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## **First Sunday after Christmas**

**December 27, 2020**

### **God's Word for Today Jesus Comes to Save Us, Even as an Infant**

Whether or not we had a “good Christmas,” as some may ask us, today over and over we hear **good news** of God's grace.



**HYMN**  
**Came to Earth”**

“Peace

*Christian Worship Supplement #707*



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night  
2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held  
3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,  
4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And  
The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The  
In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain. In  
How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - led love and sheathed his might— Who could but  
wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but  
bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but  
else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!  
sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!  
see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!  
pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

*The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.*

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*STAND*

**Worship Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Congregation:** Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**SERMON**  
**Savior”**

**“My Son, My**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended**

into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

*Numbers*

*6:24-26*

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Go, tell It on the Mountain”**

*Christian Worship #57*

*Refrain:*

**Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.**

**1 While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.**

*Refrain*

**2 The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.**

*Refrain*

**3 Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.  
*Refrain***

Text: African-American spiritual, c. 19th century, refrain; John W. Work, 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

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