The Nativity of Our Lord

**Introit** *(Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is. 9:6)*

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is | given;\*

and the government will be upon His | shoulder.

And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, | Mighty God,\*

Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Oh, sing to the Lord a | new song!\*

For He has done | marvelous things;

His right hand and His | holy arm\*

have gained Him the | victory.

The Lord has made known His sal- | vation;\*

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the | nations.

He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of | Israel;\*

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Shout joyfully to the Lord, | all the earth;\*

break forth in song, rejoice, and sing | praises.

**Glory be to the Father and** | **to the Son**\*

**and to the Holy** | **Spirit;**

**as it was in the be-** | **ginning,**\*

**Is now, and will be forever.** | **Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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