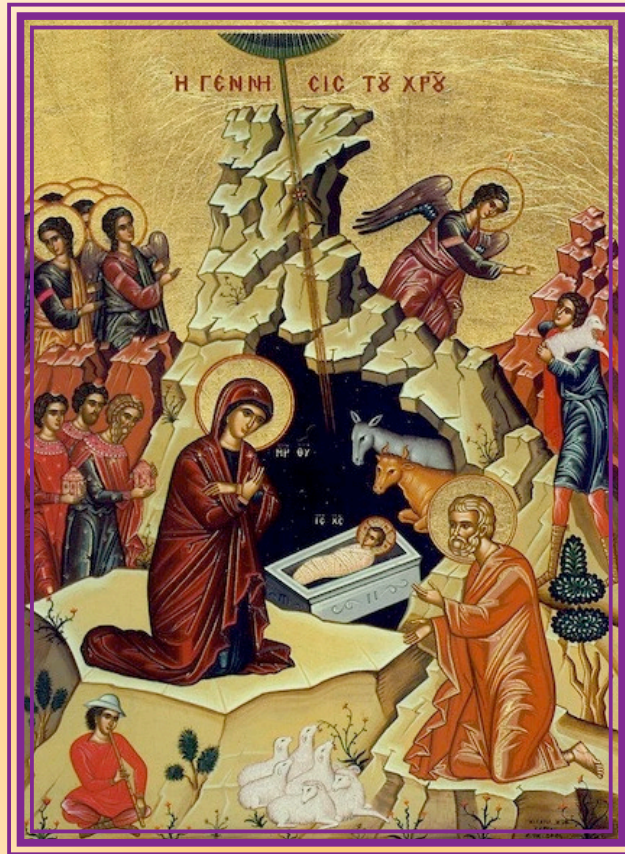


The Feast of the INCARNATION



December 24, 2024



9:30 PM

Welcome



- *Nave services may be livestreamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.*

PRELUDE *Joy to the World*

G.F. Handel / arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace & John Head

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Behold, the dwelling of God is with creation.

He will dwell with us and we shall be his people.

God himself is with us. Alleluia.

Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

- *music is played while the Christ Candle and other candles throughout the nave are lit*

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Spiritual / arr. H.T. Burleigh

refrain Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and ev'rywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountains that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus, that hailed our Saviour's birth!

refrain

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and brought us God's salvation. That blessed Christmas morn.

refrain

In the Bleak Midwinter

Mark Schweizer

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day,
Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Spiritual / arr. Robert MacGimsey

Sweet little Jesus boy, born in a manger.
Sweet little Holy child, we didn't know who You were.
Long time ago, it seems You were born.
Born in a manger Lord, sweet little Jesus boy.

Didn't know You'd come to save us all,
To take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we did not see.
We didn't know who You were.

You have shown us how,
And we are trying.
Master, You have shown us how,
Even as You were dying.
This world treats You mean, Lord.
Treats me mean, too.
But that's how things are done down here.
We didn't know it was You.

Didn't know You'd come to save us all,
To take our sins away.
Our eyes were blind, we did not see.
We didn't know who You were.

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

Still, still, still

Austrian Carol

The Road to Bethlehem

Michael Head

As I walked down the road at set of sun
The lambs were coming homeward one by one
I heard a sheepbell softly calling them
Along the little road to Bethlehem

Beside an open door as I drew nigh
I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby
She sang about the lambs at close of day
And rocked her tiny Boy among the hay

Across the air the silver sheepbells rang
"The lambs are coming home," sweet Mary Sang
"Your star of gold, your star of
Gold is shining in the sky
So sleep, my little Boy, go lullaby."

Carol of the Bells

arr. Peter Wilhousky

Hark how the bells, sweet silver bells,
all seem to say, throw cares away.
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer,
to young and old, meek and the bold.
Ding dong ding dong that is their song
with joyful ring all caroling.
One seems to hear words of good cheer
from everywhere filling the air.
Oh how they pound, raising the sound,
o'er hill and dale, telling their tale.
Gaily they ring while people sing
songs of good cheer, Christmas is here.
Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas.
On on they send, on without end,
their joyful tone to every home.
Ding, dong, ding, dong!

The Carol of the Birds

John Jacob Niles

Oh, many a bird did wake and fly, curoo.
For many a bird did wake and fly,
To the manger bed with a wandering cry,
On Christmas day in the morning, curoo.
The lark, the dove, the red bird came, curoo.
The lark, the dove, the red bird came,
And they did sing in sweet Jesus' name,
On Christmas day in the morning, curoo.
The owl was there with eyes so wide, curoo.
The owl was there with eyes so wide,
And he did sing at sweet Mary's side,
On Christmas day in the morning, curoo.
The shepherds knelt upon the hay, curoo.
The shepherds knelt upon the hay,
And the angels sang the night away,
On Christmas day in the morning, curoo.

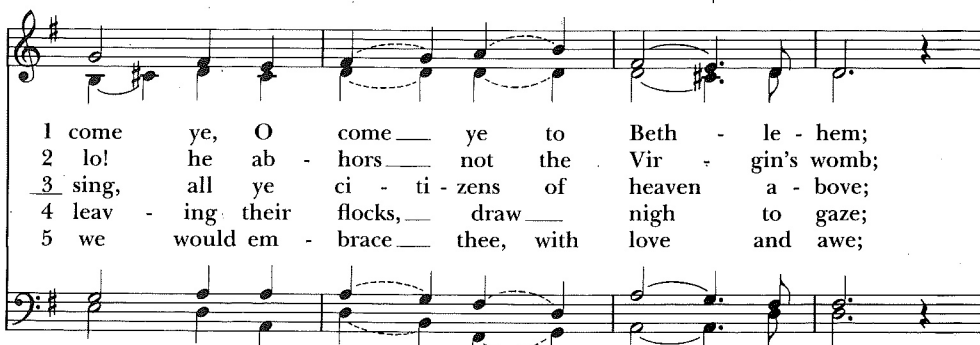
- at the sound of the bells, all stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83

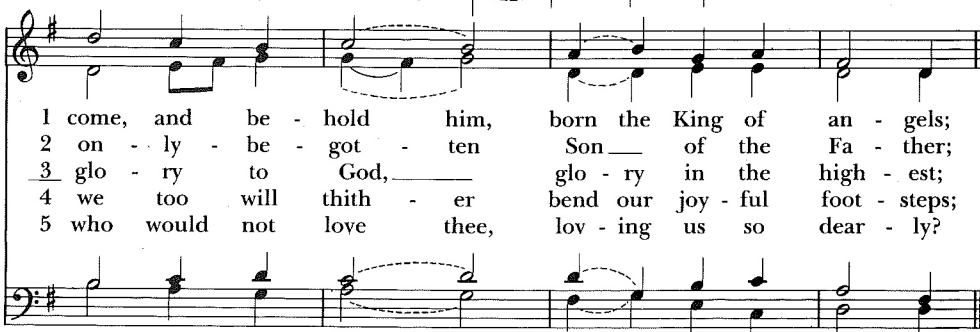
O come all ye faithful



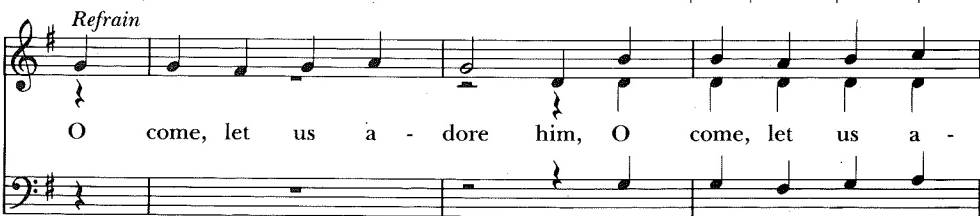
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —



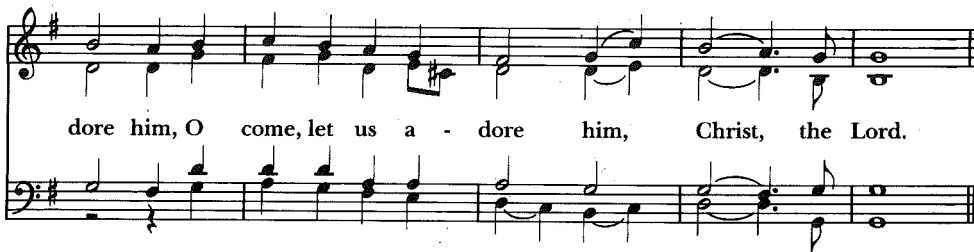
1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;



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;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?



Refrain
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



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

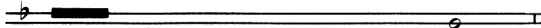
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Irr.



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Unto us a child is born. Alleluia, alleluia.



Come, let us adore him. Alleluia, alleluia.

STATION AT THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

And we beheld his glory.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
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LITURGY OF THE WORD



COLLECT FOR THE INCARNATION

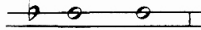


God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.



Amen

- *all be seated*

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2-7

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.
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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96 • *sung by all*



- 1 Sing to the LORD a 'nëw' song; *
sing to the LORD, 'all the 'whöle 'earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and 'bless his 'Name; *
proclaim the good news of his sal'vation from 'day to 'day.
- 3 Declare his gl'ory a'mong the 'nations *
and his 'wonders a'mong all 'peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and 'greatly to be 'praised; *
he is more to be 'feared than 'äll 'gods.
- †5 As for all the gods of the nations, 'they are but 'idols; *
but it is the 'LORD who 'made the 'heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and mag'nificence of his 'presence! *
Oh, the power and the 'splendor 'of his 'sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you 'families of the 'peoples; *
ascribe to the 'LÖRD 'honor and 'power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor 'due his 'Name; *
bring offerings and 'come in 'to his 'courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the 'beauty of 'holiness; *
let the 'whole earth 'tremble be 'fore him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The 'LORD is 'King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will 'judge the 'peoples with 'equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and 'all that is 'in it; *
let the field be joyful and 'all that 'is there 'in.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the 'LORD when he 'comes, *
when he 'comes to 'judge the 'earth.
- 13 He will judge the 'world with 'righteousness *
and the 'peoples 'with his 'truth.

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

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

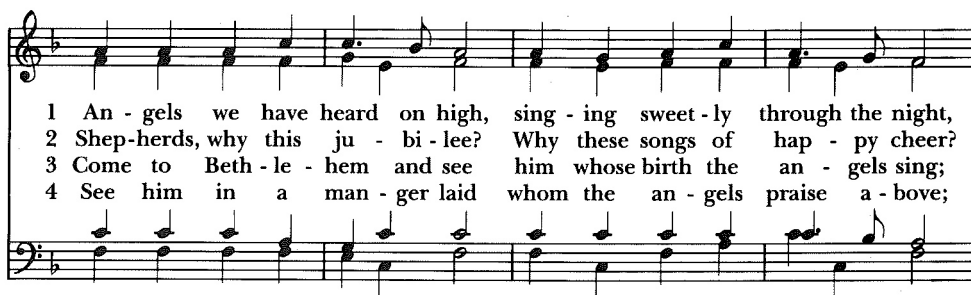
the manifestation of the glory of our great
God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who
gave himself for us that he might redeem
us from all iniquity and purify for himself
a people of his own who are zealous for
good deeds.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

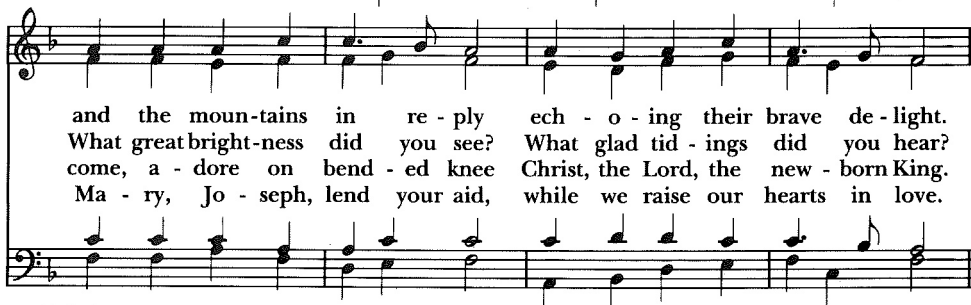
Thanks be to God.



HYMN 96 *Angels we have heard on high*



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;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



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.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

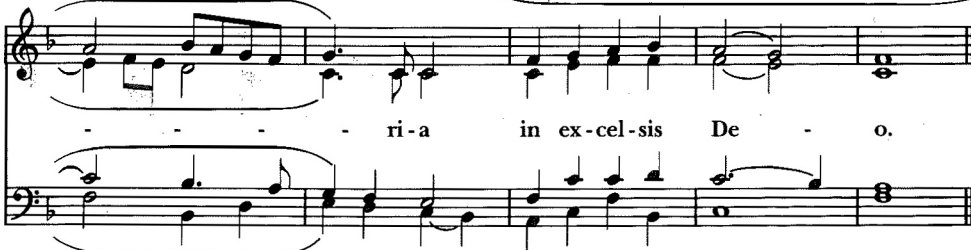
Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



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



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The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

NICENE CREED • *all stand*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

• *the deacon says:*

Almighty God, as we kneel with the shepherds at the stable, at the birth of Christ your Son, the Prince of Peace, may we be inspired by the acceptance of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the humility and obedience of Saint Joseph, and may our prayers rise up to you, saying 'Come, let us adore Him.'

• *the intercessor continues:*

Let us pray for the Church Universal throughout the world; and particularly for the one to be chosen Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Terry our own Bishop, for all bishops, priests and deacons, and for all who minister to God's people, saying

Come, let us adore Him.

Let us pray for our country, and for our elected leaders and representatives, especially President Biden, Vice President Harris, Governors Beshear and Holcomb, and for those newly elected to office, that we may be governed rightly and wisely, and led in peace, saying

Come, let us adore Him.

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, Sudan and the Middle East, saying

Come, let us adore Him.

Let us pray for all who are in danger, for all victims of hunger and natural disasters, and for all those displaced by oppressive governments, saying

Come, let us adore Him.

Let us pray for the needs, concerns and thanksgivings of those who have asked for our prayers, especially TJ, Dave Barbieri, Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, Terry Laun & Art Embrey, Robert Huffman, Konrad Margerum, Liam O'Daniel Munger, Nancy Otto, Len Sjogren, for those celebrating birthdays, Vickie James, George Hubbard, Edgar Wallace, John Kiesel, for Jan & Konrad Margerum who celebrate an anniversary and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud
., as we say

Come, let us adore Him.

Let us pray for those who have died or are nearing death, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud,, that they may in peace behold your face in your eternal kingdom, saying

Come, let us adore Him.

- *the celebrant concludes:*

All loving and gracious God, we thank you for gracing us with the gift of your Son. Confident of your continuing love for us, we have placed our needs before you. Hear and answer our prayers, through that same Christ, newly born this night, our Lord and Savior, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE PEACE • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

DEAN'S WELCOME

LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Nativity Carol*

John Rutter

Born in a stable so bare,
Born so long ago;
Born 'neath light of star
He who loved us so.

chorus Far away, silent he lay,
Born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.

Cradled by mother so fair,
Tender her lullaby;
Over her son so dear
Angel hosts fill the sky.

chorus

Wise men from distant far land
Sheperds from starry hills
Worship this babe so rare
Hearts with his warmth he fills

chorus

Love in that stable was born
Into our hearts to flow;
Innocent dreaming babe,
Make me thy love to know.

chorus

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B • Expansive Language

The musical notation is arranged in five staves, alternating between the celebrant and the people. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are represented by black dots on the staff lines, with stems and beams indicating the rhythm. Wavy lines above certain notes suggest a melodic or expressive quality. The lyrics are written below the corresponding staves.

celebrant *people*

God be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

**We remember Christ's death,
 We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
 We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

THE GREAT AMEN



A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER • *contemporary version*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM WLP 866

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu
ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
- *for those attending virtually*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

HYMN 78 *O little town of Bethlehem*


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 - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Philip Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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• during the following hymn candles are lighted

HYMN 109 *The first Nowell*



1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heayen and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain





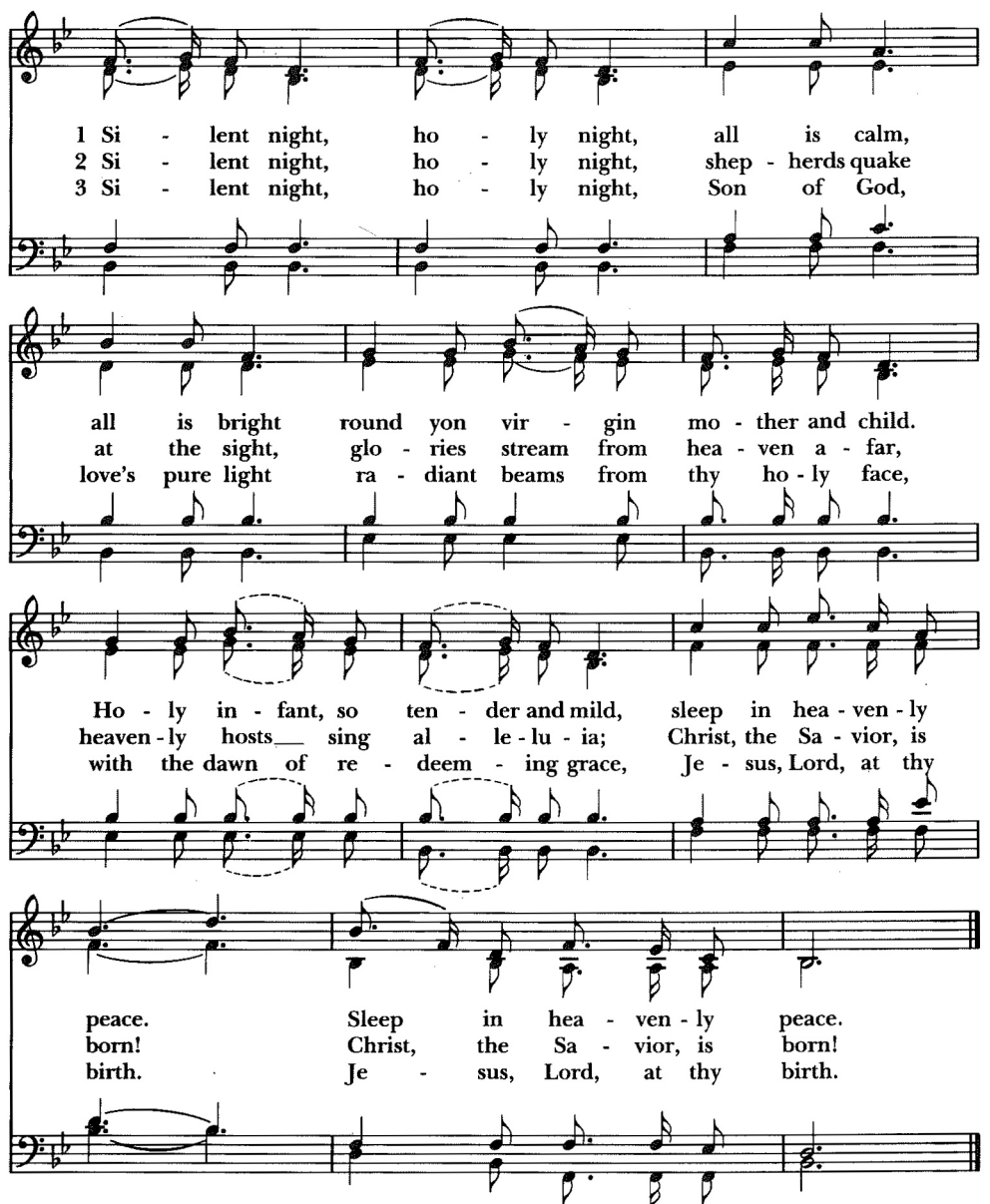
- *all stand – said by all*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.



HYMN 111 *Silent night*



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,

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.

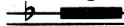

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Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)



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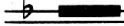

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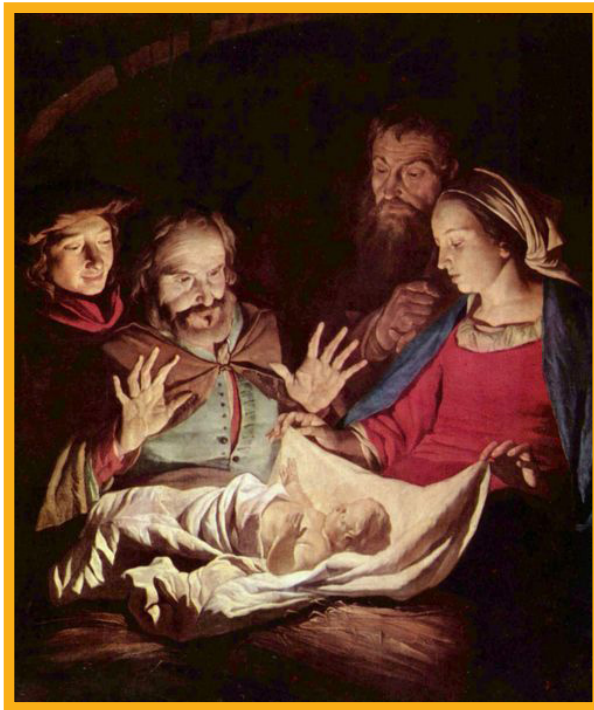
 
The maker of heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

 
From this time forth for evermore.

. . . the blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

 
Amen.



CONCLUDING HYMN 87 *Hark the herald angels sing*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the next two lines. The fourth system contains the next two lines. The fifth system contains the next two lines. The sixth system is the refrain, which is repeated twice.

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!
 Pleas - ed 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!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

77. 77. D with Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *For unto us a child is born*

G.F Handel



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