

Saturday, December 28, 2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

OPENING HYMN: **75** O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL
ADESTE FIDELES
VERSES 1-5

SEASONAL GREETING:

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born,

People: **Unto us a son is given.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:10–62:5

PSALM **147:12–20** *Laudate Dominum*

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion.

13 **For he has made strong the bars of your gates *
and has blessed your children within you.**

14 He makes peace in your borders *
and fills you with the finest of wheat.

15 **He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.**

16 He gives snow like wool *
and scatters the white frost like ashes.

17 **He casts forth his ice like crumbs; *
who is able to abide his frost?**

18 He sends out his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

19 **He declares his word unto Jacob, *
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.**

20 He has not dealt so with other nations; *
neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the Lord.

EPISTLE: Galatians 3:23–4:7

GRADUAL HYMN: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
VERSES 1 & 2 BEFORE, VERSES 3 & 4 AFTER

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

[Refrain]

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

[Refrain]

GOSPEL: John 1:1–18

SERMON: Fr. Mark Tubbs

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Alan Wilson

OFFERTORY HYMN: **746** GOOD KING WENCESLAS
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
ALL VERSES

PREFACE:

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: **361** JOY TO THE WORLD
NATIVITY
ALL VERSES

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