



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

**OPENING HYMN**      “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”      374

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**P** When the fullness of time had come,

**C** God sent forth His Son,

**P** born of woman, born under the law,

**C** to redeem those who were under the law.

**P** Holy and gracious God,

**C** I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver me in Your mercy and restore me by Your grace that I amend my sinful life. Bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**KYRIE**

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have  
 mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy up - on\_\_ us. Christ, have  
 mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer - cy up-on\_\_ us. God the  
 Lord, the Sav-ior gave us, Je-sus Christ is born to save us; Lord, have  
 mer - cy up-on\_\_ us. Lord, have mer - cy up-on\_\_ us. \_\_\_\_\_

**GLORIA**

Glo - ry be to God on high,  
 Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare  
 Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,  
 To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds  
 Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,  
 Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er



draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.  
 hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.  
 and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



1. in ex - cel - sis De - o! 2. in ex - cel - sis De o!

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** and also with you.

**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.

*We sit.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Isaiah 63:7-14**

Pew Bible pg. 791

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

## 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. Holy and awesome is his name!
- C** **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

## EPISTLE LESSON

## Galatians 4:4-7

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

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**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**GRADUAL HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory” 367**



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 2:13-23**

Pew Bible pg. 1026

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter

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

*After the Gospel is read:*

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*We sit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY “See amid the Winter’s Snow” 373**

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. David Ludwig

*We stand.*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*We sit.*

**OFFERING**

*We stand.*

**OFFERTORY**

**“What Child Is This”**

**370**

**PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

*Psalms 136*

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; 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 know and love 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:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow'r and\_ might, \_\_\_\_\_ heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, for You made all things by Your hand and by Your same hand have become our Savior, delivering Your people of old from all their enemies and raising up Your own Son in flesh and blood through the Virgin to offer Himself once for all, cleansing us by His blood, and fitting us for Your heavenly dwelling. Grant us grace now to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood as He has promised.

**C** Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*We sit.*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Once in Royal David’s City” 376

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” 386

“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising” 375

*We stand.*

### DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN** “Another Year is Dawning” AURALIA

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,  
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;  
Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;  
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;  
Another year of training for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,  
On earth or else in heaven, another year with Thee.

### POSTLUDE