

## First Sunday after Christmas



Sunday, December 26, 2021 9:30 a.m.  
Service of Morning Prayer *LSB 235*  
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## Prelude

Belva Hanson, organist

## Welcome

Rev. Jake Parsons

## Opening Hymn

## Joy to the World

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav-ior reigns! Let men their songs em-  
 3 No more let sins and sor-rows grow Nor thorns in-fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na-tions

King; Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare Him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; He comes to make His bless-ings  
 prove The glo-ries of His righ-teous-

ness And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture  
 plains Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat the sound-ing  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 ness And won-ders of His love, And won-ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.  
 joy, Re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won-ders, won-ders of His love.

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## Stand

## Versicles

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**L** O Lord, o-pen my lips,  
**C** and my mouth shall de-clare Your praise.  
**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.  
**C** Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

+ Psalmody +

**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

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**C** O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

**I** Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;  
let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.

**II** For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.

**I** In His hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.

**II** The sea is His, for He made it;  
and His hand formed the dry land.

**I** O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;  
let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.



II For He is our God, and we are the peo-ple  
of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.

III Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

IV Give glory to God, our light and our life.

V O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Psalm** *(Read responsively)*

*Psalm 111*

- <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!  
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup>**Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.**
- <sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup>**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- <sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.
- <sup>6</sup>**He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- <sup>8</sup>**they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!**

Sit

## Office Hymn

## A Great and Mighty Wonder

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1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:  
2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,  
3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,  
4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,  
5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!  
And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.  
Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.  
The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.  
And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

### Refrain



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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## + Readings from Holy Scripture +

### First Reading

Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>"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."

<sup>3</sup>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. . . .

<sup>11</sup>"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, <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.'"

**A** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**G Thanks be to God.****Second Reading***Colossians 3:12-17*

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.

**A** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**G Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel***Luke 2:22-40*

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>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 <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

<sup>36</sup>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, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>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.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**G Thanks be to God.**

**P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

**Sermon**

“Song and Celebration”

*Rev. Jake Parsons*

+ Canticle +

*Stand*

**Benedictus**

Sing Praise to the God of Israel

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1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on  
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His  
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:  
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,  
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -  
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and  
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!  
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.  
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.  
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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**Collects**

**Collect of the Day**

**L** Let us pray.

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.

**Collect for Grace**

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.**

**Benedicamus**

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- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction** *LSB 242*

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

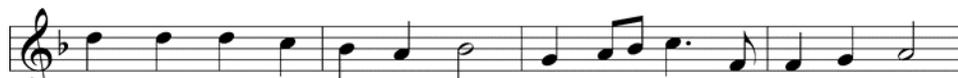
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!

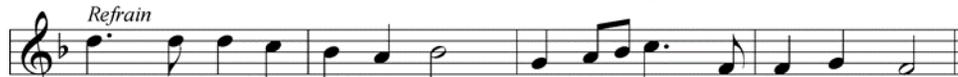
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
 Late in time be-hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir-gin’s womb.  
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!  
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.

*Refrain*



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

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