 A vir - gin pure and un - de - filed  
 Whom John con-fessed and leaped with joy  
 With milk was fed the Lord of all,  
 To hum - ble shep-herds is pro-claimed  
 With Fa - ther and with Ho - ly Ghost,

E'en to the world's re - mot con - fine.  
 And save His crea - tures from their sin.  
 In won - drous wise con - ceived a Child.  
 Ere yet the moth - er knew her Boy.  
 Who feeds the rav - ens when they call.  
 The Shep-herd who the world hath framed.  
 Till time in end - less time be lost.

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**Vicar** - Aaron Schultz

**Seminarian Field Workers** - Nicholas Belcher; Peter Preus

**Deaconess Field Worker** - Meghan Holst

**Trumpet** - Aaron Reynolds (10:30 a.m.)

**Trombone** - Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes (8:00 a.m.)

**Vocal Soloist** - Jonathan Busarow, tenor (10:30 a.m.)

**Altar Care** - Jacqui Petersen & Krissy Lagemann

**Elders** - Jonathan Busarow; Patrick Casey; Keith Frank; Rev. Ben Pollock; Michael Ritzman; Alex Schultz; Jason Thompson

**Acolytes** - Ben Cecil; Micah Cecil; Zachary Cecil; Ethan Dodson; Henry Dodson; Owen Dodson; Gabriel Frese; Cillian Grobien; Ransom Pullmann; Isaac Schultz

## THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Friday	25 December	Christmas Day	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
			10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Saturday	26 December	St. Stephen, Martyr	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Sunday	27 December	St. John, Apostle	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
			10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	28 December	The Holy Innocents	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Tuesday	29 December	5th Day of Christmas	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Wednesday	30 December	6th Day of Christmas	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Thursday	31 December	Name and Circumcision of Jesus		
			7:00 p.m.	Divine Service
Friday	1 January	Name and Circumcision of Jesus		
			10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Saturday	2 January	9th Day of Christmas	7:00 p.m.	Divine Service
Sunday	3 January	10th Day of Christmas	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
			10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	4 January	11th Day of Christmas	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Tuesday	5 January	12th Day of Christmas	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
Wednesday	6 January	Feast of the Epiphany	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
			7:00 p.m.	Divine Service

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