

New Year's Eve and the 7th Day of Christmas | December 31, 2021

Preparation

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **and my mouth shall declare your praise (Psalm 51:15).**

P: Hasten to save me, O God;

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me (Psalm 70:1).**

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place.

C: **throughout all generations (Psalm 90:1).**

P: Teach us to number our days aright

C: **that we may gain a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90:12).**

P: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love

C: **that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days (Psalm 90:14).**

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful | #133

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER

P: Eternal Father before whom all generations rise and fall, teach us to think earnestly on the brevity of our lives and on the immensity of your goodness. Help us to enter the new year trusting in the name of your Son and walking in the way of his peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Review and Remember

We remember the birth of Jesus and our Christmas celebration.

Luke 1:31–33; 2:7–11, 19

Hymn 113:1–3

We remember Jesus revealed in his Epiphany as the Son of God by his great miracles.

Matthew 8:24–26; 8:2–3; 15:22, 28;
John 11:43–45; Matthew 15:30–31

Hymn 113:4–5

We remember Jesus sacrificed for our sins.

Isaiah 53:4–6; John 19:30

Hymn 156:1–3

We remember the joy of celebrating Easter.

Matthew 28:5–8; John 11:25–26

Hymn 156:4–6

We remember our Lord's ascending to heaven with all power and glory.

Acts 1:9–11; Ephesians 1:20–23

Hymn 160:1–2

We remember Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

Acts 2:1–4, 38; 1 Corinthians 2:14; 12:3

Hymn 160:3–4

We remember the preaching of God's Word in our church, our Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

2 Timothy 3:15–17; Matthew 28:19;
Titus 3:5–6; 1 Corinthians 11:23–28

Hymn 160:5–6

We remember the Lord's help in time of sickness, trouble, or temptation.

Psalm 46:1–3; Isaiah 42:1–3;
Romans 8:31–32, 37–39

Hymn 160:7–8

We remember the resurrection and that Christ will come again.

John 11:38–44; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18;
Revelation 21:1–5

Hymn 134:1–2

We give thanks and re-dedicate ourselves to Christ for the coming year.

Joshua 24:14–18; Romans 12:1–8

Hymn 134:3–4

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: God of mercy, you live in everlasting glory, and your name is eternal. We give thanks that you have revealed to us the name of your only Son, Jesus, our Savior, the name above every name, the only name by which we are saved, the name in which we have been baptized, and at whose name every knee will bow.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

We give thanks for all the blessings of the past year. You have helped us in the past, and there is no end to your mercy. In these difficult times, protect your church from the assaults of the evil one. Keep all pastors from false teaching, and keep your flock from indifference and shame.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Bless the nations of the earth with leaders who are wise and just, with public servants who are compassionate and patient, and with citizens who are honorable and respectful. Bless all the lawful actions taken by our country. Do not let us grow weary in well-doing.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Bless the resources of the earth and the labor of all workers. Bless our children. Grant that they may grow in virtue and faithfulness until the end.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Have mercy on those who are lonely, tired, anxious, or despairing; on those without home, employment, or family, those who have lost hope and those whose holiday joy has become sorrow for any reason. Remember us in our dark times, and teach us all not to worry about the future.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Lord, forgive us for the sins of the past year. As we look to a new year, we confess to you that we are anxious and uncertain, for we do not know what will come to us. Yet, Lord, we know that you will be with us according to your mercy. Bless the endeavors of our congregation this year and help us to grow in your wisdom.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

You are our God; our times are in your hands. Give strength to the weary, and new strength to those who wait, especially to us as we wait for the return of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

The Sacrament

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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, DISTRIBUTION, AND RECEPTION

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through these life-giving gifts. And we ask you that out of your mercy you would strengthen us through them in faith toward you and in eager 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.

HYMN FOR THE NEW YEAR

My God, Accept My Heart This Day | #512

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