



# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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## CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2025

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### PREPARATION

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#### Organ Carol Prelude

#### Carol Sing

#### Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their -  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1 Infant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.  
Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

## Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4  
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

## ENTRANCE RITE

### Processional Hymn

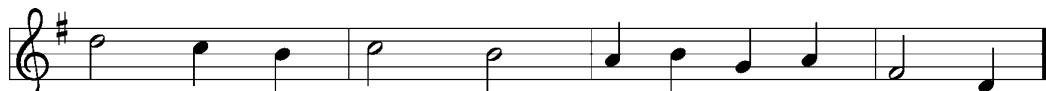
### O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

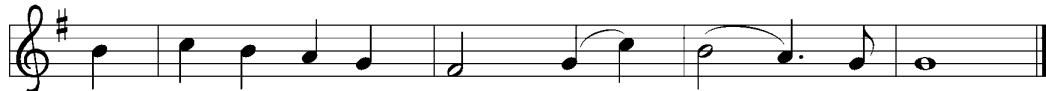


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

### Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is born for us this day.

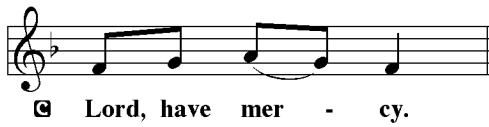
C: **Oh, come, let us adore him.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

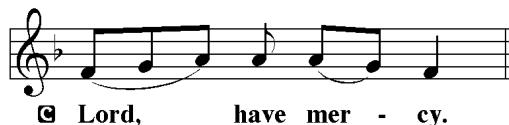
### Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - ey.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



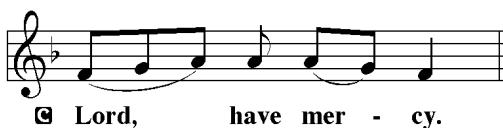
Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men

### Hymn of Praise

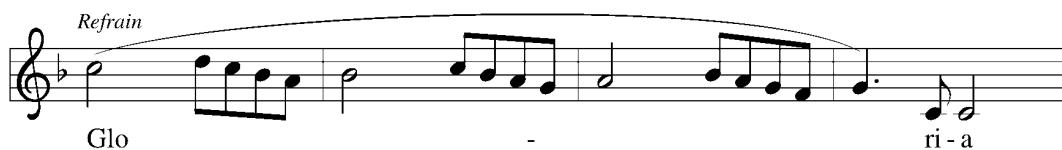
#### Angels We Have Heard on High



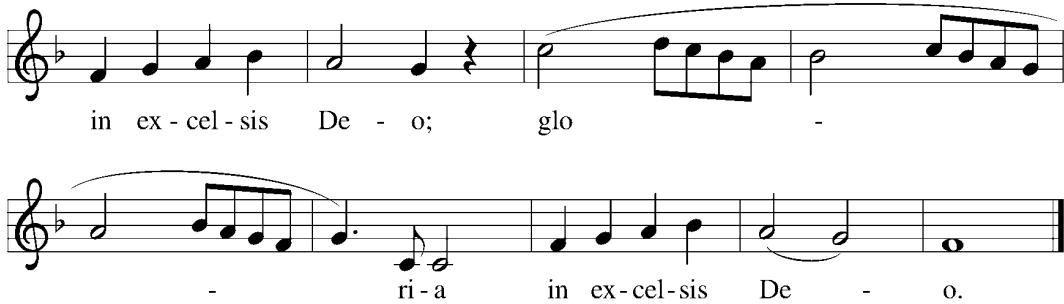
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

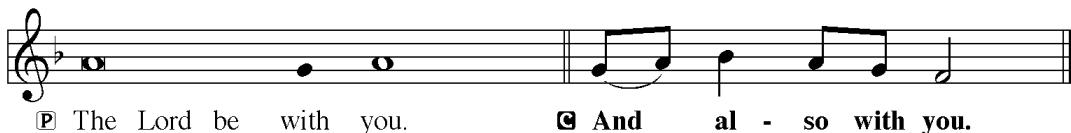


Refrain  
Glo - ri - a



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
 Music: GLORIA, French carol

### Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of our Lord's presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### First Lesson - Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

*This passage from the Hebrew scriptures is a hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem.*

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 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. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**L: The word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 96:1-8

*The psalmist's song of praise to the Lord in which the whole heavens and earth are invited to join.*

Sing to the LORD | a new song;\*  
 sing to the LORD, all | the whole earth.  
 Sing to the LORD and | bless his name;\*  
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.

Declare his glory a-<sup>1</sup> mong the nations\*  
 and his wonders a-<sup>1</sup> mong all peoples.  
 For great is the LORD and greatly<sup>1</sup> to be praised;\*  
 he is more to be feared<sup>1</sup> than all gods.  
 As for all the gods of the nations, they<sup>1</sup> are but idols;\*  
 but it is the LORD who<sup>1</sup> made the heavens.  
 Oh, the majesty and magnificence<sup>1</sup> of his presence!\*  
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his<sup>1</sup> sanctuary!  
 Ascribe to the LORD, you families<sup>1</sup> of the peoples;\*  
 ascribe to the LORD hon-<sup>1</sup> or and power.  
 Ascribe to the LORD the honor<sup>1</sup> due his name;\*  
 bring offerings and come in-<sup>1</sup> to his courts.

## Second Lesson - Titus 2:11-14

*The Epistle lesson speaks of the two comings of Christ: first in his sacrificial ministry for all people and then in glory.*

For 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 Saviour, 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

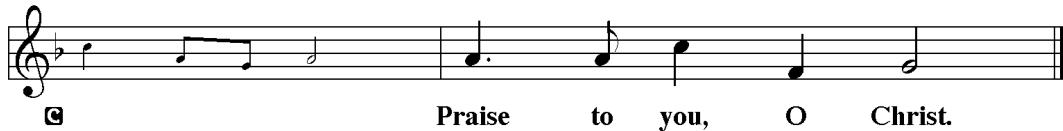
And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about 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 Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Roberts

Hymn of the Day

O Little Town of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
For Christ is born of Mar - - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

## Nicene Creed

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Nicene Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we believe:

**C: 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**

## Prayer of the Church

A: In the Word made flesh, we behold God's love for all people. Therefore, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need.

A: Gathering God, you bring your people from every corner of the earth together before the manger that you have made a throne. Unite the Church in love as we rejoice in the news of your coming. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Creating God, you brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Join our voices with the roaring seas, the exulting fields, and the trees of the forest singing for joy on this holy night. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Transforming God, the world trembles amid violence and war. Empower our hands, feet, and hearts with your Spirit to shatter the rod of the oppressor and turn swords into plowshares. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Shepherding God, you lead us to your love in the face of our neighbor. Send us into the world to find your Word made flesh in one another, especially those who are sick or struggling. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Nurturing God, you dwell with us in humble places. Help us sustain housing and clothing ministries in this community, that all find shelter and warmth. We pray especially for youth seeking safety and care. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Abiding God, you remain at the side of all the departed. Grant all who mourn hope in the resurrection and peace in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God of hope, receive our prayers and draw to your heart all for whom we pray, through Christ Jesus, your Word made flesh.

**C: Amen**

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## LITURGY OF THE MEAL

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### The Peace

P: The angels sang a song of peace and goodwill at the birth of the Christ. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### Offering

Our Christmas offerings this evening are designated for the benevolent work of the Lutheran Church throughout the world.

### Offertory Anthem

Hark, What Good News!

Nineteenth century German tune  
arr. Crawford Thoburn (b. 1933)

O Hark, what good news the angels bring, Glad tidings of a newborn King,  
This is the day, the blessed morn, The Savior of the world was born.  
If angels sang at Jesus' birth Then we have greater cause for mirth,  
For it was all for our poor sake He did our human nature take.  
Lo, in that manger where he lies Our faith discerns a sacrifice  
And by his birth we all may see A pattern of humility.  
Stupendous Babe! My God and King, Thy praises I will ever sing,  
In joyful accents raise my voice, And in my praise of God rejoice. Alleluia!

### Offertory

G Let the vine - yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath- er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: **Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness, we have these gifts to share. Receive our offerings and nourish us at your table, that your Word may take flesh in our lives; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.  
 P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.  
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface for Christmas

#### Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

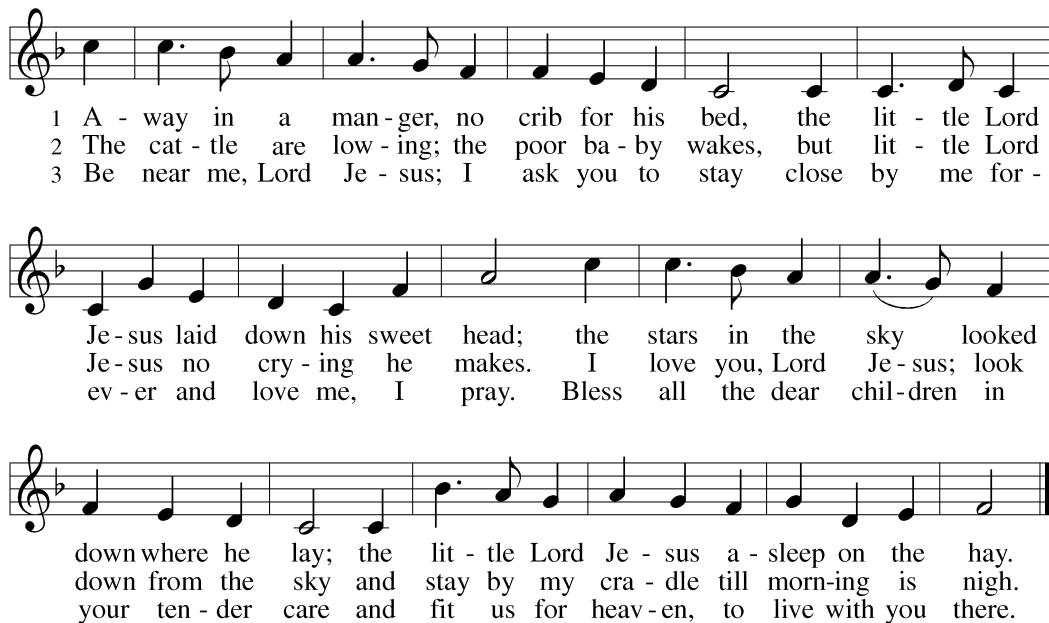
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### Communion with Our Risen Lord

Welcome to the Lord's Table! Please proceed to communion at the direction of the ushers. After receiving the bread and wine, those who desire may go to the altar rail for prayer. Please return to your seat by way of the side aisles. Young children or those who do not commune are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

### Hymns

#### Away in a Manger



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

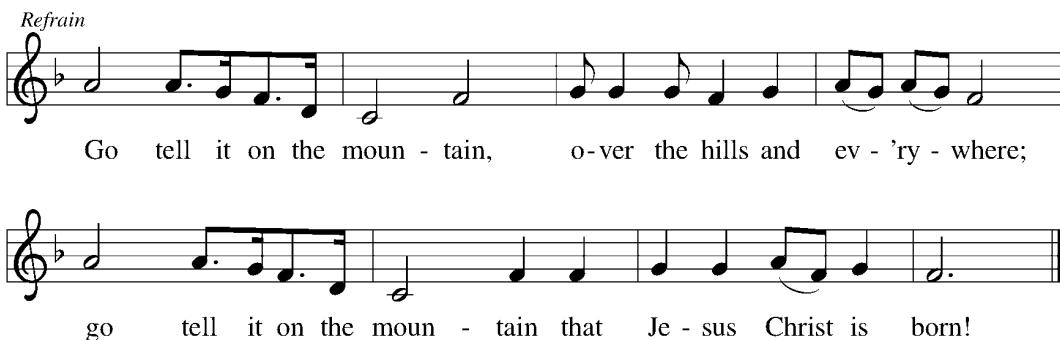
Je-sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked  
Je-sus no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil-dren in

down where he lay; the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, anonymous, 19th cent.  
Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, North American, anonymous, 19th cent.

#### Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

## What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898  
Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



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 has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the 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!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866  
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

## It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 And you, be - neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876  
Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

### Post-Communion Blessing

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C:** **Amen**

### Post-Communion Canticle

**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proudly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Prayer

**A:** Let us pray.  
**C:** **Gracious God, in the incarnation of your Son you have united heaven and earth. May we who have tasted heavenly things share the gift of your presence with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### Benediction

**P:** May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



## Lighting of the Candles

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

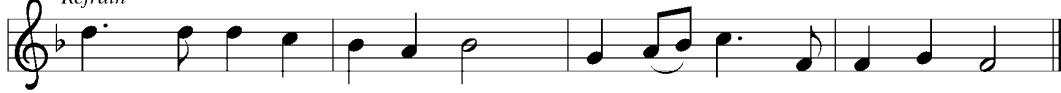


Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

(The congregation sings stanza one in German and then stanzas one through three in English.)

### Silent Night, Holy Night! *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht!*



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,  
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.  
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n-ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh,  
 peace,  
 born!  
 birth,

schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.  
 sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885  
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

## Postlude

## Sortie de Noël: O Holy Night

arr. Guillaume Verte  
 (b. 1956)



### WREATHS

The door wreaths are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. George Childress III in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Childress, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Glass; and, in honor of Norma Jean Glass.

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The poinsettias are given to the glory of God by the following:

- ✉ The Holy Trinity Altar Guild in memory of Paula Davis and Nancy Trent;
- ✉ Carol and Ken Barclay in honor of Bill Greene and the Holy Trinity Choir; and, in honor of their children, Kim, Amanda, and Marcy;
- ✉ Nancy Childress in honor of Drs. Grace and Richard Newton;
- ✉ Tamara Colagreco in memory of her parents, Joan and Bob Feese; brothers, Mark and John; and son, Robbie;
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- ✉ Fred Gallagher in memory of his wife, Doris Gallagher;
- ✉ Cheryl and Bruce Gerlich in honor of April Whalen;
- ✉ The Goolsby Family in memory of Grover and Louise Goolsby;
- ✉ Barbara and Simon Hatin in honor of Herman Hertkorn; and, in memory of Catherine Hertkorn and Angela and George Hatinoglou;
- ✉ Jackie and Paul Kluender in memory of Gertrude and Ed Kluender and Paul Wisman;

- ✉ Ann Kreft in memory of Roger L. Kreft;
- ✉ The Krull Family in memory of Charlie Pollok;
- ✉ Janelle and John Larkin in honor of Landen, McKenzie, and Charlotte;
- ✉ Margie Lippard in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Lippard;
- ✉ Ellen and David Petty in memory of Mr. and Mrs. David T. Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Grady, Jr., and Mr. Benjamin F. Grady III;
- ✉ Joni and Bruce Pearson in honor of their children, Lauren, Charlie, and Natalie; son-in-law, David; and, in memory of their daughter, Berkeley;
- ✉ The Pollok Family in memory of Bryan Krull;
- ✉ The Rafferty-Bass Family in memory of Jerry Bass and John and Pat Rafferty; and, in honor of Susan Bass;
- ✉ Erin, Katie, and Bobbie Rodman in memory of Jim Rodman; and, in honor of Bobbie and Tom Schuler;
- ✉ Tate, Clayton, and Billy Royer in honor of Carole Royer; and, in memory of Dick Royer;
- ✉ Linda Sanders in memory of Lara Sanders Miller and Fuzz Sanders; and, in memory of George Cohen and Bill Belcher;
- ✉ The Tester Kids in memory of Dot and Carlton Tester; and, in honor of Carrie Wisman;
- ✉ Carrie Wisman in honor of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and, in memory of Berkeley and Carly; and,
- ✉ Putney and Clark Wisman in memory of Will Selden.

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Our Christmas celebration continues Sunday, December 28. We begin with a Christmas Carol Sing at 10:15 a.m., followed by a special liturgy of Holy Communion with Chrismons and Carols for Christmas at 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion will also be celebrated Wednesday, December 31, at 12:10 p.m. We return to our regular schedule Sunday, January 4, with Holy Communion at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Epiphany Vespers will be Tuesday, January 6, at 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate the twelve days of Christmas.

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