## THE GREEN SHEET

### First Sunday after Christmas

**December 31, 2023** 

Introit

Psalm 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

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Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

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is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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### **Collect of the Day**

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gradual Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

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## Learn by Heart:

Luke 2:30, 32

Alleluia. My eyes have seen your salvation; a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-15; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

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LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

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- •that those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to receive His gifts of grace and mercy
  - •Pray that we are all hungry for the Word of God.
- •Pray for our congregation: that we would continue to worship and fellowship with one another

HYMN OF THE WEEK "Let All Together Praise Our God"

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