





1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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## OPENING SENTENCES

*Officiant:* Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant:* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*All kneel or sit. Silence may be kept.*

*All:* **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant:* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER *All stand.*

*Officiant*  
  
 O Lord, o - pen thou our lips.

*People*  
  
 And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant and People*  
  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

*Except during Lent, may be added:*

  
 Al - le - lu - ia.

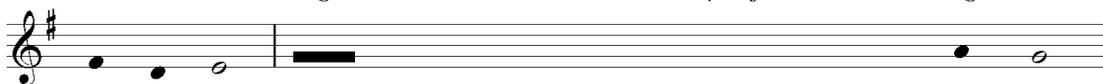
VENITE (sung by all)

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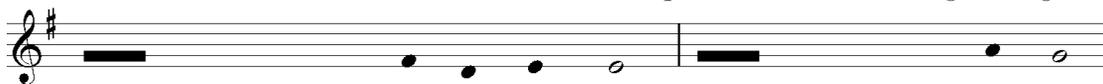
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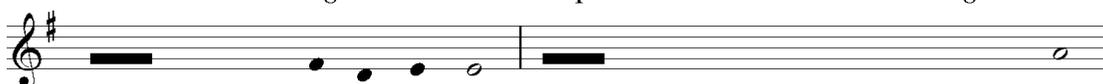
1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our



sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God,



and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth,



and the strength of the hills is his al - so. 5. The sea is his and he made it,



and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down



and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For he is the Lord our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship



the Lord in the beauty of ho - li - ness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.



9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*



the world and the peo - ples with his truth. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to



the Ho - ly Spi - rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

PSALM 147:13-21 (read responsively)

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion;

**14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.**

15 He has established peace on your borders;  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**16 He sends out his command to the earth,  
and his word runs very swiftly.**

17 He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;  
who can stand against his cold?**

19 He sends forth his word and melts them;  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**20 He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

21 He has not done so to any other nation;  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

*All:* **Glory 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.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 *All sit.*

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being 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 with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

MAGNIFICAT (sung by the soloist)

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He that is mighty hath magnified me:  
 and holy is his Name.  
 My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
 For he hath regarded  
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
 For behold from henceforth  
 all generations shall call me blessed.  
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me,  
 and holy is his Name.  
 And his mercy is on them that fear him  
 throughout all generations.  
 He hath showed strength with his arm;  
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
 He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
 as he promised to our forefathers,  
 Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

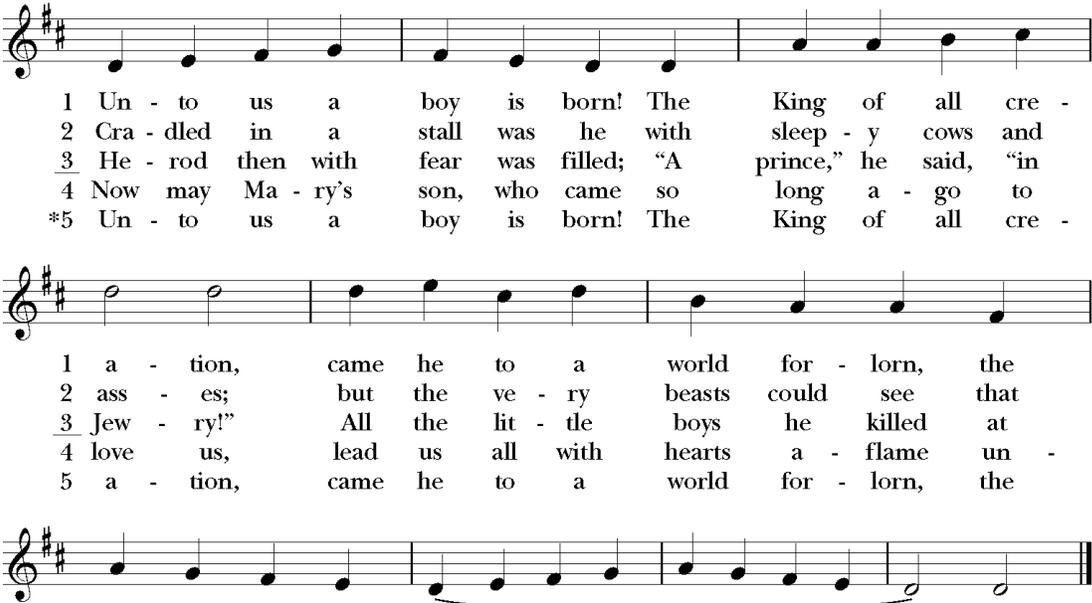
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

HYMN 98 *All stand.*

tune: Puer nobis nascitur



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -  
 2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and  
 3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in  
 4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to  
 \*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -

1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the  
 2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that  
 3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at  
 4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -  
 5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the

1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.  
 2 he all men sur - pass - - - es.  
 3 Beth - lehem in his fu - - - ry.  
 4 to the joys a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
 5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.

*The accompaniment for stanza 1 may be used for all stanzas.*

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## SERMON

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

APOSTLES' CREED *All stand.*

**All:**        **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, dead and buried.  
                   He descended into hell.  
                   The third day he rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
                   and sitteth on the right hand of God  
                   the Father almighty.  
                   From thence he shall come to judge  
                   the quick and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
                   the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

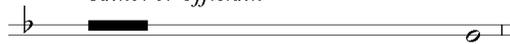
*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*All kneel or sit.*

*All:* **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Cantor or Officiant*

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*People*

R. And grant us thy salva-tion.



V. Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness;



R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.



V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in thee can we live in safe-ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un-der thy care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus-tice and truth.



V. Let thy way be known up-on earth;



R. Thy saving health among all na-tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot-ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta-ken a-way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spi-rit.

## THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of all who suffer, we pray for those on our parish prayer list: Augustine, Tom, Leonor, Lou, Margery, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Liz, Carla, Frank, Al, Jim, Joan, Roger, Andrea, Nadia, Mihail, Padmini, Rosalyn, Miriam, Charles, Rose Ann, Brian, Wendell, Holly, Juliana, Alysse, Bob, Meredith and Adriana; and those we name now in silence or aloud.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially those on our hearts and minds this holiday season, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*All:*           **Almighty God, Father of all mercies;  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all people.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we may show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE GRACE

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *All stand.*

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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SOLO

The Virgin's Slumber Song

Max Reger

Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus-child,  
While amid the treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild.  
And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon the bough:  
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now!

Happy is thy laughter, holy is thy silent rest,  
Lay thy head in slumber fondly on thy mother's breast!  
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now!

HYMN 380 (stanza 3) *All stand.*

tune: Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

BLESSING

*Officiant:* The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 87

tune: Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heav - en a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

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.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

DISMISSAL

*Officiant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Good Christian friends, rejoice! BWV 729

J.S. Bach

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