

# December 28, 2008

## Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 61:10–62:3 The prophet rejoices in God’s works of salvation, both for himself and all of Zion.  
 Psalm 148 The psalmist calls all of creation to praise the Lord.  
 Galatians 4:4–7 God sent the Son so that we might be redeemed and made children of God.  
 Luke 2:22–40 In Jerusalem, Simeon and Anna proclaim that this child is the Messiah.

## Call to Worship

Rejoice in God! Marvel at all that God has done!

**Our eyes have seen the glory of God, made known to us.**

Rejoice in God, Creator of all that has life.

**Our eyes have seen the love of God, come to us in a baby.**

Rejoice in God, giver of redemption and grace.

**Our eyes have seen God’s redeeming love, alive in Jesus.**

Rejoice in God, the Spirit of peace and grace.

**Our eyes have seen the power of God, at work in changing the world.**

Let us worship God together.

## Hymns for the Day

	PH	EH	ELW	UMH	NCH	VU	STF	SNC	TFBF	HFTG
<b>Hymns of Praise</b>										
Let the Whole Creation Cry (Psalm 148)	256		876		17, 462	871				
All Glory be to God on High	133	421	410	82						
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star (O Morning Star)	69	496, 497	308	247	158	98				
<b>Old Testament</b>										
Peoples Clap Your Hands	194							156		
See Amid the Winter’s Snow	51					76				
All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name	142, 143	450, 451	634	154, 155	304	334			267	
<b>Epistle</b>										
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	31	87	270	240	144	48				
Now There Is No Male or Female						627				
We All Believe in One True God	137		411							
<b>Gospel</b>										
Song of Simeon	604–606	259								
Arise, Your Light Is Come	411		314	725	164	79		292		
Light Shone in Darkness			307							
See Mary Setting Out at Dawn										121
See the Morning Sun Ascending				674						
<b>Communion</b>										
The First Noel	56	109	300	245	139	91				
As We Gather at Your Table			522		332	457	2268	245		
<b>Sending</b>										
Glorious the Day When Christ Was Born		452								
Joy to the World!		100	267	246	132	59				
O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright	474	5	559	679	87	413				
<b>Important Hymns from Other Sources</b>										
Now, O Lord, Dismiss Your Servants, Sylvia Dunstan, <i>Where the Promise Shines</i> , GIA										

# First Sunday after Christmas

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## Prayer of Confession

**God our Parent, you call us to celebrate in fullness the salvation you have brought to us in Jesus, your Son.**

**You remind us through the witness of Simeon and Anna**

**that Jesus is our light and shows us your glory.**

**Yet we hear this story as ancient, and do not make it our own.**

**O God, forgive us.**

**Place your Son in our arms and show us our salvation.**

**Join our voices with those of Simeon and Anna, that we may sing your praise to all who will hear and be bearers of your good news.**

## Psalm Settings

**Psalm 148 Metrical**

“Praise God in the Highest Heaven” PCW 170

“Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him” PsH 148

**Responsorial**

“Alleluia! Alleluia!” P 155

“Praise the Name of the Lord” PRCL 23

“Sing to the Lord a New Song” PP1 101

## Contemporary Songs

“Praise in the Heights” David Haas *Psalms for the Church Year (Celebration)*, Vol. 9, GIA

“Star-Child” Shirley Erena Murray/Carlton Young *Sing the Faith*

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“Nunc Dimittis” Jacques Berthier *Taizé: Songs for Prayer*

“Simeon’s Song” Ian Fraser/John Bell *Innkeepers and Light Sleepers*, GIA

## Global Songs

“Psalm 148” (Korea) CLUW 532

“Jesus Christ, Joyous Light” (Russia) GP3 103

“Great Day” (African-American spiritual) PH 445

## Anthems for Larger Choirs

“A Canticle of Celebration” Gordon Young, CF CM7792, SATB

“Nunc Dimittis in B Flat” (from Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B Flat), C. V. Stanford, NOV 290033, SATB

“Sussex Carol” David Willcocks, OXF X75, SATB

“Song of Simeon” Jane Marshall, ECS 4956, SATB

## Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

“Amen, Go Tell It!” Moore, Alfred (24239), 2-part, keyboard, solo, opt. instrument

“He’s the Love in Your Heart at Christmas”

Hanson; Goeller–Aug (978-0-8006-7598-1), SAB, keyboard, opt. cong.

“Rejoice, Love Comes” Parks, OFDTS, Ab, 2-part mixed, keyboard

## Anthems for Children’s Choirs

“Heaven Bell-A-Ring” Arr. Mary Goetze, opt. handbells and glockenspiel, BH OCT6185

“Jesus in a Manger Lay” Arr. Walter Ehert, 2-part, GIA G-5193

“Noël D’Enfants” Arr. Gabriel Fauré, French and English words, GIA G-4775

## Handbell Music

“Out Under the Sky” (based on “Coventry Carol” and “I Wonder as I Wander”) Douglas Wagner, Lorenz, 20/1364L, 3, 4 or 5 oct., L2

“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” Arr. Cathy Moklebust, CG, CGB402, 3, 4 or 5 oct. with chime tree or wind chimes, finger cymbals and tambourine, L2

“Christmas Carillon” Kenneth Lowenberg, Lorenz, 20/1335L, 3, 4 or 5 oct., L3

## Organ Music

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” John Barr, HWG: St. Cecilia (M-D)

“The Snow Lay on the Ground” Leo Sowerby, *A Christmas Album for Organ*, BM (E+)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” Keith Chapman, *At the Organ With Keith Chapman*, WB (E)

“Paean on Joy to the World” David Lasky, HWG: St. Cecilia (E-M)