

First Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2021

To Your Temple, Lord, I Come *LSB 981*

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

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P On those dwelling in deep darkness,

C On them a light has shone.

P For those captive to sin,

C A Redeemer has come to set them free.

P For those fearful of death,

C A Savior has come to give them life!

Exhortation *LSB 203*

P Let us come before this Savior and confess our need, our help is in the name of the Lord

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins *LSB 203*

C Almighty God, for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution *LSB 203*

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to take on flesh and die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit *Ps. 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 52:10*

P The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*

C and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*

C His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

P The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

C 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.*

C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*

C 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.

P The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,*

C and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly *LSB 393*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15*

Epistle *Colossians 3:12–17*

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel *Luke 2:22–40*

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.**

What Child Is This *LSB 370*

Sermon

Let All Together Praise Our God *LSB 389 vs 1-4*

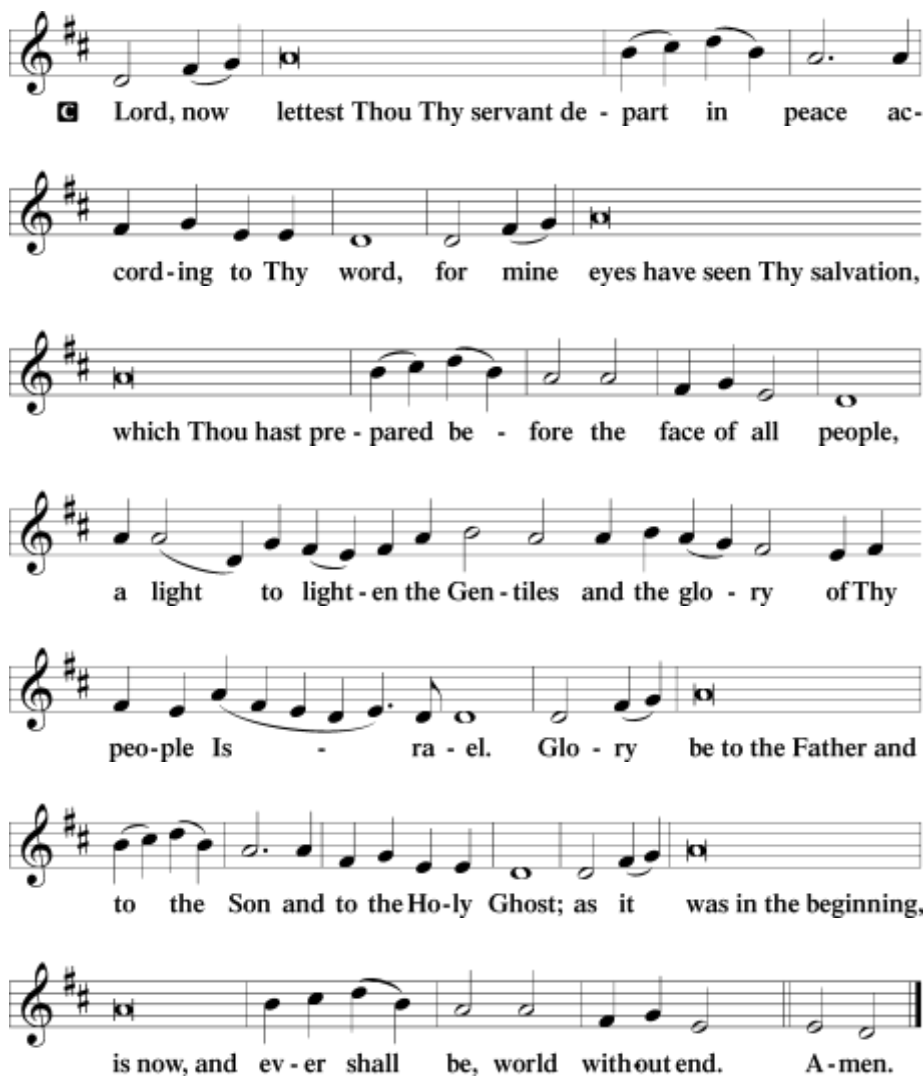
Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer *LSB 209*

**☩ 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.

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

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 ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Let All Together Praise Our God *LSB 389 vs 5-7*