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# First Sunday of Christmas

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#### INVOCATION

##### INTROIT SENTENCE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. COLOSSIANS 3:15, 16

THE GRACE (STAND)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

#### SILENCE

KYRIE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (KNEEL OR SIT)

*Please say or sing the KYRIE ELEISON after each of the three petitions.*

**Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.** (MERBECKE: CP 678/HB C177)  
*or*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA (STAND)

Glory be to God on high, (MERBECKE: CP 679)  
**and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise you,  
we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give  
thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly  
king, God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takes away the sin  
of the world, have mercy upon us. You that takes away  
the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You that sits at  
the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord; you only,  
O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory  
of God the Father. Amen**

THE COLLECT (STAND)

#### SILENCE

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (SIT)

*After each reading, except the psalm, the reader says 'The Word of the Lord' and all respond: **Thanks be to God.***

FIRST READING – 1<sup>ST</sup> READER

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people. 1 SAMUEL 2:18-20, 26

PSALM – 1<sup>ST</sup> READER

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens, old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

**He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!** PSALM 148

SECOND READING – 2<sup>ND</sup> READER

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

GOSPEL (STAND)

Gospeller: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (CP: 708)

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospeller: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory. CF. JOHN 1:14

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. (TONE - BAS P.920 OR CP: 718)

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in

my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour. LUKE 2:41-52  
Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

SERMON (SIT)

THE NICENE CREED - BAS p.188 (STAND)

Celebrant: We believe in one God,  
**All: the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (KNEEL OR SIT)

*The response will be announced.*

THE PEACE (STAND)

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Eucharistic Prayer III - BAS p.198 (REMAIN STANDING)

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

**Amen**

SURSUM CORDA (MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THE PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (MERBECKE: CP 683/ HB C177)

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON (KNEEL OR STAND)

*Response to: 'Therefore, Father, according to his command' is: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.***

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven,

**All: hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

### FRACTION SENTENCE

#### SILENCE

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

AGNUS DEI (MERBECKE: CP 685/ HB C177)

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away**

**the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.**

COMMUNION SENTENCE (KNEEL OR SIT)

Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (KNEEL OR SIT)

#### SILENCE

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SOLEMN CHRISTMAS BLESSING (KNEEL)

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL (REMAIN STANDING)