

Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

Luke 2: 1-14
Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich
Nikolaus Herman, 1560
Tr., August Crull, †1923, alt.

C. M.

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen
Nikolaus Herman, 1554

1 Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men, Be - fore His
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 He veils in flesh His pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's
4 He nes - tles at His moth - er's breast, Re - ceives her

high - est throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain And
In - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
form to take; In want and low - li - ness must pine Who
ten - der care, Whom an - gels hail with joy most blest, King

gives us His own Son, And gives us His own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.
Da - vid's roy - al Heir, King Da - vid's roy - al Heir. A - men.

5 'Tis He who in these latter days
From Judah's tribe should come,
By whom the Father would upraise
The Church, His Christendom.

6 A wondrous change which He does make!
He takes our flesh and blood,
And He conceals for sinners' sake
His majesty of God.

7 He serves that I a lord may be;
A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me
To help me in my need?

8 He opens us again the door
Of Paradise today;
The angel guards the gate no more.
To God our thanks we pay.

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022
8:00 p.m.

Blessed Nativity of Our Lord! "There was no help for us until the only Son of the Father in His unfathomable goodness had come down from heaven to help us." - Martin Luther. Welcome to the Divine Service. Guests desiring to commune are asked to speak to the Pastor. For the spiritual care and welfare of all we practice closed communion.

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB p. 184

Stand and face processional cross

Processional Hymn

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"All My Heart Again Rejoices"

Choir sings stanza 4

Introit sung by the choir

Antiphon

(Is. 9:7)

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder
and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,
the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace

Psalm

(Ps. 98:1)

Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song,
for He hath done marv'ulous things.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost...

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given."

Choral Response

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" - Michael Praetorius

From heav'n above to earth I come to bear good news to ev'ry home.
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, where of I now will say and sing.

To you this night is born a Child of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little Child, of lowly birth, shall be the Joy, of all the earth.

Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared to bring salvation to all.

Stand and face the processional cross.

Interventive Chant/Alleluia Verse sung by the choir

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God;
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth.
The Lord hath made known His salvation;
His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.
Alleluia! Oh, come let us sing unto the Lord;
Let us worship and bow down before Him. Alleluia!
(Ps. 98:3b-4a, 2; Ps. 95:1a, 6b)

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

The Birth of Christ in Bethlehem

Hymn of the Day

Insert

“To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”
Choir sings stanza 4

Choral Offertory

“Gabriel’s Message Does Away” Kevin Hildebrand

Gabriel’s message does away Satan’s curse and Satan’s sway,
Our of darkness brings our Day: So, behold, all the gates of heav’n unfold.
He that comes despised shall reign; He that cannot die, be slain;
Death by death its death shall gain: So, behold, all the gates of heav’n unfold.
Weakness shall the strong confound; by the hands, in grave clothes wound,
Adam’s chains shall be unbound. So, behold, all the gates of heav’n unfold.
By the sword that was his own, by that sword, and that alone,
Shall Goliath be o’erthrown: So, behold, all the gates of heav’n unfold.
Art by art shall be assailed; to the cross shall Life be nailed;
From the grave shall hope be hailed: So, behold, all the gates of heav’n unfold.

Distribution Hymns

- “Away in a Manger” 364
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Post-Communion Collect and Candle Ceremony

The pastors will bring the light of Christ to the first person in each pew on the center aisle. Each parishioner should light their candle by tipping the unlit candle into the lit candle of their neighbor until all the candles are lit. Do not tip lighted candles. Allow the candles to burn through the conclusion of the service and the singing of Silent Night.

Hymn to Depart

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“Silent Night, Holy Night”

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

Luke 2: 10, 11
Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar
Martin Luther, 1543
Tr., Richard Massie, 1854, alt.

L. M.

Puer nobis nascitur
“Musae Sioniae,” VI, 1609

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 To shep-herds as they watched by night Ap- peared a
 2 At Beth- le- hem, in Da- vid's town, As Mi- cah
 3 Oh, then re- joice that thro' His Son God is with
 4 What harm can sin and death then do? The true God

host of an- gels bright; Be- hold the ten- der Babe, they
 did of old make known; 'Tis Je- sus Christ, your Lord and
 sin- ners now at one; Made like your-selves of flesh and
 now a- bides with you. Let hell and Sa- tan rage and

said, In yon- der low- ly man- ger laid,
 King, Who doth to all sal- va- tion bring.
 blood, Your broth- er is th' e- ter- nal God.
 chafe, Christ is your Broth- er— ye are safe. A- men.

- 5 Not one He will or can forsake
Who Him his confidence doth make.
Let all his wiles the Tempter try,
You may his utmost powers defy.
- 6 Ye shall and must at last prevail;
God's own ye are, ye cannot fail.
To God forever sing your praise
With joy and patience all your days.