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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
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367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

1 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story, Now proclaim Messiah’s birth. *Refrain*

*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*

3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*

4 Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

D 5 All creation, join in praising, God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising, To the\_ eternal Three in One. *Refrain*

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

*Sit*

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\_incarinate 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*

Readings From Holy Scripture

Reading *Isaiah 61:10—62:3*

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 61.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading *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!**

Reading *Galatians 4:4–7*

A The Epistle is from Galatians, chapter 4.  
<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”  
<sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.  
A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

Reading *Luke 2:22–40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
<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, worshiping 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**  
L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**  
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

389 Let All Together Praise Our God

- 1

Let all together praise our God, Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav’n again, To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
- 2

He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne, Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.
- 3

Within an earthborn form He hides, His all-creating light;  
To serve us all He humbly cloaks, The splendor of His might, The splendor of His might.
- 4

He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name, His glory, and His name.
- 5

He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child’s love! No truer friend than He, No truer friend than He.
- 6

He is the key and He the door, To blessèd paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise, To God our praises rise.
- D 7

Your grace in lowliness revealed, Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield, And Spirit evermore; We praise You evermore.

Sit  
Sermon

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us, And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2

Let us suffer here with Jesus, And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy, Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion, That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in, Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

Offering

390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

- 1

Let us all with gladsome voice, Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.
- 2

To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,  
That with Him in heav’n’s fair homes, We may reign in gladness.
- 3

We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder?  
Therefore praise God evermore. Here on earth and yonder.
- 4

Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us.

Stand  
Prayer

- L

In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C

**Lord, have mercy.**
- L

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C

**Lord, have mercy.**
- L

For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C

**Lord, have mercy.**
- L

For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C

**Lord, have mercy.**
- L

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C

**Lord, have mercy.**
- L

For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C

**Lord, have mercy.**
- L

For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C

**Lord, have mercy.**
- L

For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C

**Lord, have mercy.**
- L

For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C

**Lord, have mercy.**
- L

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

**Collect of the Day**

- L 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 the Word**

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

**Morning Prayer**

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

**Blessing**

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C **Amen.**

**733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past** *sts. 1–6*

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight, Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night, Before the rising sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream, Dies at the op’ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home!

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