

Isaiah 2:2-5

²Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *That* the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. ³Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord is

with you; blessed *are* you among women!" ²⁹But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³²"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³"And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.* ³⁶"Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷"For with God nothing will be impossible." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**Introit**

Ant. DROP DOWN, || ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down | right- | eous- | ness:

let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have | cre | at- | ed | it.

Psalm. || The heavens declare the glor- | y | of | God:

and the firmament sheweth | his | hand- | y- | work.

GLO- RY || be to the Father and | to | the | Son:

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ev- | er | shall | be: world with | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

Collect.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that with the coming solemnity of our Lord's birth to accomplish our redemption, through Thy holy Word and Sacraments Thou would strength our faith in Christ Jesus, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Isaiah 2:2-5.**Gospel. St. Luke 1:26-38.****Gradual.**

|| Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye ever- | last- | ing | doors:

and the King of glor- | y | shall | come | in.

|| Who shall ascend into the hill | of | the | Lord?

or who shall stand in | His | ho- | ly | place?

|| He that hath clean hands, and | a | pure | heart;

who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn | de- | ceit- | ful- | ly.

Gaudete - 3rd Sunday in Advent

3. The Only Son from Heaven

Elisabeth Cruciger, 1524

7, 6, 7, 6, 7, 7, 6.
German, 1524

1. The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore -
 2. O time of God ap - point - ed, O
 3. O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en, To

told by an - cient seers, By God, the Fa - ther,
 bright and ho - ly morn! He comes, the King an -
 know and love Thee more, In faith to stand un -

giv - en, In hu - man shape ap - pears;
 oint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born;
 shak - en, In Spi - rit to a - dore,

No sphere His light con - fin - ing,
 His home on earth He mak - eth,
 That we still heav'n - ward hast - ing,

No star so bright - ly shin - ing
 And man of heav'n par - tak - eth,
 Yet here Thy joy fore - tast - ing,

As He, our Mor - ning Star.
 Of life a - gain an heir.
 May reap its ful - ness there. A - men.