



First Sunday after Christmas + Sunday, December 26, 2021 +

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 111

L: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

L: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

L: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

C: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

L: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

C: they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

L: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

C: Holy and awesome is his name!

L: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C: His praise endures forever!

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

Hymn

#379

[1] O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

[2] Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

[3] Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

[4] Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Old Testament

Exodus 13:1-3a,11-15

The LORD said to Moses, "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine." Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place...When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle**Colossians 3:12-17**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel**Luke 2:22-40**

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." 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. 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. 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, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for

my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 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 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” 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, 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. 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. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

#360

[1] All my heart again rejoices
As I hear Far and near
Sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is born!" their choirs are singing
Till the air Ev'rywhere
Now with joy is ringing.

[2] Hear! The Conqueror has spoken:

"Now the foe, Sin and woe,
Death and hell are broken!"
God is man, man to deliver,
And the Son Now is one
With our blood forever.

[3] Should we fear our God's displeasure,

Who, to save, Freely gave
His most precious treasure?
To redeem us He has given
His own Son From the throne
Of His might in heaven.

[4] See the Lamb, our sin once taking

To the cross, Suff'ring loss,
Full atonement making.
For our life His own He tenders,
And His grace All our race
Fit for glory renders.

[5] Softly from His lowly manger

Jesus calls One and all,
"You are safe from danger.
Children, from the sins that grieve you
You are freed; All you need
I will surely give you."

[6] Come, then, banish all your sadness!

One and all, Great and small,
Come with songs of gladness
We shall live with Him forever
There on high In that joy
Which will vanish never.

Sermon (video available at <https://youtu.be/jK5OXhm-paY>)

Apostles' Creed

C: 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 everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collect

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Blessing

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

Hymn

#386

[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!

[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!