Introit for Christmas Day

One Year Series

Psalm 98:1–4; Isaiah 9:6

Mark Steffens

1 For to us child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder.
2 and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
3 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.
4 The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
5 He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
6 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
8 For to us child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder.
9 and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Psalm 2

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to Me,

First time choir or solo; congregation every time afterwards. Choir may sing in parts or in unison with keyboard.

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“You are My Son; today I have begotten You.”

Congregation sings verses in bold.

1 Why do the nations rage* and the peoples plot in vain?
3 “Let us burst their bonds apart* and cast away their cords from us.”
5 Then He will speak to them in His wrath,* and terrify them in His fury,* saying,

Handbells or keyboard

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,* against the LORD and against His Anointed,* saying,
4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;* the Lord holds them in derision.
6 “As for me, I have set My King* on Zion, My holy hill.”

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Psalm 2

8  Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,* and the ends of the earth Your possession.
10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;* be warned, O rulers of the earth.

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11 Serve the LORD with fear,* and rejoice with trembling.
13 Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit;

12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled.* Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.
14 as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Psalm 2

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Choir: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to Me,
    You are My Son; today I have begotten You.

Congregation: REFRAIN

“You are My Son; to-day I have be-got-ten You.”

Congregation sings verses in bold.

Why do the na-tions rage* and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
    and the rulers take counsel to-gether,*
again-against the LORD and against His Anointed, I say-ing,

“Let us burst their bonds apart* and cast away their cords from us.”

He who sits in the heavens laughs;*
    the Lord holds them in de-ri-sion.
Then He will speak to them in His wrath,*
    and terrify them in His fury, I say-ing,

“As for me, I have set My King* on Zion, My holy hill.”

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I will tell of the decree:* The LORD said to Me, “You are My Son;
today I have be- gotten You.
Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage,*
    and the ends of the earth Your pos-ses-sion.
You shall break them with a rod of iron*
    and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”
Now therefore, O kings, be wise,* be warned, O rulers of the earth.

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Serve the LORD with fear,* and rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,
for His wrath is quickly kindled.*
Blessèd are all who take ref-uge in Him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
    and to the Holy Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning,*
is now, and will be forever. A-men.

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Gradual for Christmas Day
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Psalm 118:26a, 27a, 23

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1 Blessèd is He who comes in the name | of the LORD!* The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine up- | on us.
2 This is the LORD’s | doing;* it is marvelous | in our eyes.

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Verse
Christmas Day
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Liturgical text: May be sung in parts or in unison with organ

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We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth

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We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth

on her lap content is He Who keeps the earth and sky and sea.

Al-le-lu-ia!