

Christmas 8th Day

January 1, 2025

Chorale Service, p. 107
(Adapted for the Christmas Season)

I. The Service of Preparation

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty God our maker and redeemer, we poor Sinners confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear the holy and comforting Word of Our Lord! Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Introit:

O `LORD, our Lord,/ How excellent is Your name ` in all the earth,
Who have `set Your glory/ a`bove the heavens!
Out of `the mouth of babes/ and `nursing infants

You have ordained strength, Because of `Your enemies,/ That You may silence the enemy and `the avenger.

When I consider Your heavens, the work `of Your fingers,/ The moon and the stars, which `You have ordained,

What is man that You are `mindful of him,/ And the son of man that `You visit him?

For You have made him a little lower `than the angels,/ And You have crowned him with glo`ry and honor.

You have made him to have dominion over the `works of Your hands;/ You have put all things `under his feet,

All `sheep and oxen;/ Even the `beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, And the `fish of the sea/ That pass through the `paths of the seas.

O `LORD, our Lord,/ How excellent is Your name `in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father, 'and to the Son / and to 'the Holy Ghost; as it was in the be - 'ginning, is now / and ever shall be: forever - 'more.

Amen.

Magnificat: "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord." Hymn #47

Collect for the day

O Lord God, for our sakes You made Your blessed Son, our Savior, subject to the law, and caused him to endure the circumcision of the flesh: grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lusts; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **Amen.**

II. The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading:

Numbers 6:22-27

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them:

"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." '
"So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

The Gradual:

Al-'le-lu-ia! / let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad 'before the Lord:
For he has made known 'His salvation / Al-'le-lu-ia!

The Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to *bring us to* Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The Alleluia:

Al-'le-lu-ia / the Word was 'made flesh. **And dwelt 'among us / Al-'le-lu-ia!**

The Gospel: Luke 2:21

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

The Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from

heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

The Hymn: "O Blessed Day When First Was Poured", #157

The Sermon

The Prayer of the Church

The Offering

III. The Service of the Sacrament

The Hymn of Preparation: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy", #41

The Exhortation

The Lord's Prayer

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. C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Consecration

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

The Distribution and Reception of the Sacrament

The Nunc Dimittis:

Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen

The Collect of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give + you peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn:#160