



*Second Sunday after Christmas*  
*1/2/22*  
*Lutheran Book of Worship Holy Communion Setting One*

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**GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 56) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "The Bells of Christmas" LBW #62



1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; The heav'n - ly  
 2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, Could scarce - ly  
 3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, The swad - dled  
 4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, To keep our



guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly  
 find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a  
 babe with shep - herds find, To gaze on him who  
 Christ - mas with our king, Un - til our song, from



dwel - lings still With new year gifts of peace, good will.  
 man - ger stall, No pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.  
 glad - dens them, The love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.  
 lov - ing souls, Like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

- 5 O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,  
 O Dayspring bright, awaited long,  
 O Son of Man, incarnate Word,  
 Great David's Son, great David's Lord:
- 6 Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,  
 And keep your Christmas in our breast;  
 Then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,  
 Shall swell our jubilee of song.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Charles Porterfield Krauth, 1823-1883, alt.  
 Tune: C. C. N. Balle, 1806-1855

AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (“*Lord, have mercy...*” LBW pp. 57-58) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 58-59)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

SALUTATION (LBW p. 62) *Ruth 2:4*



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al-so with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. **Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we might be made to abound in good works. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:4-15 <sup>4</sup>The king {Solomon} went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:97-104 - *Sung responsively with the cantor.*

<sup>97</sup>Oh, how I | love your law!\*

all the day long it is | in my mind.

<sup>98</sup>**Your commandment has made me wiser | than my enemies,\***

**and it is | always with me.**

<sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than | all my teachers,\*

for your decrees | are my study.

<sup>100</sup>**I am wiser | than the elders,\***

**because I observe | your commandments.**

<sup>101</sup>I restrain my feet from every | evil way,\*

that I may | keep your word.

<sup>102</sup>**I do not shrink | from your judgments,\***

**because you your- | self have taught me.**

<sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words | to my taste!\*

they are sweeter than honey | to my mouth.

<sup>104</sup>**Through your commandments I gain | understanding,\***

**therefore I hate every | lying way.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14 <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 62) *John 6:68*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 63)

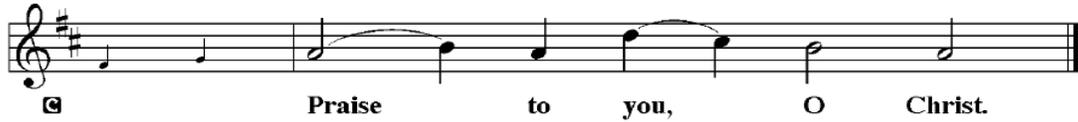
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:40-52

<sup>40</sup>The child {Jesus} grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. <sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

SERMON

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**GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "In a Lowly Manger Born" LBW #417**

1 In a low - ly man - ger born, Hum - ble life be - gun in scorn;  
 2 Vis - it - ing the lone and lost, Stead - y - ing the tem - pest-tossed,  
 3 Then, to res - cue you and me, Je - sus died up - on the tree.

Un - der Jo - seph's watch - ful eye, Je - sus grew as you and I;  
 Giv - ing of him - self in love, Call - ing minds to things a - bove.  
 See in him God's love re - vealed; By his Pas - sion we are healed.

Knew the suf - f' - rings of the weak, Knew the pa - tience of the meek,  
 Sin - ners glad - ly hear his call; Pub - li - cans be - fore him fall,  
 Now he lives in glo - ry bright, Lives a - gain in pow'r and might;

Hun - gered as but poor folk can; This is he. Be - hold the man!  
 For in him new life be - gan; This is he. Be - hold the man!  
 Come and take the path he trod, Son of Mar - y, Son of God.

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NICENE CREED (LBW p. 64) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, 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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need... *Each petition ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The prayers conclude with these words: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

#### OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

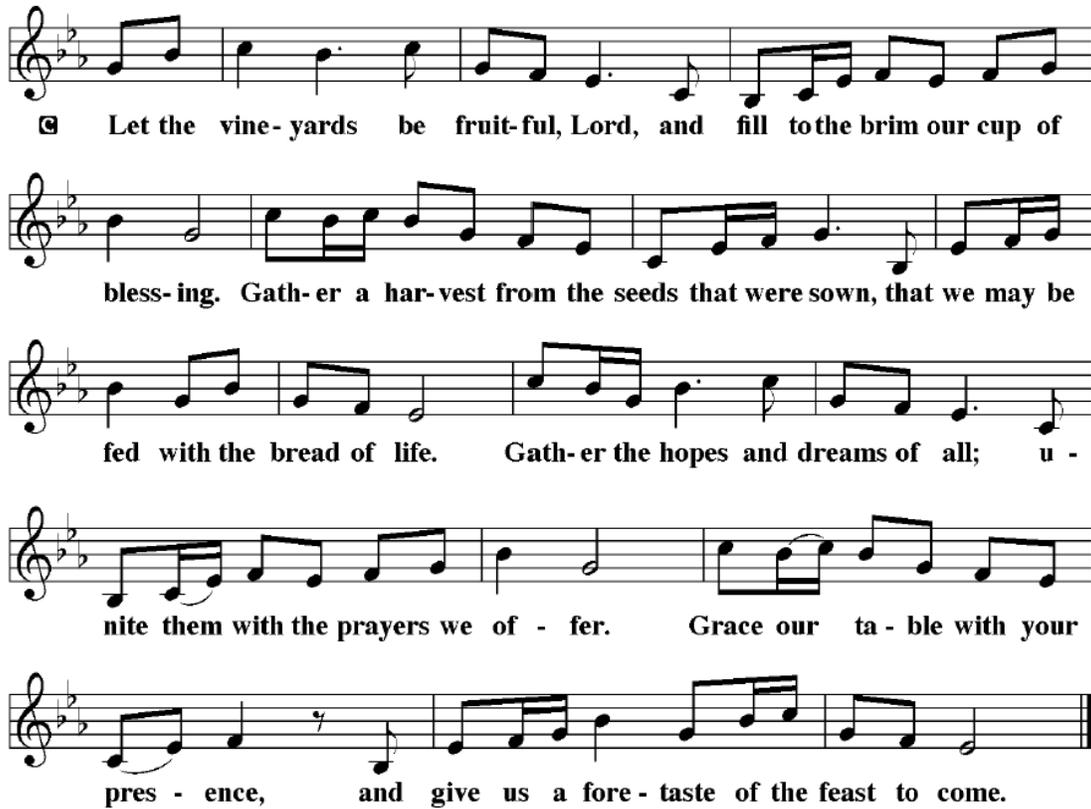
*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

#### OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS, & SPECIAL MUSIC

*We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY HYMN (LBW p. 66)

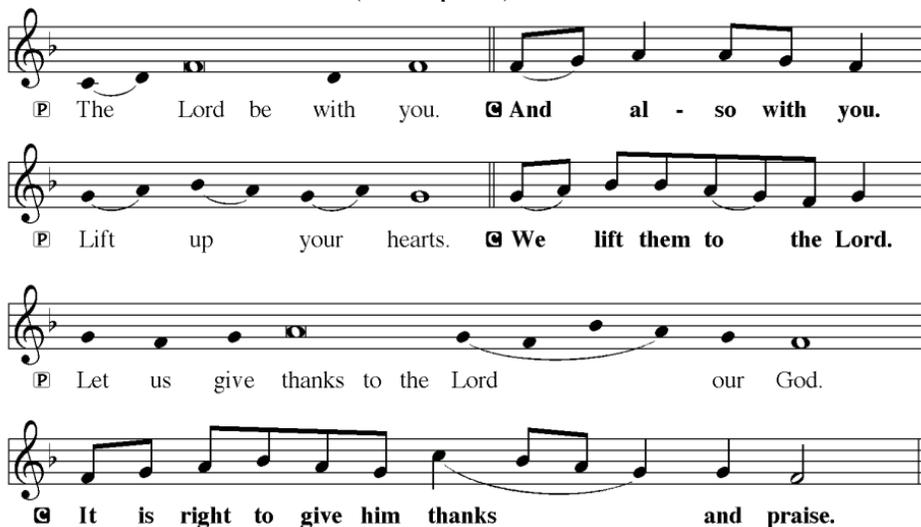


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)

Let us pray... Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)



The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. **We** lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks** and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 68) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“*Holy*” LBW p. 69) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW, Ministers Desk Ed. p. 297)

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

COMMUNION HYMN ("Lamb of God..." LBW p. 72) John 1:29

♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

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**GOD COMES TO US IN HIS HOLY MEAL**

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may commune. The usher will direct you. Use the side aisle to return to your seat.*

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament, trust that you have full forgiveness by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**  
*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 72-73)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the  
 na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
 and will be for - ev - er. A - men

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BENEDICTION (LBW p. 74)**

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever. **A - men**

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**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

SENDING HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" LBW #55

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice      With heart and soul and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say:      Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss:      Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 Now ye need not fear the grave;      Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow,      And he is in the man - ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door,      And we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all      To gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day!      Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this!      Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save!      Christ was born to save!

*Text: medieval Latin carol; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
 Tune: German carol, 14th cent.*

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DISMISSAL  
 Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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Serve with joy in Jesus' name.  
worship + fellowship + discipleship

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