

Divine Service Setting Three
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Prelude

Processional Hymn: *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”* LSB 384

Invocation - Confession and Absolution p 184 ff

Service of the Word

Introit (Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6)



- P** For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
- C** and his name shall be called **Wonderful | Counselor,***
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.
- P** 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.
- C** **The Lord has made known his sal- | vation;***
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
- P** 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.
- C** **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;***
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises



G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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Collect of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38

Due to the length of the reading you are invited to listen.

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

(Psalm 118:26a, 27a, 23)

P Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord!*

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.

C This is the Lord's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

Senior Choir: *“Let Our Gladness Have No End”*

Epistle Reading

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P A holy day has dawned up- | on us.*

Come, all you nations, wor- | ship the LORD. *Liturgical Text*



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 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.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And 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. (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.'") And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed p 191

Sermon Hymn: *“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”* LSB 375

Sermon

Offertory p 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - Sanctus - Lord’s Prayer p 194 ff

The Words of Our Lord - Pax Domini - Agnus Dei

Distribution Hymns:

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” LSB 359

“O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is” LSB 372

“Let All Together Praise Our God” LSB 389

Nunc Dimittis - Thanksgiving - Post-Communion Collect p199 ff

Salutation - Benedicamus - Benediction

Closing Hymn: *“O Sing of Christ”* LSB 362

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