

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Dec 24 - Vigil of the Nativity (Paraments remain Purple)

Collect - O God, Who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant, we beseech Thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; 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. (ASBH for The Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord – but the readings are Heb 1 and John 1)*

Isaiah 7:10-14

1 John 4:7-16

Matthew 1:18-25

1. Dec 24/25 - Christ's Mass at Midnight (Paraments go to White)

Collect - O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we implore You, that as we have known on earth the wonders of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of its joys in heaven; 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

Isaiah 9:2-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

2. Dec 25 (Dawn) - Christ's Mass at the Aurora

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 shineth in our minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

Micah 5:2-5a

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:15-20

3. Dec 25 - Christ's Mass Day

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. (ASBH for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, but the readings are Titus 2 and Luke 2)*

Ex. 40:17-21, 34-38

Hebrews 1:1-12

John 1:1-18

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

(The Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord)

Collect - Almighty and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the Name of Thy beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; 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. (ASBH)*

[OR]

Almighty eternal God, we heartily implore You, grant that we may know and praise Your dear Son as did Simeon, who took Him up in his arms and faithfully knew and confessed Him; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Luther)

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-5 The rod of Jesse's stem

Epistle: Galatians 4:1-7 The fullness of time

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 2:(22-32) 33-40 The consolation of Israel

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Collect

Almighty and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the Name of Thy beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; 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. (ASBH)*

[OR]

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who allowed Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, to become a stranger and sojourner in Egypt for our sake and led Him safely home to His fatherland, mercifully grant that we poor sinners who are strangers and sojourners in this perilous world, may finally come to our true home and fatherland, to live in joy and glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. [Lutheran Worship?]

[OR]

Lord God, heavenly Father, who from the safety of exile in Egypt called Your Son and brought Him to a home for a while in Nazareth, mercifully keep us from losing our final home by clinging to places along the way, and so bring us to our abiding home with You, Your Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. [Nagel]

[OR]

Grant, dear Lord God, that we may become and remain partakers of the new birth in the flesh of Your dear Son and be delivered from our old sinful birth; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Luther)

Old Testament: Genesis 46:1-7 Jacob's journey to Egypt

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19 Partakers of Christ's sufferings

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-23 Flight to Egypt

Hymn of the Day The Nativity Services

ASBH 5 O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee (LW 35)

Feast of the Nativity

Lo, How a Rose is Growing LW 67
Come, Your Hearts and Voices LW 48
He Whom Shepherd Once Came Praising LW 54
LW Eve: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come 37,38
LW Alt Eve: Once Again My Heart Rejoices 39

Dec 24 AM
Vigil of the Nativity
Mt 1:18-25
Dec 24/25

LW: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come 37,38
LW: O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger” HS 814, TLH 81

1. Midnight Mass:
Luke 2:1-14
Dec 25 Dawn
2. Aurora Mass
Luke 2:15-20
Dec 25 Day
3. Christ’s Mass Day
John 1

**O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee (LW 35 Dawn
and Day, ASBH 5)**

Let All Together Praise our God LW 44
LW Alt Dawn and Day: Of the Father’s Love
Begotten 36

Hymn of the Day for Sundays in Christmas

ASBH 6 To God the Anthem Raising

Christmas One

LW: Let All Together Praise Our God 44
LW Alt C: In Peace and Joy I Now Depart 185
LW Alt: In His Temple Now Behold Him 186

Lk 2:22-40

ASBH 8 The Newborn Child This Early Morn

Christmas Two

**TLH 265 Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord
(“Thine Honor Rescue, Righteous Lord” ASBH)**

Mt 2:13-23

LW: From East to West 43
LW Alt: I Walk in Danger all the Way 391

Office Hymn for Christmas Prayer Services

AM **From East to West**

LW 43, *Use LBP*

A solis ortus cardine

O Savior of Our Fallen Race

LW 45

PM **Let All Together Praise Our God**

LW 44

O Savior of Our Fallen Race

LW 45-*use LBP*

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

LW 36

Savior of the Nations Come

LW 13

MINOR FESTIVALS IN CHRISTMAS

St. Stephen, First Martyr – December 26

2 Chronicles 24:17-22

Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60

St. Matthew 23:34-39

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist – December 27

Hosea 14:1-9

1 John 1:1-10

St. John 21:19-24

The Holy Innocents – December 28

Jeremiah 31:15-17

Revelation 14:1-5

St. Matthew 2:13-18

{Eve of The Name of Jesus – December 31}

Acts 4:8-14

Alt. Romans 8:31-29

Matthew 1:18-21

The Circumcision and Name of Jesus – January 1 (The Octave Day of Our Lord)

Isaiah 55:1-13

Galatians 3:23-29

St. Luke 2:21

There are no Ember Days in the Christmas season.

Hymns for Minor Festivals

ASBH	Who are These in Bright Array	St. Stephen Dec 26
70	Alt: Rise Again, Ye Lion-Hearted TLH 470	
ASBH		St. John Dec 27
71	Word Supreme, Before Creation	
ASBH		
72	Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band	Holy Innocents Dec 28
ASBH 7	To the Name of Our Salvation {Name}	
	LW: O Savior of our Fallen Race 45	
	LW Alt: Greet now the Swiftly Changing Year 183	Circumcision and
TLH	Alt: “O Blessed Day When First Was	Name of Jesus
115	Poured” {Circumcision}	Dec 31/Jan 1
	Alt: To God the Anthem Raising TLH 112	

