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Son of Man and Son of God
As We Gather

Who is the Son of God? That first Christmas, the baby lying in the manger appeared to be the son of Mary and Joseph. Yet, this infant boy is so much more than meets the eye. He is the Son of God! How do we know? Just listen to God's Word in the proclamation of the angels: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). Or hear the words of John 1: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). This Christmas, through faith, you also are more than what meets the eye. You are a child of God! How do you know? God's Word connected to water declares it because you are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Celebrate this Christmas that "when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5).

PREPARATION

387 Joy to the World

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow, Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 146:3-5*

- P Put not your trust in princes,
C **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**
P When his breath departs C **he returns to the earth;**

- P on that very day C **his plans perish.**
P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

Service of Light

- P The Spirit and the Church cry out: C **Come, Lord Jesus.**
P All those who await His appearance pray: C **Come, Lord Jesus.**
P The whole creation pleads: C **Come, Lord Jesus.**
P Celebrating the arrival of the Son of Man and the Son of God, we implore:
C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

As the hymn is sung, the candles are lit.

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten *st. 1*

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

Confession and Absolution

- P "We also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world" (Galatians 4:3). Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5). Because of the Savior who is the Word made flesh and who dwelt among us, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

WORD

Songs of the Shepherds

367 Angels from the Realms of Glory *sts. ref. 2*

ref Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.

- 2 Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain*

368 Angels We Have Heard on High *sts. ref, 2*

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

388 Go Tell It on the Mountain *sts. ref, 2*

*ref Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!*

- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus, That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Introit for Christmas Day *Psalms 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 salvation for Him.

The LORD has made known His salvation;

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
beginning, 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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, You sent forth Your Son to be born of a woman, born under the
law, to redeem us who were under the law. Grant that through faith we might rejoice
in our baptismal adoption as Your children and our connection to Christ; through the

same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Daniel 7:13-14*

P The Old Testament Reading is from Daniel, the seventh chapter.

¹³I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like
a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴And
to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and
languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not
pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Joseph's Lullaby" *sung by Jerry Schmaltz*

Epistle *Galatians 4:1-7*

P The Epistle is from Galatians, the fourth chapter.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is
the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his
father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the
elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent
forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the
law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent
the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a
slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse for Christmas Day *John 1:14*

**Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *John 1:1-18*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

In This Precious Baby Boy

1 In this pre - cious ba - by boy, We are giv - en
 2 God's own chil - dren, we have strayed, Con - stant - ly have
 3 Through this ba - by in the hay, God has giv - en

peace and joy. By the Spir - it, hope is won—
 dis - o - beyed In the gar - den, in the sand,
 us the Way To in - her - it life a - bove,

Mar - y bore the Fa - ther's Son. Son of God and
 Through the riv - er, in the Land. But the Child who
 Res - cued by His per - fect love. In this Child, we

Son of Man: He ful - fills the ho - ly plan.
 takes our place Bears the cross to earn us grace.
 all may be Chil - dren of e - ter - ni - ty.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God,

Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P We come before our Lord in prayer in the name of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, the Son of Man and the Son of God.
 Heavenly Father, we rejoice at the coming of Your Son for our salvation. Grant that we might share the Good News of Christ this Christmastime that many others find joy at the coming of Your Son to bring them life and salvation. Hear us, for the sake of Jesus,
- C **Son of Man and Son of God.**
- P Heavenly Father, we remember before You those who are suffering ills of body or mind even as we celebrate Christ's birth. According to Your will, bless them with healing and joy even in the midst of woe. We bring before You especially [names]. Hear us, for the sake of Jesus,
- C **Son of Man and Son of God.**
- P Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son that first Christmas to be the Savior of all nations and of all time. Here, in this time and place, grant that we receive the benefits of His coming through His body and blood given and shed for us as we faithfully receive Him as He comes to us in His Supper. Hear us, for the sake of Jesus,
- C **Son of Man and Son of God.**
- P We pray these things through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
- C **Son of Man and Son of God. Amen.**

Offering

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten *st. 3*

- 3 This is He whom seers in old time, Chanted of with one accord,
 Whom the voices of the prophets, Promised in their faithful word.

Now He shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

SACRAMENT

Preface

- P The Lord be with you. C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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:

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten *st. 4*

- 4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing.
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten *st. 5*

- D 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep, Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together, Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts, The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still, The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

364 Away in a Manger

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 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.

370 What Child Is This

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!
- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here, The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!
- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthron Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the_angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" *Refrain*
ref Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the_incarate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*
- 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

Post-Communion Collect

- P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Prayer

- P This Christmas, we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." True Son of Adam,

- C **come, Lord Jesus.**
P True Son of Abraham,
C **come, Lord Jesus.**
P True Son of David,
C **come, Lord Jesus.**
P True Son of God,
C **come, Lord Jesus.**
P True Son of Man,
C **come, Lord Jesus.**
P That we might receive adoption as sons,
C **come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful *sts. 1-4*

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the king of angels: *Refrain*
*Ref: 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! *Refrain*
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, In the highest: *Refrain*
- 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! *Refrain*

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