



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
December 24, 2023

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All are welcome.

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Children in Church

Changing tables are located in the accessible stalls of both bathrooms in the Undercroft and Bishops Hall foyer.

Nursery Care is available for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve service. Our High School Nursery Ministry Team is here to welcome our littlest church members age 3 and under with joy and excitement! The nursery is located across from Trinity Treasures in the Church undercroft.

The Pray Ground is located at the front, left of the church and serves as a place where children can experience worship while being physically comfortable. Spirit Bags, soft materials, and books are available in this space. We are all here to help each other out so please don't stress.

To Parents: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

To the Members of our Parish: The presence of children is a gift to the Church! They are members of our community and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

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December 24, 2023
4:00pm and 9:30pm

Prelude Music

9:30pm service only. Music begins 30 minutes prior to the service.

Hymn, *It came upon the midnight clear* (Carol)

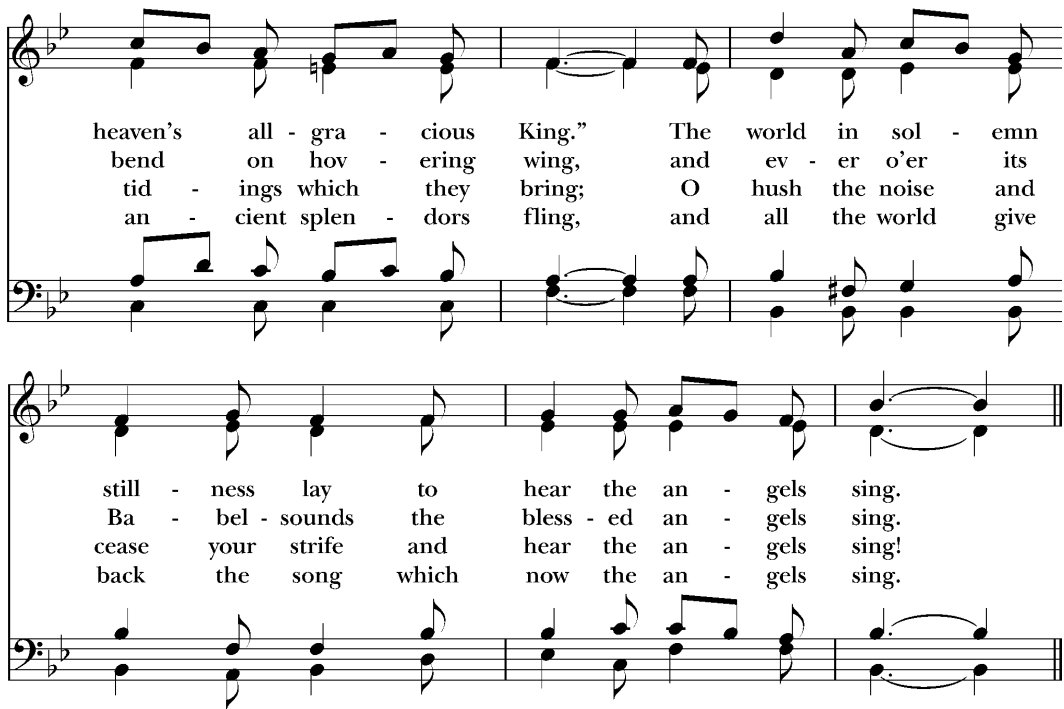
The image shows a musical score for the hymn "It came upon the midnight clear". It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its



heaven's all-gracious King." The world in sol- emn
 bend on hov- ering wing, and ev- er o'er its
 tid- ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an- cient splen- dors fling, and all the world give

still- ness lay to hear the an- gels sing.
 Ba- bel- sounds the bless- ed an- gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an- gels sing!
 back the song which now the an- gels sing.

Carol, *Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

FRENCH CAROL, 16TH CENTURY,
 ARR. PAUL WEBER

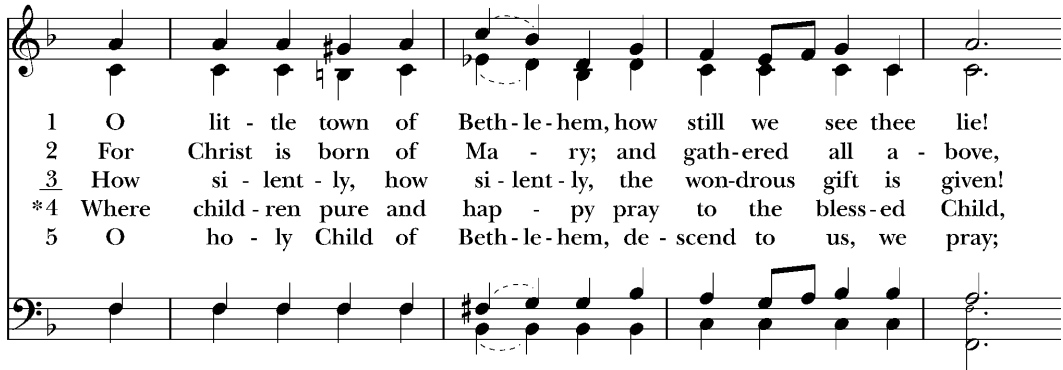
Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,
 that God the Lord of all the earth sent angel-choirs instead;
 before their light the stars grew dim, and wondering hunters heard the hymn:
 Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found,
 a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round;
 but as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel-song rang loud and high:
 Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

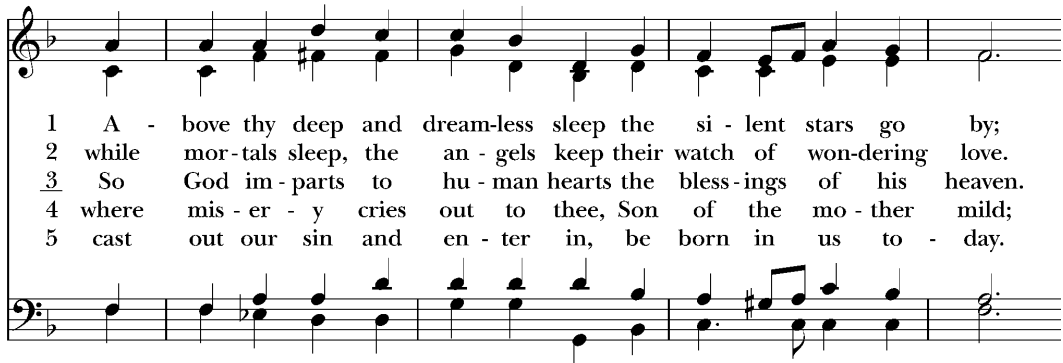
The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
 as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
 The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver-pelt.
 Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria!

O children of the forest free, the angel song is true;
 the holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you.
 Come kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.
 Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria!*

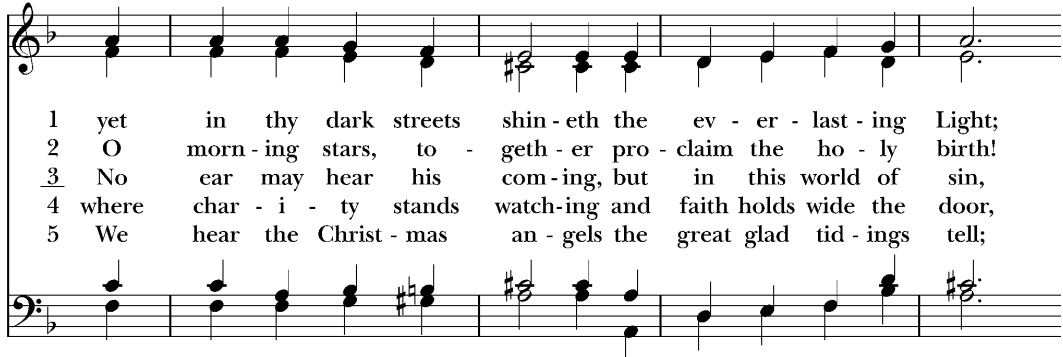
Hymn, *O little town of Bethlehem* (St. Louis)



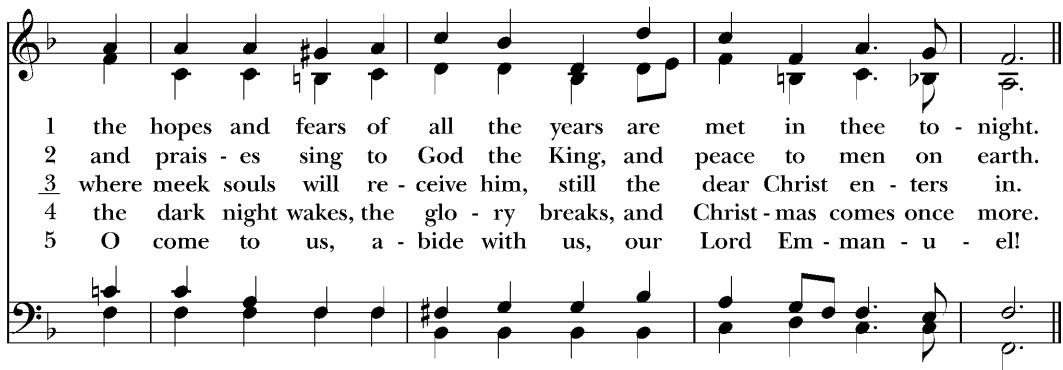
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
5 O come to us, a - bid - e with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Motet, *Dixit Maria ad angelum*

HANS LEO HASSLER

And Mary said unto the Angel,
"Behold! I am the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to your word."

Hymn, *God rest you merry, gentleman (God Rest You Merry)*



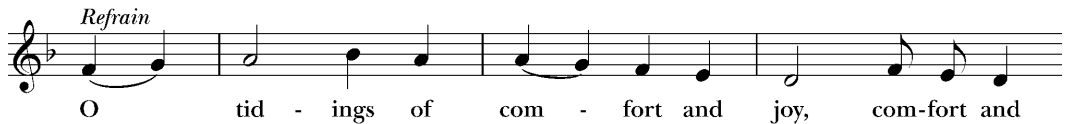
1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heav - en - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same;
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Carol, *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

EST IS EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN,
ARR. HUGO DISTLER

Lo! how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came a Floweret bright amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, She bore to men a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

This Flower whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God! From sin and death He saves us
and lightens every load.

Hymn, *Once in royal David's city*

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

We, like Mary rest confounded
That a stable should display
Heaven's Word, the world's creator,
Cradled ther on Christmas Day,
Yet this child, our Lord and brother,
brought us love for one another.

For he is our lifelong pattern;
Daily when on earth he grew,
He was tempted, scorned, rejected,
Tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

4:00PM & 9:30PM

PREACHER:	The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer
CELEBRANT:	The Reverend John M. Pitzer
DEACON:	The Reverend Carol Borne Spencer
ORGANIST:	Dr. Paul Weber

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Hymn in Procession

O come all ye faithful (verses 1-3, and 6)

ADESTE FIDELIS

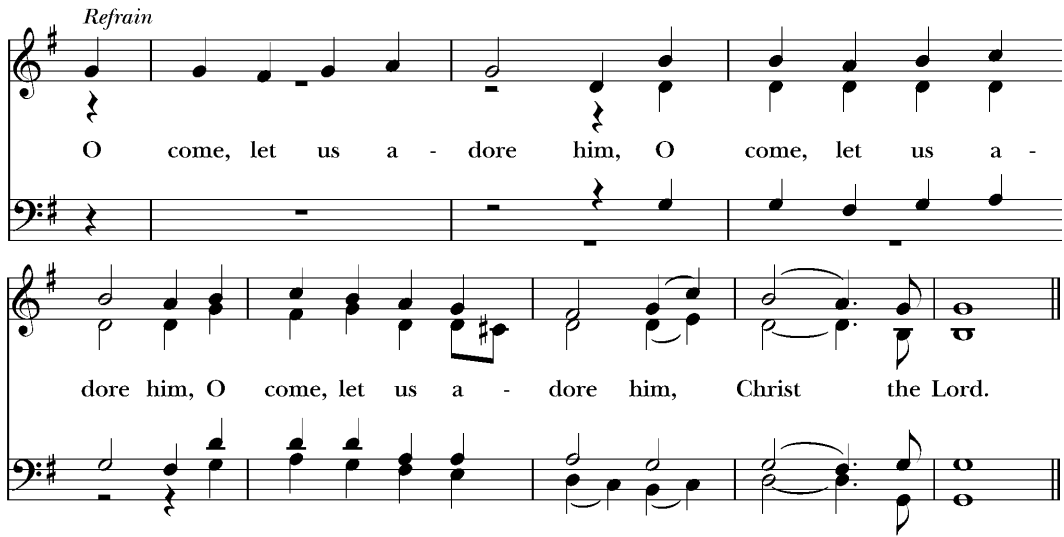
Please stand.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

∞ The Acclamation

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant The people who walked in darkness,
People **have seen a great light.**
Celebrant For to us a Child is born,
People **to us a Son is given.**
Celebrant His Name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
People **the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

∞ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *People* **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Angels we have heard on high (verses 1-3)

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Word of God

∞ The First Reading

ISAIAH 9:2-7

The People sit.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual, *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

POLISH CAROL
ARR. PAUL WEBER

Remain seated.

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing, Nowells ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all! Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new:
Saw the glory, heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you. Christ the Babe was born for you.

∞ The Second Reading

TITUS 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

CRADLE SONG

Please stand.



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

∞ The Holy Gospel

LUKE 2:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord

shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

∞ The Sermon

THE REVEREND ANDREW R. THAYER

∞ The Nicene Creed
All stand and say together

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

∞ The Prayers of the People
The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

On this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh; renew this Church as the Body of Christ that we may serve others as you have served us.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night you were born a King of kings and Lord of lords; inspire those with power and authority to work toward your kingdom on earth as in heaven.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night you were born in a stable; open our doors and hearts to those who have no home and those who struggle in poverty.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night the angels sang, "Peace to God's people on earth!"; strengthen those who work for peace and justice in New Orleans and in all the world.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy; give us grace to bring the gospel of Christ's joy to the sick, the naked, prisoners, and those who are hungry.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven; hold in your hand all those who have died in the hope of your closer presence.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

On this holy night Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth; open our hearts that the Word made flesh may be born in us today.
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

∞ The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another.

∞ Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem, *There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field, from Messiah*

GEORGE FRIDERICK HANDEL

Recitative There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Chorus Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men!

∞ The Doxology

The People stand.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

∞ The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, Sung by All

PROULX

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People remain standing, the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

∞ The Lord's Prayer

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

∞ The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Antiphon
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse
Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-fied for us; there-fore let us keep the feast. Repeat Antiphon

∞ The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ was born this night in the city of David, our Savior, Christ the Lord.

∞ The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Communion Anthem, *Sussex Carol*

ARR. DAVID WILLCOCKS

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring-
New or great joy, news of great mirth, New of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sing he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore. Amen!"

Communion Hymn, *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Commuion Hymn,

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

WINCHESTER OLD

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
4 "The heaven - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,
5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin-ing throng

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.
3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."
5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heayen to men
begin and never cease."

∞ The Post-Communion Prayer

All stand.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent night, holy night

STILLE NACHT

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

∞ The Christmas Blessing

The Recessional Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

∞ The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude, *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729

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