

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Friday 24 June A+D 2022



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✠ Hymns ✠

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518:1,18,3

This evening we will celebrate Holy Communion. Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Lord's Body and Blood. If you have not had the opportunity to speak with him, we kindly ask that you abstain from seeking the Sacrament until you have spoken with Pastor McCall. Those not communing with us today are welcome to come to the altar during The Distribution to receive a blessing, crossing the arms over the chest once knelt to indicate such a desire.

✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

7:00pm

THE PRELUDE

The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.

Please STAND and face the Procession (beginning at the rear of the nave).

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 347 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

Amen.

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.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

PSALM 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...

O almighty God, merciful Father, 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.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

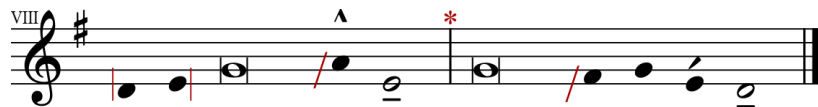
[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

STAND

☩ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

THE INTROIT

MALACHI 3:1; LUKE 1:68, 76-79

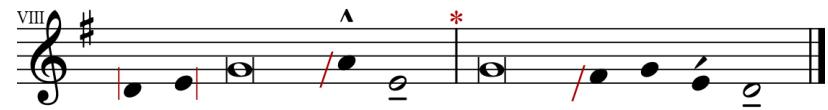


| Behold, | I will send my messenger,
and he shall prepare the way be- / fore me:
and the Lord, whom ye seek,
shall suddenly come / to his temple.

**Blessed be the Lord God of / Israel;
for he hath visited and re- / deemed his people.**

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the / Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of
the Lord / to prepare his ways;
**To give knowledge of salvation unto his / people
by the re- / mission of their sins,**

Through the tender mercy / of our God;
whereby the dayspring from on high hath vis- / ited us,—

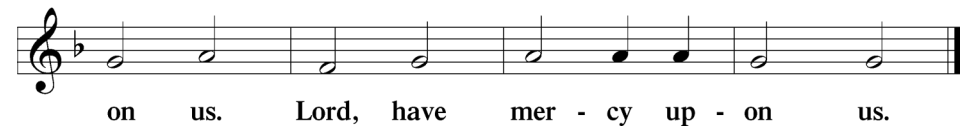


To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of / dêath,
to guide our feet in- / to the way of peace.
***Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now and will be for / ever. Amen.***

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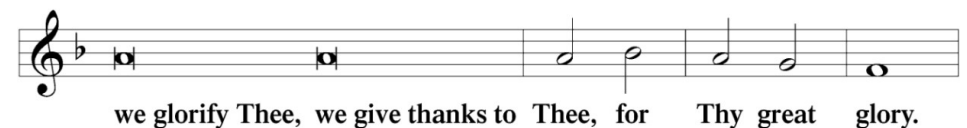
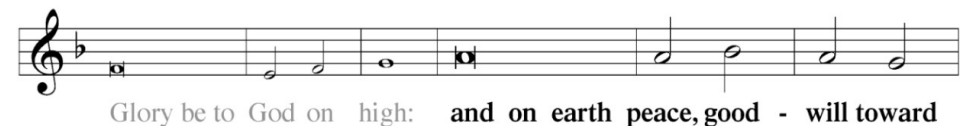
THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ST. LUKE 2:14; ST. JOHN 1:29



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 up-

on 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.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

SIT

THE OLD TESTAMENT

ISAIAH 40:1-8

In those days, the prophet Isaiah said,

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

JEREMIAH 1:5, 9



Before I formed thee in the belly I / knew thee;
and before thou camest forth out of the womb

I sanc- / tified thee;—

Then the LORD put forth his hand,

and / touched my mouth.

And the / LORD spoke unto me.

THE SECOND READING

ACTS 13:13-26

In those days, ¹³ Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, ¹⁴ but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.” ¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. ¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸ And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. ²⁰ All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²² And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ ²³ Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a

Savior, Jesus, as he promised. ²⁴ Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

²⁶ “Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

ST. LUKE 1:17



Alle- / luia!

- / Alleluia!

He shall go before him in the spirit and

power of E- / lias,

to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

- / Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 1:57-80

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ ⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰ but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” ⁶¹ And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” ⁶² And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. ⁶⁴ And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵ And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶ and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people ⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; ⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

SIT

THE HYMN OF THE DAY 346 *When All the World Was Cursed*

THE SERMON

STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



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.

SIT

THE OFFERING

STAND

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SERVICE OF

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9

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.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, ✠ THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; ✠ THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

THE PAX DOMINI

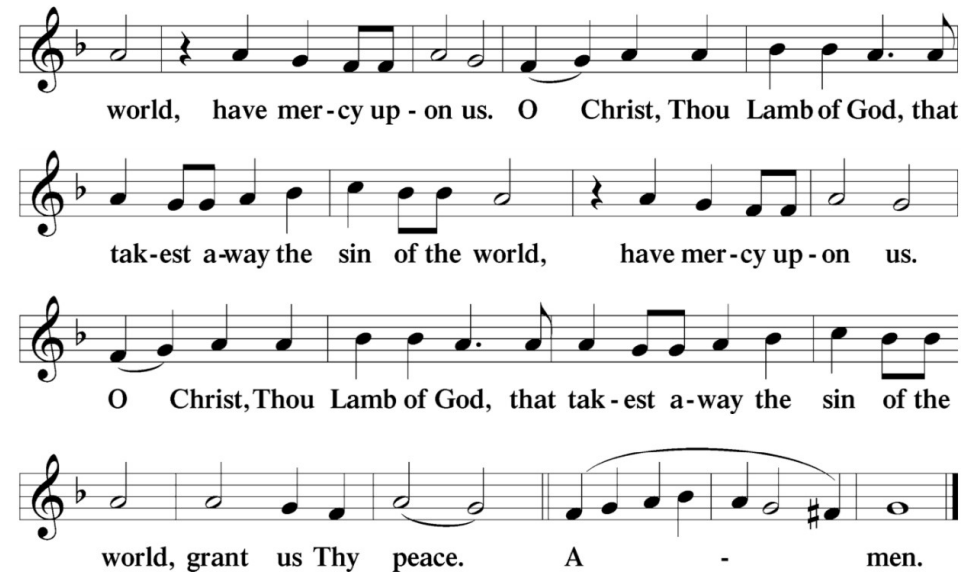
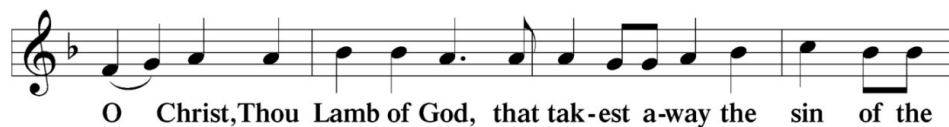
ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.



THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29



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THE COMMUNION HYMNS

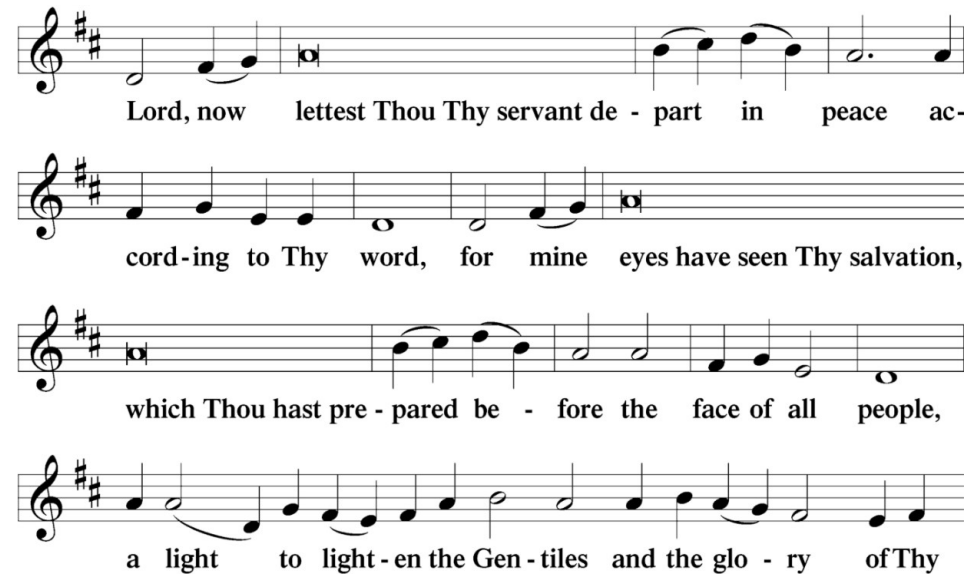
226 *The Benedictus*

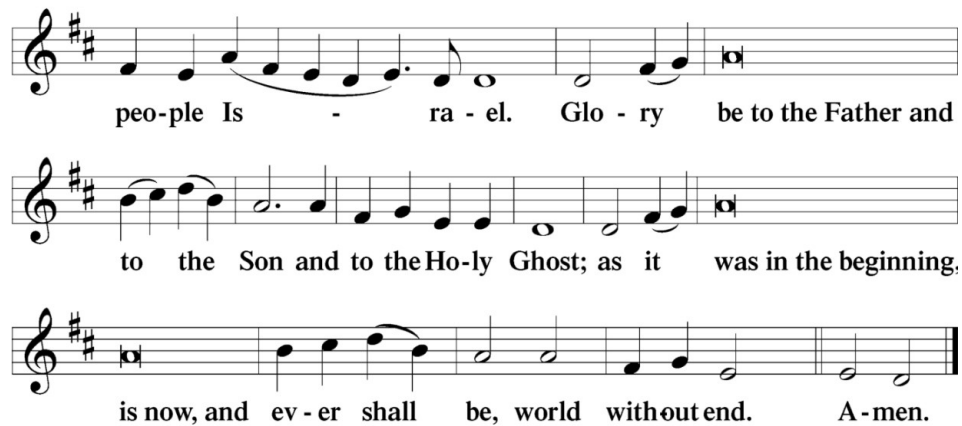
518:1, 18, 3 *By All Your Saints in Warfare*

STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32





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.

THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech 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.

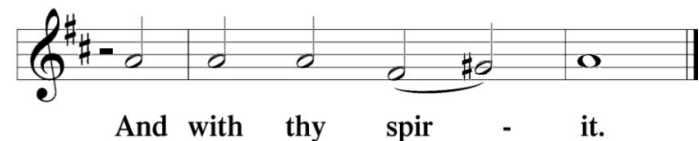


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THE SALUTATION

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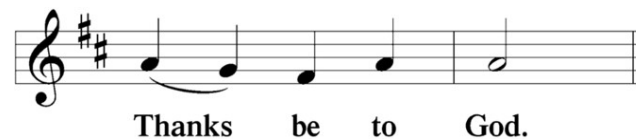


And with thy spir - it.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



Thanks be to God.

KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24–26

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.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

STAND

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please face the Procession as it passes your pen.

Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ✠ peace.