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## Christmas Day

December 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Color of the Day:** White - the festival color of the Church. It is reserved for celebrations that reflect themes of purity, light, innocence, holiness, and redemption, including special events in Jesus' life as His Birth, Baptism, Transfiguration, and Resurrection.



Opening Hymn . . . . . #386 – Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 184

## Service of the Word

Introit . . . . . Page 186

*Ps. 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 9:6*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

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.

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

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

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.

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

For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*

and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,\*  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Kyrie . . . . . Page 186

Gloria In Excelsis . . . . . Page 187

Salutation & Collect of the Day . . . . . Page 189

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.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 190

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen — they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. raim departed from Judah — the king of Assyria."

Gradual . . . . . Page 190

*Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a*

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.  
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,\*  
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.  
Sing to the Lord a | new song,\*  
for he has done | marvelous things!

Epistle Reading . . . . . Page 190

*Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12)*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says, "He

makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”<sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.”<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”<sup>10</sup>And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup>like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

**Alleluia & Verse (Common)** . . . . . Page 190

**Holy Gospel** . . . . . Page 190  
*John 1:1-14 (15-18)*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>(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.’”) <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

**Creed**. . . . . Page 191/192

**Hymn of the Day**. . . . . #382 – *We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth*

**The Sermon** . . . . . **The Word in Flesh**  
*Text: John 1:14-18*

**Offertory** . . . . . Page 192/193

**Offering** . . . . . Page 193

*Our First Fruits & Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for*

*special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.*

**Prayer Of The Church** . . . . . Page 193

*Service of the Sacrament*

**Preface** . . . . . Page 194

**P:**It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** . . . . . Page 195

**Lord’s Prayer** . . . . . Page 196

**The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini** . . . . . Page 197

**Agnus Dei** . . . . . Page 198

**Distribution** . . . . . Page 199

*Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.*

**Distribution Hymns** . . . . . #388 – *God Tell It on the Mountain*

#381 – *Let Our Gladness Have No End*

#806 - *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

#380 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**Nunc Dimittis**. . . . . Page 199

**Thanksgiving**. . . . . Page 200

**Salutation & Benedicamus**. . . . . Page 201/202

**Benediction** . . . . . Page 202

**Closing Hymn** . . . . . #387 - *Joy to the World*

