

Welcoming the New Year

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new
creation; the old has gone,
the new has come!*

2 Corinthians 5:17



*Trinity Lutheran Church and School
Saturday, December 31, 2022
New Year's Eve*

O God Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope for Years to Come

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

367 Across the Sky the Shades of Night



1 A - cross the sky the shades of night this New Year's Eve are
2 Be - fore the cross, sub - dued, we bow, to you our prayers ad -
3 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, our dear ones in your
4 Then, gra - cious God, in years to come, we pray your hand may



fleet - ing. We deck your al - tar, Lord, with light, in sol - emn
dress - ing, re - count - ing all your mer - cies now and all our
car - ing who bright - ly shine in end - less day, past death and
guide us, and, on - ward through our jour - ney home, your mer - cy



wor - ship meet - ing; and, as the year's last hours go by, we
sins con - fess - ing. We ask you, Lord, this com - ing year to
all de - spair - ing. When ends our life, Lord, as your own, bring
walk be - side us un - til at last our ran - somed life is



raise to you our ear - nest cry, once more your love en - treat - ing.
keep us in your faith and fear and crown us with your bless - ing.
us with them a - round your throne, the joys of heav - en shar - ing.
safe from per - il, toil, and strife when heav'n it - self shall hide us.

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Please stand.

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: EWING



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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Please be seated.

The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

P: Eternal God, we commit to your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to your blessing and love the times to come. In the new year, abide among us with your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

¹Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them”— ²before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain; ³when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim; ⁴when the doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades; when people rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint; ⁵when people are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets; when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags itself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then people go to their eternal home and mourners go about the streets. ⁶Remember him—before the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, and the wheel broken at the well, ⁷and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

P: The Word of the Lord.

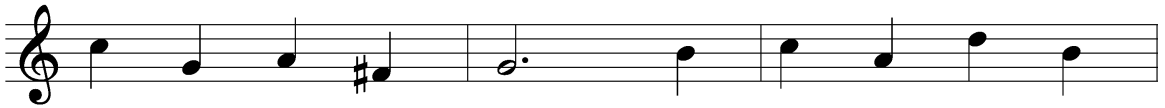
C: Thanks be to God.

90D O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Psalm 90D



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is your
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
you are God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

**5 Time, like an everrolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.**

**6 O God, our help in ages past
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!**

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Second Reading

1 Peter 1:22-25

²²Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field, the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵but the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 90:1

Alleluia.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 13:6-9

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' ⁸" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

366 O Rejoice, All Christians Loudly



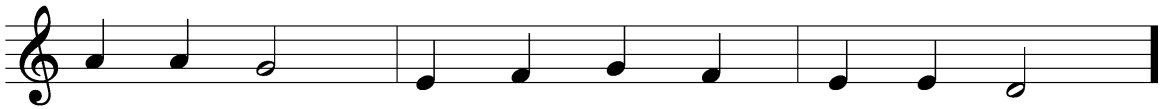
1 O re - joice, all Chris - tians, loud - ly, for our joy has
2 See, my soul, your Sav - ior choos - es pov - er - ty and
3 Lord, how shall I thank you right - ly? I am saved e -
4 Je - sus, guard and guide your mem - bers, fill them with your



now be - gun; won - drous things our God has done.
weak - ness, too; in such love he comes to you.
ter - nal - ly by your life and death for me.
bound - less grace, hear their prayers in ev - 'ry place.



Tell a - broad his good - ness proud - ly, who our race has
 Nei - ther crib nor cross re - fus - es, all he suf - fers
 Let me not for - get it light - ly, but with all my
 Fan to life faith's glow - ing em - bers; grant all Chris - tians



hon - ored thus, that he has be - friend - ed us.
 for your good to re - deem you by his blood.
 heart be - lieve that from you I shall re - ceive
 far and near ho - ly peace, a glad new year.

Refrain



Joy, O joy, be - yond all glad - ness! Christ has done a -



way with sad - ness! Hence, all sor - row and re - pin - ing,



for the Sun of grace is shin - ing!

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Sermon Text: Psalm 90:1-4

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations 2Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. 3 You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men." 4For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

Theme: Take comfort in the eternal nature of God!

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added at the end of the litany.

Prayer of Approach to God

P: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

C: Have mercy on us.

Prayers for Deliverance

P: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity;

From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil;

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism, from hardness of heart and contempt for your Word and your will;

From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

Prayer Recalling Christ's Saving Work

P: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom;

By your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial;

By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit;

In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment;

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

For the Church

P: Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will.

Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry. Give us hearts to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments. To all your people, give grace to hear and receive your Word and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

For Our Country

P: Rule the hearts of your servants, the president of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

For All People

P: To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter.

Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

Concluding Prayers

P: Son of God,

C: we ask you to hear us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us peace.

P: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

P: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Amen.

Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

The Sacrament

Please stand.

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

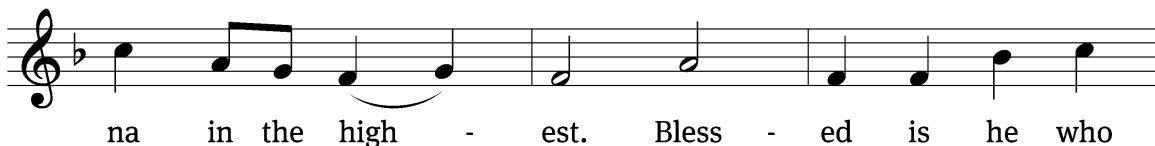
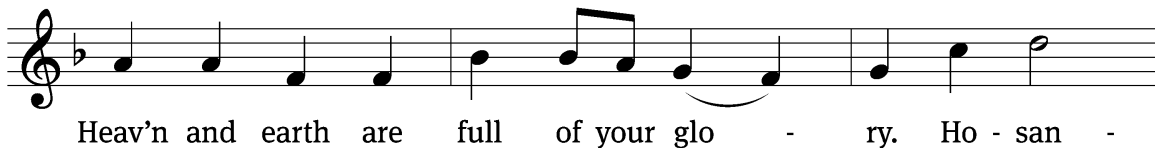
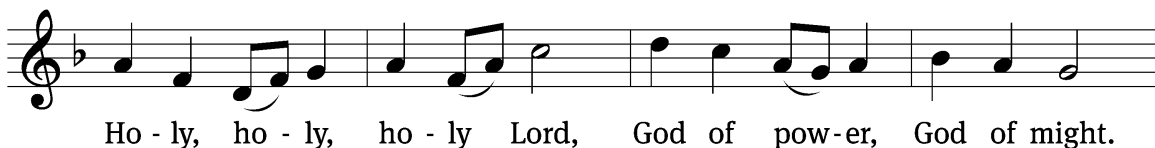
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil’s power.

- By his incarnation, he became one with us.
- By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
- By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
- By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ’s body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

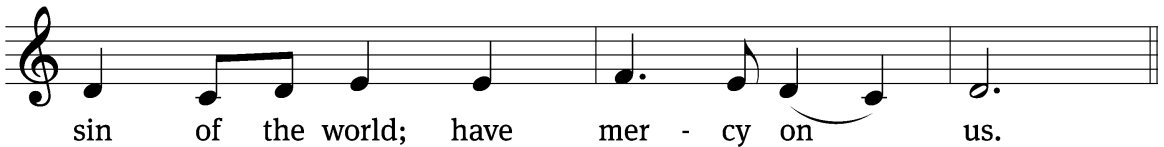
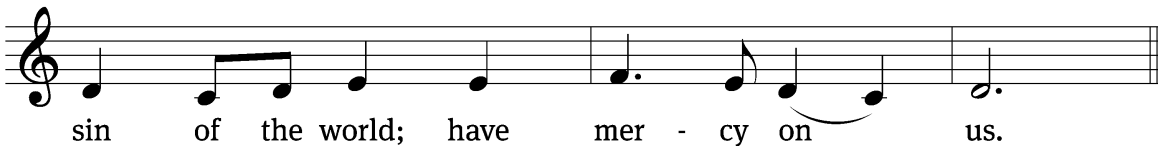
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.
A - men. A - men.

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Please be seated

Distribution

783 Abide with Me

CW 783

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,
The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
but kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
and though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;



help of the help - less, O a - bid with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me.
come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid with me.
on to the close, O Lord, a - bid with me.

- 5 **I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!**
- 6 **I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.**
- 7 **Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

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Please stand.

Thanksgiving

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C: his mercy endures forever.

Proclamation of Christ

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

591 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

CW 591



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace that we our
2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word in faith - ful
3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, death's bit - ter



Lord and Sav - ior in faith and fer - vent love em - brace
hearts may trea - sure; let e'er that bread of life af - ford
hour im - pend - ing, may your good work in us be - gun



and tru - ly serve him ev - er, so that when death is
new grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to die to
con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, un - til we glad - ly



near at hand we at his cross may
ev - 'ry sin; each day cre - ate us
may com - mend our souls in - to our



firm - ly stand and there find our sal - va - tion.
new with - in that fruits of faith may flour - ish.
Sav - ior's hand to rest in peace e - ter - nal.

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Memory**

*We remember those Trinity members whom God in His
grace called to their heavenly home in 2021.*

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