



Grace Lutheran Church  
Yorba Linda, CA

December 27, 2020

# The First Sunday After Christmas

## In Peace and Joy!

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

**L: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.**

C: Oh, come, let us adore him!

### CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

L: Almighty God, you did not forsake the world when it abandoned you; from ancient times you made the promise of your victory shine before your people:

**C: The joy of our hearts is in God!**

L: Abraham hoped for your Christ and he rejoiced to see his day, foretold by the prophets and desired by the nations:

**C: The joy of hearts is in God!**

L: The heavenly host of angels celebrated his birth; apostles and martyrs and the faithful throughout the ages repeated their song:

**C: The joy of our hearts is in God!**

L: Now, with your whole Church, we praise you; for our eyes have seen your salvation:

**C: The joy of our hearts is in God!**

L: Son of God, you became poor to make us rich; you humbled yourself, taking on the form of a servant, and lifted us up to share in your glory:

**C: The joy of our hearts is in God!**

L: We were darkness and you have given us light; we were without hope and we have received from you fullness of grace upon grace; we were sin and death and you have won for us forgiveness and life:

**C: The joy of our hearts is in God!**

L: Use us and guide us as you will. Make us people who serve you in holiness. Give us honest hearts to hear your Word and bring forth in us abundant fruit to your honor and glory:

**C: The joy of our hearts is in God!**



What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.  
 Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies in such mean estate where oxen now are feeding?  
 Good Christians, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through; the cross he'll bear for me, for you.  
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.  
 The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
 Raise, raise the song on high; the virgin sings her lullaby.  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the Son of Mary!



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L:** Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.** *(spoken)*

#### FIRST READING

#### Isaiah 52:7-10

*God's messengers announce peace and joy to the world.*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful on the mountains  
 are the feet of those who bring good news,  
 who proclaim peace,  
 who bring good tidings,  
 who proclaim salvation,

who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"  
<sup>8</sup> Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;  
together they shout for joy.  
When the LORD returns to Zion,  
they will see it with their own eyes.  
<sup>9</sup> Burst into *songs of joy* together, you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
<sup>10</sup> The LORD will lay bare his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm 111

L. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**Great are the works of the LORD;\*  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

**Glorious and majestic are his deeds,\*  
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**He has caused his wonders to be remembered;\*  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

**The works of his hands are faithful and just;\*  
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

**He provided redemption for his people;\*  
he ordained his covenant forever.**

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;\*  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.**

L. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

## HOLY GOSPEL

## John 1:1-14

*The eternal Word comes to dwell on earth.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## **Once In Royal David's City (#50)**

**Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**But our eyes at last shall see him Through his own redeeming love,  
For that child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above,  
As he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.**

## **SERMON**

## **Luke 2:25-35**

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

<sup>29</sup> “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.  
<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”



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## PRAYER

### LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

## BLESSING

L: May he who by his incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life.

And the blessing of God Almighty — the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit — be upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)



## HYMN

### **In Peace and Joy: The Song of Simeon**

Text: Martin Luther / Tune: Sarah Lambrecht



1. In peace and joy I now de - part As  
 2. Christ Je - sus brought this gift to me, My  
 3. You sent the peo - ple of the earth Their  
 4. Christ is the hope and sav - ing light Of



my Lord wills it; Se - rene and qui - et  
 faith - ful Sav - ior, Whom you al - lowed my  
 great sal - va - tion; Your in - vi - ta - tion  
 those in blind - ness; He guides and com - forts



is my heart; Now glad - ness fills it.  
 eyes to see By your great fa - vor.  
 sum - mons out from Ev - 'ry na - tion  
 those in night By his great kind - ness.



This the Lord has prom - ised me, That death is but a  
 Now I know he is— my life, My friend when I am  
 By your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, In ev - 'ry place re -  
 He is Is - rael's right - eous - ness, Their joy, re - ward, and



slum - ber. \_\_\_\_\_ In peace and joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 dy - ing. \_\_\_\_\_ In peace and joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 sound - ing. \_\_\_\_\_ In peace and joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 glo - ry. \_\_\_\_\_ In peace and joy. \_\_\_\_\_

*This week: NO New Year's Eve or Day service this year.*

*Sunday: Worship online or In-person at 9:30 AM*

*Starting soon: A new Sunday morning Bible Study – **Planning for our future here at Grace.***