

# **New Year's Eve Communion Service**



*“For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.” (Psalm 90:4)*

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**December 31, 2016 7:00 p.m.**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Stand*

## INVOCATION

**M** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

**C** **O Lord, who could stand?**

**M** But with you there is forgiveness;

**C** **Therefore you are feared.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

**M** Merciful Father, we have squandered and abused your gift of time. We have done the evil you forbid and have not done the good you demand.

**C** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

**M** Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given his only Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. 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. May he who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you.

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

*Be seated*

# OPENING HYMN

# 71 – The Old Year Now Has Passed Away



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.



*Stand*

**LITANY**

**M** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**M** O Christ,

**C** **have mercy.**

**M** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**M** O Christ,

**C** **hear us.**

**M** God the Father in heaven,

**C** **have mercy.**

**M** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**M** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** **have mercy.**

**M** Be gracious to us,

**C** **Spare us, good Lord.**

**M** Be gracious to us,

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**M** From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; from lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

**C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**

**M** By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity; by your Baptism, fasting, and temptation; by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and Passion; by your precious death and burial; by your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**M** In all time and tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**C** **Help us, good Lord.**

**M** We poor sinners implore you:

**C** **Hear us, good Lord.**

**M** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weak hearted and the distressed:

**C** **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

**M** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** **We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

**M** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** **We implore you to hear us.**

**M** O Christ,

**C** **hear us.**

**M** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**M** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

**M** The Lord be with you.

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** Let us pray.

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.

**C** **Amen.**

*Be seated*

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 30:8-17

Return to Me and you shall be saved; trust shall be your strength

ISAIAH 30:8 Go now, write it on a tablet for them,  
inscribe it on a scroll,  
that for the days to come  
it may be an everlasting witness.

<sup>9</sup> These are rebellious people, deceitful  
children,  
children unwilling to listen to the  
LORD's instruction.

<sup>10</sup> They say to the seers,  
"See no more visions!"  
and to the prophets,  
"Give us no more visions of what is  
right!

Tell us pleasant things,  
prophecy illusions.

<sup>11</sup> Leave this way,  
get off this path,  
and stop confronting us  
with the Holy One of Israel!"

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, this is what the Holy One of Israel says:  
"Because you have rejected this  
message,

relied on oppression  
and depended on deceit,

<sup>13</sup> this sin will become for you  
like a high wall, cracked and  
bulging,  
that collapses suddenly, in an  
instant.

<sup>14</sup> It will break in pieces like pottery,  
shattered so mercilessly  
that among its pieces not a fragment  
will be found  
for taking coals from a hearth  
or scooping water out of a cistern."

<sup>15</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:

“In repentance and rest is your  
salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your  
strength,  
but you would have none of it.

<sup>16</sup> You said, ‘No, we will flee on  
horses.’

Therefore you will flee!

You said, ‘We will ride off on swift  
horses.’

Therefore your pursuers will be swift!

<sup>17</sup> A thousand will flee  
at the threat of one;  
at the threat of five  
you will all flee away,  
till you are left  
like a flagstaff on a mountaintop,  
like a banner on a hill.”

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm 90

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*The congregation sings the refrain where indicated in bold.*  
*The cantor chants the psalm verses.*

### REFRAIN

Teach us to know the short - ness of our  
days, may wis - dom dwell with - in our hearts.

**Cantor:**  
**C**

Refrain  
**Refrain**

Lord, you have been our refuge  
from generation to generation.  
Before the mountains were formed, before the earth was created,  
you were God from the beginning, and you will be God forever.

You turn us back to dust and say;  
“Return, O child of earth!”  
A thousand years are like yesterday come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

**Refrain**

You sweep us away like a dream at daybreak;  
we are like grass that sprouts in the morning.  
In the morning it is fresh and green;  
when evening comes it withers and dies.

We are consumed by your anger, O Lord,  
we are terrified by your wrath.  
You have set our guilt before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your face.

**Refrain**

Our days pass away under your wrath, O God;  
our years come to an end like a sigh.  
Seventy years is the span of life,  
or eighty for those who are strong.

Our years are full of toil and grief.  
Life is soon over, and we are gone.  
Who understands the power of your wrath?  
Who among us rightly fears the strength of your fury?

**Refrain**

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:31b-39

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus

ROMANS 8:31 If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

(225:1)

**C (sing) This is the day the Lord has made;  
He calls the hours his own.  
Let heav'n rejoice; let earth be glad  
And praise surround the throne.**

*Stand for the Gospel Lesson*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:35-40

Stay dressed and ready for action

LUKE 12:35 “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. <sup>38</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. <sup>39</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

M The Gospel of the Lord!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

472 – Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a -  
2 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de -  
3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you  
4 But while watch - ing al - so pray To the Lord un -



wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a -  
feat you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be -  
tri - fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's  
ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and



wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
tray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
faith in - creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.  
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
nite to serve him And for - ev - er love him.

Text: Johann B. Freystein, 1671–1718, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: STRAF MICH NICHT (76 76 33 66) *Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien*, Dresden, 1694, alt.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## **This is What the Christian Says Every Morning**

*Stand*

### **NICENE CREED**

**C 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*

## **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M** I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever.

**C** **Every day I will praise you and extol your name.**

**M** It is fitting, O Lord, in the final hours of this year, 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** You clothe your creation with beauty; you feed even the birds and tell us that we are much more valuable than they.

**C** **You know what we need, and you give 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 these blessings, and we ask you that you continue to grant them to us.**

**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** **Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M** Almighty and eternal God, you have been gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. As you led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so lead us by the light of your Word that we may live our lives to your glory and be prepared to die in your peace.

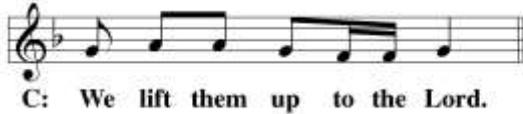
**C** **We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In his name we began this year; in his name we bring it to a close. Amen.**

# THE SACRAMENT

M The Lord be with you.



M Lift up your hearts.



M Let us give thanks for the Lord, our God.



M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. God has indeed been our refuge throughout all generations. At the close of this year, we praise him for his constant love and compassion, having forgiven our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ and having restored us to his family.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*





## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

*Be Seated*



1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This  
 2 We gath - er up in this brief hour The  
 3 Be - fore the cross, sub - dued, we bow, To  
 4 And while we pray, we lift our eyes To  
 5 Then gra - cious God, in years to come, What -



New Year's Eve are fleet - ing, We deck your al - tar,  
 mem - 'ry of your mer - cies. Your won - drous good - ness,  
 you our prayers ad - dress - ing, Re - count - ing all your  
 dear ones gone be - fore us, Safe home with you in  
 ev - er may be - tide us, Right on - ward through our



Lord, with light, In sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing, And,  
 love, and pow'r Our grate - ful song re - hears - es. For  
 mer - cies now And all our sins con - fess - ing. We  
 Par - a - dise, Where Je - sus will reign o'er us, And  
 jour - ney home, Oh, stay at hand to guide us, Nor



as the year's last hours go by, We raise to you our  
 you have been our strength and stay In man - y a dark and  
 ask you, Lord, this com - ing year To keep us in your  
 ask of you, when life is past, To re - u - nite us  
 leave us till, at close of life, Safe from all per - il,



ear - nest cry, Once more your love en - treat - ing.  
 drear - y day Of sor - row and re - vers - es.  
 faith and fear And crown us with your bless - ing.  
 all at last With those who've gone be - fore us,  
 toil, and strife, Heav'n shall en - fold and hide us.

Text: James Hamilton, 1819-96, abr., alt.

Tune: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HOH SEI EHR (87 87 887) alt. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485-after 1546, alt.

*Stand*

## THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER

**M** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.



## BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



## CLOSING HYMN

321 (2,4) – Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home-ward way;  
4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,  
With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.  
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,  
That in this house have called up - on thy name.  
Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.



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