

Welcome to Trinity

#6 Part Two: Chapter IV. Thanksgiving for the Incarnation of the Son.

I give thanks to You, Jesus Christ, only Mediator and Redeemer of the human race, that in the fullness of time You united to Yourself, personally, a true human nature, and You deigned to be born of a virgin [Gal. 4:4]. How great is Your love of man that You laid hold not of angels, but of the seed of Abraham [Heb. 2:16]! How great is the mystery of godliness that You, being True God, deigned to become manifest in the flesh [1 Tim. 3:16]! How great the inclination of Your mercy that descending from heaven for my sake, You endured being born of a virgin [Isa. 9:6]. For me, a most worthless creature, You, the all-powerful Creator, became man. For my sake, an abject slave, You, the glorious Lord, in servile fashion, clothed Yourself with a body [Phil. 2:7], so that with flesh You might free flesh. For me You were born. Therefore, whatever heavenly goods You bring with You in Your birth will be mine. (*Text continues with Christ's Mass Day*) (from *The Daily Exercise of Piety* by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.35-36)

Order of Matins, p. 208

Office Hymn #43 "From East to West"

Psalmody: 93, 100, 63, Canticle, 148 (Handout)

Readings: Micah 5:2-4 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting." ³Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time *that* she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. ⁴And He shall stand and feed *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;

Titus 3:4-7 ⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Collect: Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that we, upon whom is poured the new light of Thy Word made flesh, may show forth in our actions that which by faith shines in our minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

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Micah 5:2-4

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Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. ²⁰Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Christmas Dawn Matins



Ottoheinrich Bible 1430 (II:63)

The Annunciation of Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Luke 1

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Psalms for Christmas Dawn



The Luther Bible 1534: The letter "E" and "D."

Psalm 93—*Dominus regnavit*

Psalm Tone VIII



Antiphon: WHOM HAVE || you seen, O | Shep- | herds? *
Say, tell us, who is it has ap- | peared | on | the | earth?
|| We have seen the Child that is | born | - *
And choirs of angels praising the Lord, alleluia, | al- |
le- | lu- | ia.
|| 1 The Lord reigns, He is clothed with | *maj-es- · | ty*; *
The Lord is clothed, He has girded | Him- | self | with |
strength.
|| Surely the world is es- | tab- | lished, *
so that it | can- | not | be | moved.
|| 2 Your throne is established from of | old; | - *
You are from | ev- | er- | last- | ing.
|| 3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted
up their | voice; | - *
The floods | lift | up | their | waves.
|| 4 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many |
wa- | ters, *
Than the mighty | waves | of | the | sea.
|| 5 Your testimonies are very | sure; | - *
Holiness adorns Your house, O | Lord, | for- | ev- | er.
GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - *
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;
AS IT || was in the begin *-ning*, (+) is now, and ever | shall | be: *
world with- | out | end. | A- | men.
|| Whom have you seen, O | Shep- | herds? *
Say, tell us, who is it has ap- | peared | on | the | earth?
|| We have seen the Child that is | born | - *
And choirs of angels praising the Lord, alleluia, | al- | le- |
lu- | ia.

Psalm 100—*Jubilate Deo*

Psalm Tone III



Antiphon: THE MOT-HER || gave | birth | to | **the** | King,*
whose name is | e- | ter- | **nal**,
|| combining the joys of motherhood with the honor | of | vir-
| gi- · ni- | ty; *
none like her has ever been seen, nor shall there be
another, al- | le- | lu- | **ia**.
|| 1 Make a joyful shout to the | Lord, | all | **you** | lands! *
2 Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His
presence | with | sing- | **ing**.
|| 3 Know that the | Lord, | He | **is** | God; *
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are
His people and the sheep of | His | pas- | **ture**.
|| 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiv *-ing*, (+) and
into | His | courts | **with** | praise.*
Be thankful to Him, and | bless | His | **name**.
|| 5 For the Lord is good; His mercy is | ev- | er- | **last-** | ing,*
And His truth endures to all gen- | e- | ra- | **tions**.
GLO- RY || be to the Father, | and | to | **the** | Son: *
and to the | Ho- | ly | **Ghost**;
AS **IT** || was in the begin *-ning*, (+) is now, and | ev- | er |
shall | be: *
world without | end. | A- | **men**.
|| The mother gave | birth | to | **the** | King,*
whose name is | e- | ter- | **nal**,
|| combining the joys of motherhood with the honor | of | vir-
| gi- · ni- | ty; *
none like her has ever been seen, nor shall there be
another, al- | le- | lu- | **ia**.

Psalm 63—*Deus, Deus meus*

Psalm Tone VI



Antiphon: **THE AN-** || gel said to | the | Shep- | herds, *

“I bring you good | news | **of** | great | joy

|| This day is | born | to | you *

The Savior of the world, | al- | **le-** | lu- | ia.

|| 1 O God, You | are | my | God; *

Early | will | **I** - | seek | You;

|| My soul | thirsts | for | You; *

My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where
there | is | **no** - | wat- | er.

|| 2 So I have looked for You in the sanc- | tu- | a- | ry, *

To see Your power | and | **Your** - | glo- | ry.

|| 3 Because Your lovingkindness is bet- | ter | than | life, *

My | lips | **shall** - | praise | You.

|| 4 Thus I will bless You | while | I | live; *

I will lift up my | hands | **in** - | Your | name.

|| 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow | and | fat- |
ness, *

And my mouth shall praise You | with | **joy** - - | ful | lips.

|| 6 When I remember You | on | my | bed, *

I meditate on You in | the | **night** - | watch- | es.

|| 7 Because You have | been | my | help, *

Therefore in the shadow of Your wings | I | **will** - | re- |
joice.

|| 8 My soul follows close | be- | hind | You; *

Your right | hand | **up-** - | holds | me.

|| 9 But those who seek my life, to | de- | stroy | it, *

Shall go into the lower | parts | **of** - | the | earth.

|| 10 They shall fall | by | the | sword; *

They shall be a por- | tion | **for** - | jack- | als.

|| 11 But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears
by Him | shall | glo- | ry; *

But the mouth of those who speak | lies | **shall** - | be |
stopped.

GLO- RY - || be to the Father, and | to | the | Son, *

And to | the | **Ho-** - | ly | Ghost;

AS IT - || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and ev- | er |
shall | be *

world with- | out | **end.** - | A- | men.

|| The angel said to | the | Shep- | herds, *

“I bring you good | news | **of** | great | joy

|| This day is | born | to | you *

The Savior of the world, | al- | **le-** | lu- | ia.

Benedicite, Omnia Opera

Daniel 3:59-89,92 (LXX)

The Prayer of Azariah 35-65 (The Song of the Three Children)

Psalm Tone VII



Antiphon: **THERE WAS** || -- | with | the | An- | gel *

A multitude of the heavenly host praising | God | and |
say- | **ing**

|| Glory to God | in | the | high- | est, *

And peace on earth among men of good will, | al- | le- |
lu- | **ia.**

59 || O all ye works of the Lord, | bless | ye | the | Lord: *
praise Him and magnify | Him | for- | ev- | **er.**

60 || O ye heavens, | bless | ye | the | Lord.

61 O ye angels of the Lord, | bless | ye | the | **Lord:** *



62 || O ye waters that are above the firmament, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

63 O ye powers of the Lord, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

64 || O ye sun and moon, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

65 O ye stars of heaven, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

66 || O ye showers and dew, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

67 O ye winds of God, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

68 || O ye fire and heat, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

69 O ye winter and summer, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

70 || O ye dews and frost, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

71 O ye nights and days, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

72 || O ye light and darkness, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

73 O ye frost and cold, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

74 || O ye ice and snow, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

75 O ye lightnings and clouds, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

76 || Oh, let the | earth | bless | the | Lord:*

yea, let it praise Him and magnify | Him | for- | ev- | **er.**

77 || O ye mountains and hills, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

78 O all ye green things upon the earth, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

79 || O ye wells, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

80 O ye seas and floods, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

81 || O ye whales and all that move in the waters, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

82 O all ye fowls of the air, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

83 || O all ye beasts and cattle, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

84 O ye children of men, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

85 || Oh, let Isra- | el | bless | the | Lord:*

praise Him and magnify | Him | for- | ev- | **er.**

86 || O ye priests of the Lord, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

87 O ye servants of the Lord, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

88 || O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, | bless | ye | the | Lord:*

89 O ye holy and humble men of heart, | bless | ye | the | **Lord.**

92 || Bless we the Father and the Son and the | Ho- | ly | Ghost:*

let us praise Him and magnify | Him | for- | ev- | **er.**

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

and to | the | Ho- | ly | **Ghost;**

AS IT || was in the begin -ning, (+) is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be*

world with- | out | end. | A- | **men.**

|| There was | with | the | An- | gel *

A multitude of the heavenly host praising | God | and | say- | **ing**

|| Glory to God | in | the | high- | est, *

And peace on earth among men of good will, | al- | le- | lu- | **ia.**

Psalm 148—*Laudate Dominum de coelis*

Psalm Tone VIII



Antiphon: A CHILD || is born to us | this | day *

And He shall be called | God, | the | Might- | y.

|| Alle- | lu- | ia. *

-- | al- | le- | lu- | ia.

|| 1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the | heav- | ens; *
Praise | Him | in | the | heights!

|| 2 Praise Him, all His | an- | gels; *
Praise | Him, | all | His | hosts!

|| 3 Praise Him, sun and | moon; | - *
Praise Him, all | you | stars | of | light!

|| 4 Praise Him, you heavens of | heav- | ens, *
And you waters a- | bove | the | heav- | ens!

|| 5 Let them praise the name of the | Lord, | - *
For He commanded and they | were | cre- | at- | ed.

|| 6 He also established them forever and | ev- | er; *
He made a decree which shall | not | pass | a- | way.

|| 7 Praise the Lord from the | earth, | - *
You great sea creatures | and | all | the | depths;

|| 8 Fire and hail, snow and | clouds; | - *
Stormy wind, ful- | fill- | ing | His | word;

|| 9 Mountains and all | hills; | - *
Fruitful trees | and | all | ce- | dars;

|| 10 Beasts and all | cat- | tle; *
Creeping things | and | fly- | ing | fowl;

|| 11 Kings of the earth and all | peo- | ples; *
Princes and all judg- | es | of | the | earth;

|| 12 Both young men and | maid- | ens; *
Old | men | and | child- | ren.

|| 13 Let them praise the name of the | Lord, | - *
For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the |
earth | and | heav- | en.

|| 14 And He has exalted the horn of His peo- *-ple*, (+) the
praise of all His | saints | - *
Of the children of Israel, a people near to Him.
| Praise | — | the | Lord!

GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - *
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT || was in the begin- *-ning*, (+) is now, and ever | shall | be: *
world with- | out | end. | A- | men.

|| A Child is born to us | this | day *
And He shall be called | God, | the | Might- | y.

|| Alle- | lu- | ia. *
-- | al- | le- | lu- | ia.