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**M:** Minister  
**A:** All

## WELCOME

**HYMN:** “The Old Year Now Has Passed Away”  
*found on page 6 of this worship guide*

## INVOCATION

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

**A:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**A:** **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.**

**M:** 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.

**A:** Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

*The minister offers the Prayer of the Day.*

## **THE READING OF GOD'S WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON:**

Job 42:1-6

Then Job replied to the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup>You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. <sup>4</sup>“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ <sup>5</sup>My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. <sup>6</sup>Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

### **SECOND LESSON:**

1 John 4:7-10

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**A: 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.**

**HYMN:**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”  
*found on page 7 of this worship guide***

## MESSAGE:

“Remember, Jesus Is King!”  
*based on Matthew 2:1-12*

### Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem<sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.<sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.<sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup> ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.<sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## **PRAYERS & BLESSING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*The minister offers the Prayer of the Church.*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**A: 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.**

### **HYMN:**

**"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"**  
*found on page 8 of this worship folder*

### **BLESSING**

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## 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

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

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,

- 5 Wherein as Christians we may live Or die in peace that you can give,  
 To rise again when you will come And enter your eternal 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.

## **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

### Stanza 1

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all you nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th' angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

### Stanza 2

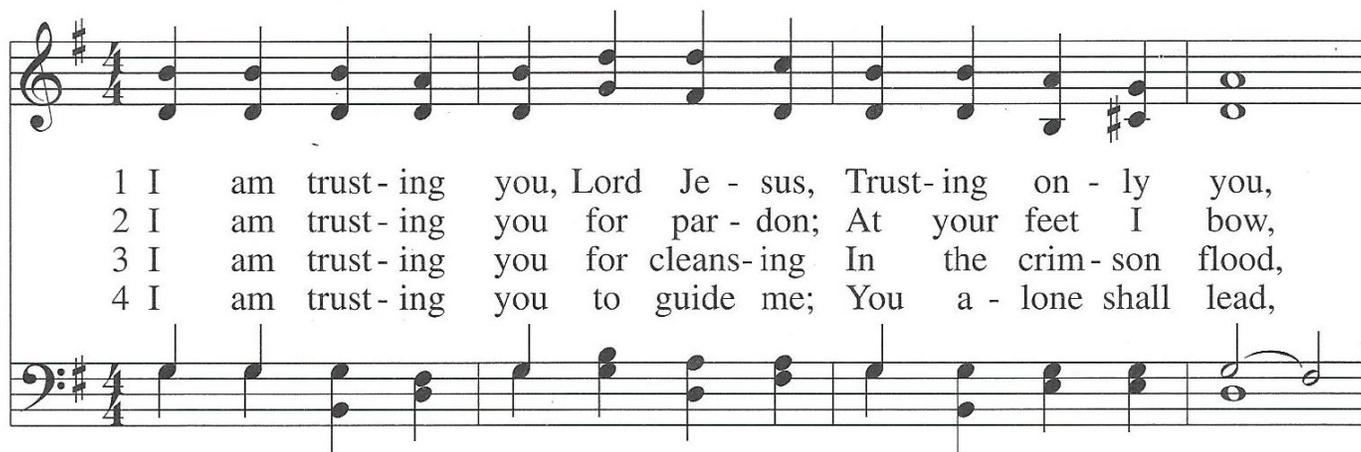
Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail th' incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! [Refrain]

### Stanza 3

Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

# I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

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1 I am trust- ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust- ing on - ly you,  
2 I am trust- ing you for par - don; At your feet I bow,  
3 I am trust- ing you for cleans- ing In the crim- son flood,  
4 I am trust- ing you to guide me; You a - lone shall lead,



Trust- ing you for full sal - va - tion, Free and true.  
For your grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
Trust- ing you who made me ho - ly By your blood.  
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

5 I am trusting you for power;  
You can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me  
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
Never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
And for all.

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