

The Nativity of Our Lord

Divine Service, Setting Four, LSB pp. 203–212

PRELUDE

*We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth
O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Georg Böhm
Jacobus Kloppers

WORD OF WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn 379

INVOCATION ✕ EXHORTATION ✕ CONFESSION ✕ ABSOLUTION

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INTROIT

Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 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.

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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P Almighty God, grant that the new 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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:7–10

ANTHEM

O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee

Johann Walter

Ensemble

O Jesus Christ, all praise to Thee, who art pleased a man to be;
The virgin's womb Thou dost not scorn, and angels shout to see Thee born. Lord, have mercy!
He whom the world could not enclose doth in Mary's lap repose;
He is become an infant small, who by His might upholdeth all. Lord, have mercy!

Th'eternal Light to us descends and to earth its brightness lends,
 And purely shines upon our night to make us children of the light. Lord, have mercy!
 In poorest guise to us He came, taking all our sin and shame,
 To make us, in the realms divine like His own angels, round Him shine. Lord, have mercy!
 All this He did that He might prove to us sinners His great love;
 For this let Christendom adore and give Him thanks forevermore. Lord, have mercy!

(Martin Luther; tr. composite)

EPISTLE Hebrews 1:1–6

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HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1–14

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HYMN OF THE DAY *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* Hymn 358

Ens.: st. 1 Cong.: st. 8 Ens.: st. 2 Cong.: st. 9
 Ens.: st. 3 Cong.: st. 10 All: st. 15

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING *What Child Is This* Matthew Culloton Ensemble

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface ✕ Sanctus ✕ Prayer of Thanksgiving ✕ Lord's Prayer pp. 208–210
 ✕ The Words of Our Lord ✕ Pax Domini ✕ Agnus Dei

Distribution *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* Hymn 366

A Great and Mighty Wonder Hymn 383

O Little Town of Bethlehem Hymn 361

Angels from the Realms of Glory Hymn 367

△ Stand for the doxology

Nunc Dimittis ✕ Post-Communion Collect pp. 211–212
 Benedicamus & Benediction

CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* Hymn 387

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* BWV 700 J. S. Bach

SERVICE LEADERS

Preacher/Celebrant..... Pastor Bob Leiste
 Organist.....Kim Schuler
 Ensemble..... Bob, Gretchen, Sophia, and Nathaniel Hollman,
 Zach and Olivia Ruschill, Chris Ord, and Louis Schuler
 AcolyteMichael Moulden
 Video..... Laura Haverkamp