

First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2023

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

1 Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.

2 Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.

3 This is He whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.

4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing.  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.

△ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Introit

*Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1*

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
**and out of Egypt I called my son.**

Thus says the LORD: “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
**lamentation and bitter weeping.**

Rachel is weeping for her children;  
**she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.”**

Thus says the LORD: “Keep your voice from weeping,  
**and your eyes from tears,**

for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD,  
**and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.**

There is hope for your future, declares the LORD,  
**and your children shall come back to their own country.”**

**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.**

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
**and out of Egypt I called my son.**

Kyrie

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

- C** Lord, have mercy.
- 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.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

#### This Is the Feast

- A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**  
**Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**  
**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**  
**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

#### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 63:7–14*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### Gradual

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 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

*Galatians 4:4–7*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### Alleluia and Verse

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- C** **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

#### Holy Gospel Reading

*Matthew 2:13–23*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

#### 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

- 1 **Let all mortal flesh keep silence**  
**And with fear and trembling stand;**  
**Ponder nothing earthly-minded,**  
**For with blessing in His hand**  
**Christ our God to earth descending**  
**Comes our homage to demand.**
- 2 **King of kings yet born of Mary,**  
**As of old on earth He stood,**  
**Lord of lords in human vesture,**  
**In the body and the blood,**  
**He will give to all the faithful**  
**His own self for heav'nly food.**
- 3 **Rank on rank the host of heaven**  
**Spreads its vanguard on the way**  
**As the Light of Light, descending**  
**From the realms of endless day,**  
**Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish**  
**As the darkness clears away.**
- 4 **At His feet the six-winged seraph,**  
**Cherubim with sleepless eye,**  
**Veil their faces to the presence**  
**As with ceaseless voice they cry:**  
**“Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Alleluia, Lord Most High!”**

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## Sermon "God Send" Galatians 4:4-7

### 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

- P** ...Lord, in your mercy:  
**C** Hear our prayer.  
**P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

### Offering

### Offertory from Setting One

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the  
Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

### Preface (spoken)

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
**P** It is truly good, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the  
promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,  
and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be  
revealed when He comes again in glory. 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

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy  
on those whom ...O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the  
Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

- C** 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 Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when ... This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution

## Thank the Lord

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.  
Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 389 Let All Together Praise Our God

*sts. 1, 3–5, 7*

**1** Let all together praise our God  
Before His glorious throne;  
Today He opens heav’n again  
To give us His own Son,  
To give us His own Son.

**3** Within an earthborn form He hides  
His all-creating light;  
To serve us all He humbly cloaks  
The splendor of His might,  
The splendor of His might.

**4** He undertakes a great exchange,  
Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us His realm,  
His glory, and His name,  
His glory, and His name.

**5** He is a servant, I a lord:  
How great a mystery!  
How strong the tender Christ Child’s love!  
No truer friend than He,  
No truer friend than He.

△ **7** Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.

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