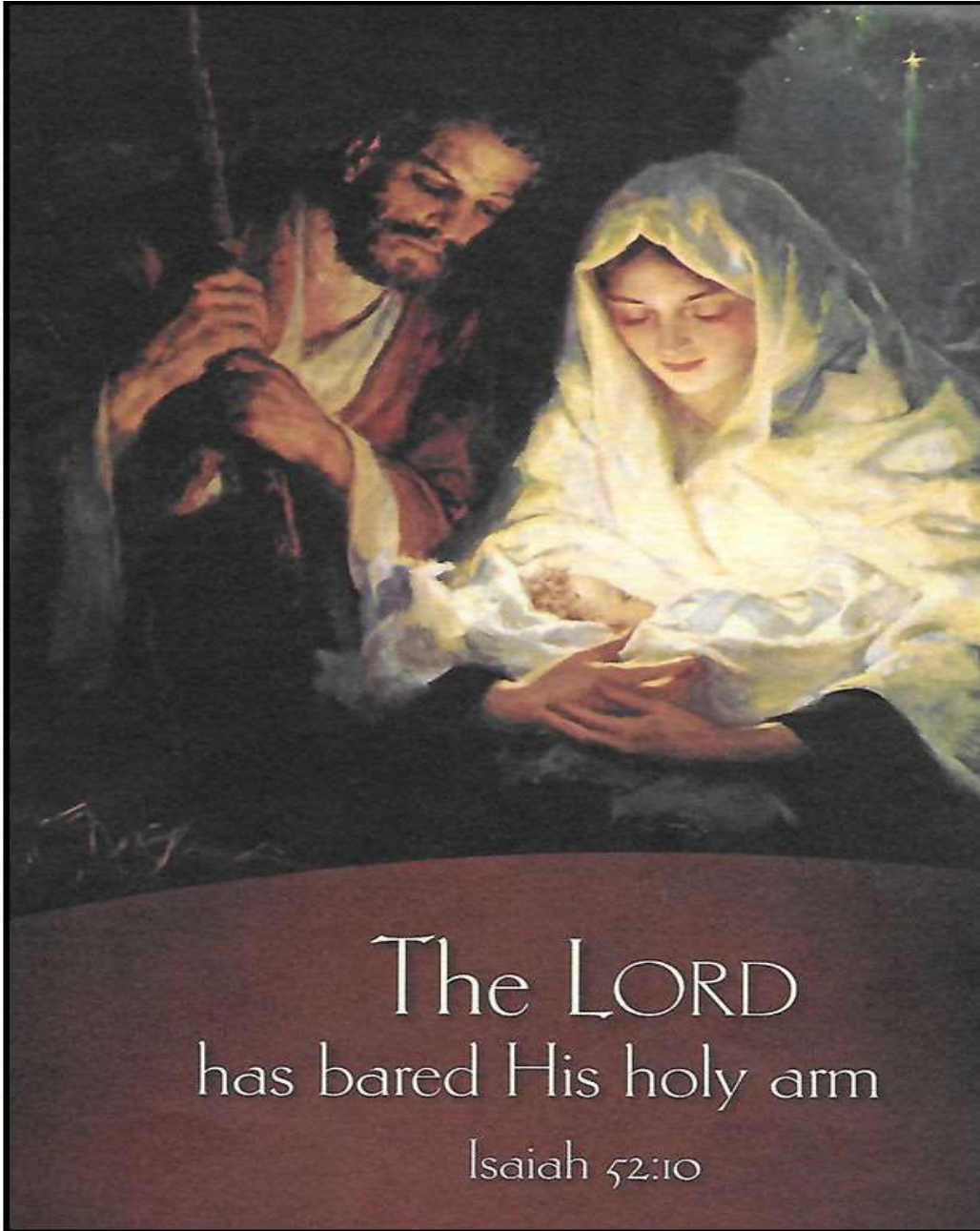


**Christmas Day |
December 25, 2024**



The LORD
has bared His holy arm

Isaiah 52:10

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✠ The Nativity of Our Lord ✠
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Hymn of Invocation: *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P How beautiful upon the mountains

C are the feet of him who brings good news,

P who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,

C who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, **“Your God reigns.”**

P Beloved in the Lord! As we celebrate in the light of Christmas morning, we also recognize the truth that we are by nature spiritually dark and sinful. Our words and deeds often reflect not the light of Christ but the darkness of sin. 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.

C 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.

P “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” 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.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6



For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given; *
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor, *
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things! *
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation; *
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of |
Israel. * All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth; *
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

**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 forever. | Amen.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Collect of the Day

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7–10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Gradual

Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a



Sing to the Lord a | new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things!
To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.
Sing to the Lord a | new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things!

Epistle

Hebrews 1:1–12

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” ⁷Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” ⁸But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” ¹⁰And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹²like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

Stand

Alleluia and Verse of the Day



Al- | lelulia.

Glory to God in the | highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom | he is pleased!

Al- | lelulia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1–18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day: "We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth"

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Sermon "All the World with His Free Grace Supplying"

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1a; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-14

Offertory

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Prayer of the Church

P On this Christmas morning, we come to our heavenly Father in prayer and praise as we proclaim:

Refrain

On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save
us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

P We thank You, Heavenly Father, for Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh who came to dwell among us. His incarnation gives us reason for celebration.

Refrain

On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save
us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

P Your Son came as a light to shine in this dark world. Grant that we reflect the light of Christ in our lives so many more may rejoice at His birth.

Refrain

On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save
us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

P Give Your peace to those who are apart from loved ones this Christmas. Assure them that even though they may feel alone, You are with them always, even to the end of the age.

Refrain

On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save
us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

(Special petitions are included here)

P We pray this in the name of the one who was with You in the beginning, who was born for us, died for us, and rose for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Proper Preface

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P It is truly meet, 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

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Lord's Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini

LSB 197

Agnus Dei

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Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymns: *"Once in Royal David's City"*
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

P *Let us pray...*

C Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with Thee there. Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- P** Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born!
C Christ the Savior is born indeed! Alleluia!

Benediction

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- P** 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 T give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: "Joy to the World"

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