

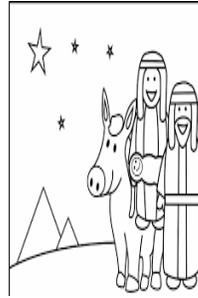
Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns
To Study and Share with those You Love.

WEEK OF JAN. 1,

2023

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**See How
Much
God
Loves
You.
Matt. 2**

Hymn of Invocation. **Joy to the World** 387

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

INTROIT JEREMIAH 31:15-17;

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. Thus says the LORD: “A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.” Thus says the LORD: “Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears, for there is a reward for your work, declares the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. There is hope for your future, declares the LORD, and your children shall come back to their own country.” Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature.

Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PSALM 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! Glory 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

APPOINTED READINGS 1 JANUARY 2023)

Isaiah 63:7-14

Galatians 4:4-7

Matthew 2:13-23

The Lord Jesus Undergoes a New Exodus in Order to Save His People from Their Sins

- Herod's efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod's edict, Joseph must *“take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt”* (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He *“had spoken by the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I called my son’”* (Matt. 2:15)
- With might and strength, God accompanies His people, causing *“his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses”* (Is. 63:12). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. *“He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them”*. (Is. 63:9)
- All of this is accomplished by God's might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. For we *“receive adoption as sons”* in the only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, even as He became like us by His conception and birth of the woman. Thus redeemed, no longer slaves of sin and death but beloved children and heirs of God, we pray in Jesus' name: *“Abba! by Christ Father!”* (Gal. 4:4-6)

CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

Hymn of the Day **Arise, My Soul** play LSB 378

SERMON NOTES

1 January 2023 **Provider and Protector** Matt. 2:13; 19-23

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

As we see Joseph providing for Mary and Jesus and protecting them from all harm and danger, we catch a glimpse of how much God loves us and keeps us from sin and every evil.

1. Joseph the Provider

1. Supplying their temporal necessities
2. The Body of Christ richly supplied in Word and Sacrament

2. Joseph the Protector

1. From murderous tyrants and treacherous travels
2. From false doctrine, despair, and other great shame and vice

3. See how much God doth love thee!

1. Gives us a family, a life with purpose, energy, and direction
2. Keeps us from sin and every evil, holy angels attending

PRAAYER OF THE CHURCH CIRCUMCISION/NAME OF JESUS. 1 JAN. 2023

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. The heavens are the work of Your fingers, yet You willed to save us in the most humble and sacrificial of ways. Already eight days after being born of the virgin Mary, Your Son was at work for our salvation by fulfilling Your Law and shedding His blood. Receive our heartfelt thanks for the righteousness and forgiveness of sins we have obtained through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** Blessed God, You sent Your Son into our flesh, and as an infant He first shed the blood that would cleanse us from our sin. Accept our thanks for the loving kindness shown to us sinners. Grant us a steadfast faith, that we would not forget all of Your benefits or lose sight of Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, You declare that in Christ Jesus there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Him. Preserve us from all ungodly prejudice, yet instill in us a deep appreciation of our distinctive callings. Grant that we would not resent what You have called us to be and to do, but rejoice to serve as You have ordained. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Lord, You have shown Your power by establishing governments and leaders to serve Your people in Your name. Grant to our president, governor, Congress, legislators, judges and magistrates the wisdom and courage to act with integrity on behalf of all people, especially those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, bless and keep us by Your grace. Remember those in need who cry out to You [*especially* _____].

According to Your will and wisdom, lift up Your countenance upon them and give them peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, You invite Your children to the table of Your Son. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we would discern Christ's body and blood in this Sacrament and come with joyful and repentant hearts to receive the foretaste of the eternal feast. Strengthen us by this blessed communion, that we would love You above all and love one another in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, in Your steadfast love You have put off the day of Jesus' return until the perfect time, when the number of Your elect is complete. Keep Your people watchful, vigilant and awake with Your gift of faith until that day; 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.**