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We will follow Morning Prayer on page 207.

HYMN - 362 "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

OPENING VERSES

M: O Lord, open my lips,

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: To us the Christ is born:

C: praise and thanks to God!

In place of "OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD" we will sing hymn 335:1-4 "To Shepherds as They Watched by Night"

FIRST LESSON - Exodus 33:18-23:34:5-7

¹⁸ Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." ¹⁹ And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

²¹Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

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SECOND LESSON - Romans 8:31-32

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² 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?

HYMN - 346 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GOSPEL - John 1:1-18

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

HYMN - 349 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

SERMON – John 1:14 "See the Glory of God's Son"

In place of "WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD" we will sing hymn 361 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

HYMN – 350 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Today's Christmas bulletins are from Jason, Jean, Carl & Alexis Horrmann in memory of Clifford and Phyllis and Clifford's Christmas Day birthday.

