

# The Circumcision of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

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JANUARY 1



1. In his love for the hu - man race, the Sav - ior came to earth,  
2. For each of us is cir - cum - cised and each with Christ has died  
3. But when they left, he stayed be - hind; they went to tem - ple, where,  
4. For Ba - sil, too, who taught your Church, who led your flock with care,



Was cir - cum - cised as Mo - ses taught the eighth day af - ter birth.  
In Bap - tis - m, and al - so rose; and put our sins a - side!  
With doc - tors of the Law, he spoke "his Fa - ther's busi - ness" there.  
We give you thanks for all he did, for words and deeds so fair!



The Lord, the Ma - ker of the Law ful - filled the Law's com - mands  
This Child, with-in His par - ents' care, was filled with strength and grace;  
For Ma - ry, Mo - ther of our God, who pon - dered in her heart  
You crown the year with good - ness, Lord; now bless the com - ing year,



That we, who could not save our - selves, be saved from sin's de - mands.  
When twelve, his par - ents and his kin brought him to keep the feast.  
All things con - nect - ed with her Son, we all our thanks im - part!  
That lov - ing neigh - bor and our God, we live in grace and fear!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers texts for January 1

Melody: *Forest Green*