

*Blessed are those  
servants whom the master  
finds  
awake  
when he  
comes.*



*Luke 12:37*

New Year's Eve  
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# Confession and Absolution

## Opening Hymn: “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

LSB 900

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| 1 | Jesus! Name of wondrous love,<br>Name all other names above,<br>Unto which must ev'ry knee<br>Bow in deep humility.             | 4 | Jesus! Name of mercy mild,<br>Given to the holy Child<br>When the cup of human woe<br>First He tasted here below.                   |
| 2 | Jesus! Name decreed of old,<br>To the maiden mother told,<br>Kneeling in her lowly cell,<br>By the angel Gabriel.               | 5 | Jesus! Only name that's giv'n<br>Under all the mighty heav'n<br>Whereby those to sin enslaved<br>Burst their fetters and are saved. |
| 3 | Jesus! Name of priceless worth<br>To the fallen of the earth<br>For the promise that it gave,<br>“Jesus shall His people save.” | 6 | Jesus! Name of wondrous love,<br>Human name of God above;<br>Pleading only this, we flee<br>Helpless, O our God, to Thee.           |

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

LSB 185

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

LSB 186



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.  
 Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 30:15–17*

<sup>15</sup>For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel,  
 “In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
 in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”  
 But you were unwilling, <sup>16</sup>and you said,  
 “No! We will flee upon horses”;

therefore you shall flee away;  
and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”;  
therefore your pursuers shall be swift.  
<sup>17</sup>A thousand shall flee at the threat of one;  
at the threat of five you shall flee,  
till you are left  
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,  
like a signal on a hill.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 90:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\*  
in all gener- | ations.

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

<sup>3</sup>You return | man to dust\*  
and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”

<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when | it is past,\*  
or as a watch | in the night.

<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as | with a flood;\*  
they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the | morning:

<sup>6</sup>in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed,\*  
in the evening it fades and | withers.

<sup>7</sup>For we are brought to an end by your | anger;\*  
by your wrath we | are dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,\*  
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath,\*  
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength | eighty;\*  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we | fly away.

<sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your | anger,\*  
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number | our days\*  
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

## Gloria Patri

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**C** **Glory be 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.**

## Epistle

*Romans 8:31b–39*

If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



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

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:35–40*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day: “Across the Sky the Shades of Night”

LSB 899

- 1 Across the sky the shades of night  
This New Year’s Eve are fleeting.  
We deck Your altar, Lord, with light,  
In solemn worship meeting;  
And as the year’s last hours go by,  
We raise to You our earnest cry,  
Once more Your love entreating.
  
- 2 Before the cross subdued we bow,  
To You our prayer addressing,  
Recounting all Your mercies now,  
And all our sins confessing;  
Beseeching You this coming year  
To keep us in Your faith and fear  
And crown us with Your blessing.
  
- 3 We gather up in this brief hour  
The mem’ry of Your mercies:  
Your wondrous goodness, love, and pow’r  
Our grateful song rehearses;  
For You have been our strength and stay  
In many\_a dark and dreary day  
Of sorrow and reverses.
  
- 4 We now remember, as we pray,  
Our dear ones in Your caring  
Who brightly shine in endless day,  
Past death and all despairing.  
At our life’s end, Lord, as Your own,  
Bring us with them around Your throne,  
The joys of heaven sharing.
  
- 5 Then, gracious God, in years to come,  
We pray Your hand may guide us,  
And, onward through our journey home,  
Your mercy walk beside us  
Until at last our ransomed life  
Is safe from peril, toil, and strife  
When heav’n itself shall hide us.

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## Sermon

### Offertory

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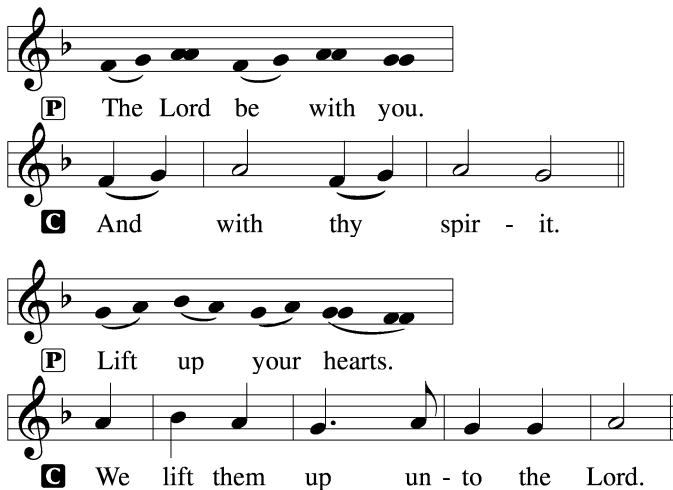
**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



## Distribution Hymns:

### “The Ancient Law Departs”

LSB 898

- 1 The ancient Law departs,  
And all its fears remove,  
For Jesus makes with faithful hearts  
A covenant of love.
- 2 The Light of Light divine,  
True brightness undefiled,  
He bears for us the pain of sin,  
A holy, spotless child.
- 3 His infant body now  
Begins the cross to feel;  
Those precious drops of blood that flow  
For death the victim seal.
- 4 Today the name is Thine  
At which we bend the knee.  
They call Thee Jesus, child divine;  
Our Jesus deign to be.
- △ 5 All praise, eternal Son,  
For Thy redeeming love,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
In glorious might above.

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### “Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”

LSB 896

- 1 Now greet the swiftly changing year  
With joy and penitence sincere.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

2 Remember now the Son of God  
And how He shed His infant blood.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

3 This Jesus came to end sin's war;  
This Name of names for us He bore.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

4 His love abundant far exceeds  
The volume of a whole year's needs.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

5 With Him as Lord to lead our way  
In want and in prosperity,  
What need we fear in earth or space  
In this new year of grace!

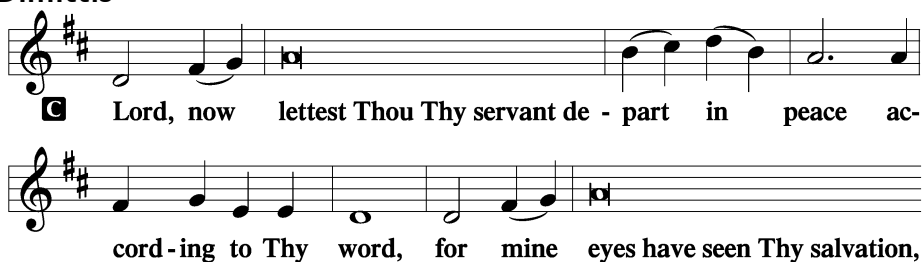
6 "All glory be to God on high,  
And peace on earth!" the angels cry.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace  
Another year of grace.

△ 7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!  
To all our pleas incline Your ear;  
Upon our lives rich blessing trace  
In this new year of grace.

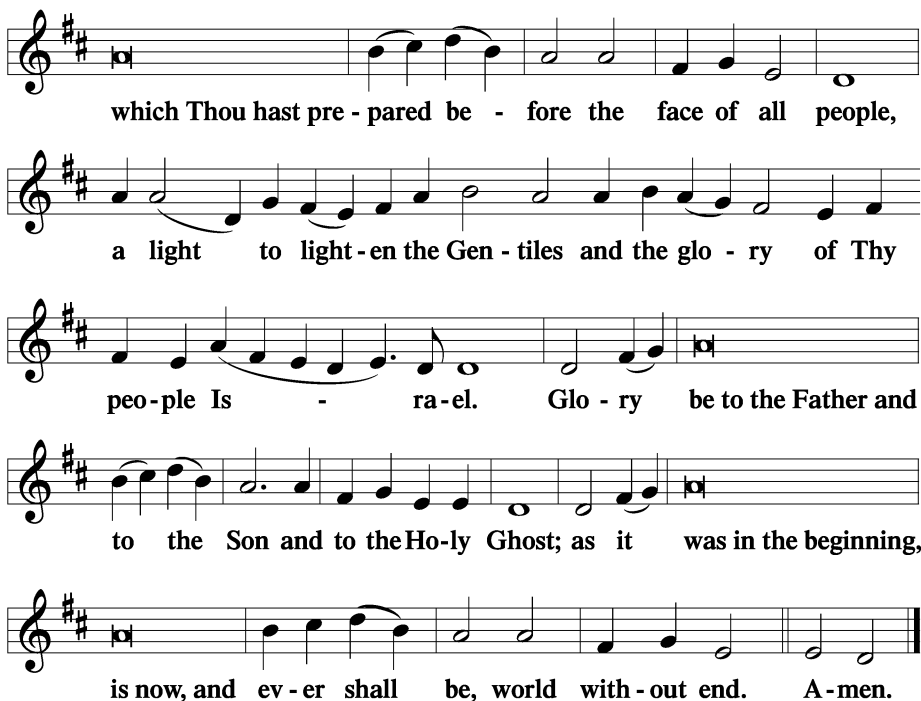
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## Nunc Dimittis

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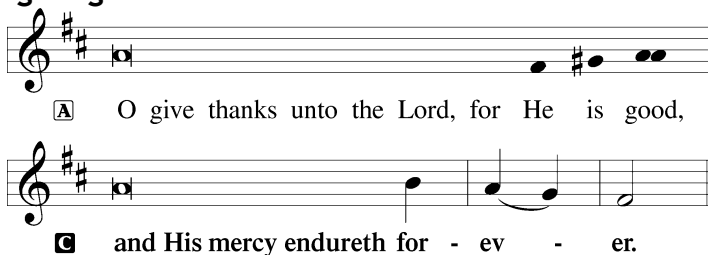
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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 with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: “O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly”

**LSB 897**

1 O rejoice, ye Christians, loudly,  
For our joy has now begun;  
Wondrous things our God has done.  
Tell abroad His goodness proudly,  
Who our race has honored thus,  
That He deigns to dwell with us. Refrain

ref Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness,  
Christ has done away with sadness!  
Hence, all sorrow and repining,  
For the Sun of Grace is shining!

- 2 See, my soul, thy Savior chooses  
Weakness here and poverty;  
In such love He comes to thee.  
Neither crib nor cross refuses;  
All He suffers for thy good  
To redeem thee by His blood. Refrain
- 3 Lord, how shall I thank Thee rightly?  
I acknowledge that by Thee  
I am saved eternally.  
Let me not forget it lightly,  
But to Thee at all times cleave  
And my heart true peace receive. Refrain
- 4 Jesus, guard and guide Thy members,  
Fill them with Thy boundless grace,  
Hear their prayers in ev'ry place.  
Fan to flame faith's glowing embers;  
Grant all Christians, far and near,  
Holy peace, a glad new year! Refrain

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