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**The Order of Service:** Divine Service Setting Four,  
**Opening Hymn:** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 203

**LSB 395**

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy!  
Great and glorious,  
All victorious,  
Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying!  
In Your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily  
Earth's deep sadness  
May perplex us  
And distress us,  
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.
- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
You are our dearest treasure!  
Let Your mercy  
Warm and cheer us!  
O draw near us!  
For You teach us  
God's own love through You has reached us.
- 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love

To live in Him here and above:

This is Your great salvation.

Alleluia!

Christ the living,

To us giving

Life forever,

Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!

Our joy be all with music crowned,

Our voices gladly blending!

For Christ goes with us all the way—

Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!

His love is never ending!

Sing out! Ring out!

Jubilation!

Exultation!

Tell the story!

Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,

The Lord we love is first and last,

The end and the beginning!

He will one day, oh, glorious grace,

Transport us to that happy place

Beyond all tears and sinning!

Amen! Amen!

Come, Lord Jesus!

Crown of gladness!

We are yearning

For the day of Your returning!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory,

**glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

**for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

**His understanding is beyond measure.**

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

**in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

**Praise your God, O Zion!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory,

**glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

## Kyrie

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**☩ Lord, have mercy;**

**Christ, have mercy;**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis

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**☩ 1 To God on high be glory**

**And peace to all the earth;**

**Goodwill from God in heaven**

**Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!**

**We praise and bless You, Father;**

**Your holy name, we sing—**

**Our thanks for Your great glory,**

**Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,**

**The Father's Son, we pray;**

**O Lamb of God, our Savior,**

**You take our sins away.**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus;**

**Receive our heartfelt cry,**

**Where You in pow'r are seated**

**At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;**

**You only are the Lord.**

**Forever and forever,**

**Be worshiped and adored;**

**You with the Holy Spirit**

**Alone are Lord Most High,**

**In God the Father's glory.**

**"Amen!" our glad reply.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your Incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### The Old Testament Reading

*1<sup>st</sup> Kings 3:4–15*

<sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “**Ask what I shall give you.**” <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, “**You have shown great and steadfast love to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward You. And You have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day.**” <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern Your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this Your great people?” <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, “**Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,**” <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in My ways, keeping My Statutes and My Commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” <sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:**

*Psalm 119:97–104; antiphon: v. 99*

<sup>97</sup>Oh how I love Your Law! It is my meditation all the day.

<sup>98</sup>**Your Commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

<sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your Testimonies are my meditation.

<sup>100</sup>**I understand more than the aged, for I keep Your Precepts.**

<sup>101</sup>I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep Your Word.

<sup>102</sup>**I do not turn aside from Your Just Decrees, for You have taught me.**

<sup>103</sup>How sweet are Your Words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup>**Through Your Precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

**The Epistle Lesson:**

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love <sup>5</sup>He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In Him we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His Grace, <sup>8</sup>which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him Who works all things according to the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup>so

that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. <sup>13</sup>In Him you also, when you heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>Who is the Guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**C** **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 2:40–52**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>40</sup>The Child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon Him. <sup>41</sup>Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the Boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. <sup>48</sup>And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "**Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress.**" <sup>49</sup>And He said to them, "**Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?**" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day:** Within the Father's House

- 1 Within the Father's house  
The Son has found His home,  
And to His temple suddenly  
The Lord of life has come.
- 2 The doctors of the Law  
Gaze on the wondrous child  
And marvel at His gracious words  
Of wisdom undefiled.
- 3 Yet not to them is giv'n  
The mighty truth to know,  
To lift the earthly veil that hides  
Incarnate God below.
- 4 The secret of the Lord  
Escapes each human eye,  
And faithful pond'ring hearts await  
The full epiphany.
- 5 Lord, visit Thou our souls  
And teach us by Thy grace  
Each dim revealing of Thyself  
With loving awe to trace
- △ 6 Till we behold Thy face  
And know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Coequal Three in One.

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**Sermon:** God Loves You Dearly!

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering:** God of Grace and God of Glory

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- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

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### The Lord's Prayer

- G** 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

*Stand*

### Closing Collect

#### Benedicamus

LSB 212

- P** Let us bless the Lord.

- G** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

#### Hymn to Depart: Children of the Heavenly Father

**LSB 725**

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

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