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New Year's Eve/Naming of Jesus



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*At Abiding Word
We gather around the Word (worship);
We grow in the Word (education);
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*

Hymn: The Old Year Now Has Passed Away

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1 The old year now has passed a - way; We thank you,
2 We pray you, O e - ter - nal Son, Who with the
3 Take not your sav - ing Word a - way, Which lights and
4 Oh, help us to for - sake all sin, A new and
5 Where - in as Chris - tians we may live Or die in



O our God, to - day That you have kept us
Fa - ther reigns as one, To guard and rule your
cheers our souls each day. A - bide with us and
ho - lier life be - gin! For - give the old year's
peace that you can give, To rise a - gain when



through the year When dan - ger and dis - tress were near.
Chris - ten - dom Through all the a - ges yet to come.
keep us free From er - ror and hy - poc - ri - sy.
sins, and bless The new year with true hap - pi - ness,
you will come And en - ter your e - ter - nal home.

6 There shall we thank you and adore
With all the angels evermore.
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith
To praise your name through life and death.

Text: attr. Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: As we enter God's house for the final time in 2020 and think back upon the year now past, we confess our sins.

C: **Dear God, we have not honored you above all things. We have pursued our own interests instead. We have allowed the world and our sinful nature to identify the prizes of life. We have cherished the very things you hate; we have avoided what you love. Cleanse us, heal us, and renew us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

M: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Jesus traded his obedience for your disobedience. For all your sins of the past year, God doesn't give you what you deserve—justice; instead you get what you do not deserve—mercy! His death means your life; your sins are forgiven! By his death and resurrection, the Lord has forgiven your past and secured your future with him.

C: **Amen!**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



1 God's own Son most ho - ly Came a ser - vant low - ly,
2 Still he comes with - in us; Still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if we have known him And will not dis - own him
4 Those who then are loy - al Find a wel - come roy - al.



Came to live a - mong us, Came to suf - fer for us,
From the sins that hurt us, Would to truth con - vert us
Nor have loved him cold - ly But will trust him bold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re - lease us.



Bore the cross to save us, Hope and free - dom gave us.
From our fool - ish er - rors Ere he comes in ter - rors.
He will then re - ceive us, Heal us, and for - give us.
Let us here con - fess you Till in heav'n we bless you.

First Lesson (Numbers 6:22-27)

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

- ²⁴ “ ‘ “The LORD bless you
and keep you;
²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.” ’

²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Second Lesson (1 Peter 1:22-25)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him and for his name’s sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. ⁶ And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel (Luke 13:6-9)

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated



1 Je - sus! Name of won - drous love, Name all
 2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the
 3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the
 4 Je - sus! On - ly name that's giv'n Un - der
 5 Je - sus! Name of won - drous love, Hu - man



oth - er names a - bove, Un - to which must
 maid - en moth - er told— Kneel - ing in her
 fall - en here on earth For the prom - ise
 all the might - y heav'n Where - by all, to
 name of God a - bove; Plead - ing on - ly



ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 low - ly cell— By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.
 that it gave, "Je - sus shall his peo - ple save."
 sin en - slaved, Burst their fet - ters and are saved.
 this, we, too, Flee, O God, in faith to you.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, abr., alt.

Tune: GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT (77 77) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

Sermon Study on Luke 2:21

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

M: It is fitting, O Lord, in the final hours of 2020, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.

C: You have been faithful to your promises and loving toward all you have made.

M: Once again, you have clothed your creation with beauty; you have fed even the birds and have shown us that we are much more valuable than they.

C: You know what we need and you have given us all good things.

M: Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself—all these come to us from your generous hand.

C: We thank you for the way you have blessed us with all this and more during the past year.

M: We thank you especially for your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation and equip us for service.

C: As we think about these blessings tonight, we realize we have taken them for granted at times during this past year. Forgive us for our apathy and increase our desire and appreciation for your gifts of grace.

Special prayers and intercessions

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

- M:** Almighty and eternal God, it is surely you who has saved us. We will trust in you and not be afraid! As you led your people through difficult times in the past, you have also led us through this difficult year. Most importantly, you have led us from the bondage of sin and death into a new life with you. Continue to lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory now and be prepared to sing your praises forever in heaven.
- C:** **We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we began this year; in his name we bring it to a close. Amen.**

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.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Consecration Of The Elements

Sung to "From Heaven Above" (38)

Sing: **The night our Savior was betrayed
He took the bread and then he prayed.
Gave thanks and gave to them the bread
And to his true disciples said:**

M: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Sing: **Then when the sacred meal was o'er,
Our blessed Savior spoke once more.
He offered thanks and lifted up
To give to all the blessed cup:**

M: "Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Agnus Dei

Sung to "From Heaven Above" (38)

Sing: **O Jesus, Lamb of God, you take
The sin of all; atonement make.
Oh, grant us from our sins release:
Have mercy on us! Grant us peace!**

Please sit during the distribution

The Nunc Dimittis

Sung to "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" (334)

**Lord, let your servant now depart.
Your joy and peace are in my heart.
Your saving pow'r my eyes have known.
Your love through all the earth is shown.**

**Lord, let us show the world your light.
Let us declare your glory bright.
Proclaim your death until you come
To take your ransomed servants home.**

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people.

Rev. 22:21

C: **Amen.**

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.
