

Isaiah 7:10-14

¹⁰Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹“Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!” ¹³Then he said, “Hear now, O house of David! *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? ¹⁴“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹²teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

Luke 2:1-14

¹And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³So all went to be

registered, everyone to his own city. ⁴Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. ⁶So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. ⁷And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²“And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (DECEMBER 25) (WHITE) PSALM 19, 45, 85, 89, 110, 132



Introit.

Ant. UN-TO, || us a Child is born, unto us a | Son | is | giv- | en:
and the government shall be upon | His | should- | er.
|| And His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, | The | Might- | y | God:
The Everlasting Father, The | Prince | of | **Peace**.
Psalm. || O Sing unto the | LORD | a | new | song:
for He hath done mar- | vel- | lous | things.
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 without | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. repeated.*)

Collect.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the new Birth of Thine Only-Begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Titus 2:11–14

Gospel. Luke 2:1–14

Additional reading: Isaiah 7:10–14

Gradual.

|| All the ends of the earth have seen the salva- | tion | of | our | God:
make a joyful noise unto the LORD, | all | the | earth.
|| The LORD hath made known | His | sal- | va- | tion:
His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of | the | hea- | then.
|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. O come, let us sing | un- | to | the | LORD:
let us worship and bow down before Him. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Feast of the Nativity

5. O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee

M. Luther, 1524

8, 8, 8, 8, 4.

Johann Walther, 1524

1. O Je - sus Christ, all praise to Thee,
 2. Th' e - ter - nal Fa - ther's on - ly Son
 3. He whom the world can not en - close

Thou who art pleased a man to be;
 Now takes a man - ger for His throne;
 In Mar - y's bos - om doth re - pose;

To dwell with men Thou dost not scorn,
 The ev - er - last - ing fount of good,
 To be a lit - tle child He deigns

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* Out of the womb of the morning's dawn, comes the dew of Your willing youth. (Psalm 110:3). **Psalm 110**

And ang - els shout to see Thee born,
 As - sumes our mor - tal flesh and blood.
 Who all things by Him - self sus - tains.

Hal - le - lu - ja.
 Hal - le - lu - ja.
 Hal - le - lu - ja. A - men.

4. Th' eternal Light to us descends,
 Its brightness to the earth it lends,
 And purely shines upon our night,
 To make us children of the light.
 Hallelujah.

5. The only Son, true God confessed,
 To His own world now comes a Guest;
 And through this vale of tears our Guide,
 Doth in His heav'n our home provide.
 Hallelujah.

6. In poorest guise to us He came,
 Himself He bears our sin and shame,
 That, as His heirs in heav'n above,
 We may with angels share His love.
 Hallelujah.

7. His love to show, surpassing thought!
 God's Son this wondrous work hath wrought;
 Then let us all unite to raise
 Our song of glad, unceasing praise.
 Hallelujah.