

**First Sunday after Christmas  
December 27, 2020**

- 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:** *Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10*

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**  
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
**His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**  
The LORD has made known his salvation;  
**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 beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
**and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

**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.**

**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 61:10—62:3*

- 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**

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

**Holy Gospel Reading:** *Luke 2:22–40*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
**in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
**studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
**and his righteousness endures forever.**

<sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
**the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
**he remembers his covenant forever.**

<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
**in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
**all his precepts are trustworthy;**

<sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever,  
**to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
**he has commanded his covenant forever.**  
**Holy and awesome is his name!**

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
**all those who practice it have a good understanding.**  
**His praise endures forever!**

**Sermon “Sons under the Law” Galatians 4:4-7**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** ...Lord, in your mercy:

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**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.**

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