

## Christmass Ordos

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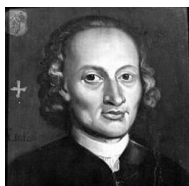
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### Music for Christmass Eve

#### **Glad Tidings of Great Joy I Bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:**

The CHIEF HYMN, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" (# 85) is Martin Luther's (1483-1546) Christmass Eve hymn, written for his family in 1534. Originally set to a popular German folk tune, Luther wrote the current tune for it when it began to be used in public worship, and it was published in 1539.



The PRELUDE includes four settings of Luther's hymn. The first is by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706). Pachelbel was influential in the development of keyboard music and Lutheran church music, combining Gregorian chant elements with northern German organ style. The last three settings during the prelude are by Friedrich W. Zachau (1663-1712),

kantor in Halle, Germany, who was the first music teacher of G. F. Handel (1685-1759) (composer of the *Messiah*).

**The Air Everywhere Now with Joy is Ringing** The OFFERING HYMN, "All My Heart This Night Rejoices" (# 77) is Pastor Paul Gerhardt's (1607-1676) treasured Christmass hymn. As Gerhardt proclaims the Christmass story, he shows its connection to our Christ's atonement on the cross for our forgiveness. It is summarized as follows:

"First a trumpet blast: Christ is born; God's Champion has appeared as a bridegroom from his chamber (1, 2). In the following stanzas, the poet seeks to set forth the mighty value of the Incarnation: Is it not love when God gives us the Son of His Love (3), the Kingdom of Joy (4), and His fellowship (5)? Yes, it is indeed the Lamb of God who bears the sin of the world (6). Now he places himself as the herald by the cradle of the divine Child (7). He bids, as in Mt 11, all men (8), they that labor (9), the heavy laden (10), and the poor (11) to draw near. Then he approaches in supplication, as the shepherds (12-15). He adores the Child as Source of life (12), Lamb of God (13), Glory (14), and promises to be ever true to Him (15). It is a glorious series of Christmass thoughts, laid as a garland on the manger at Bethlehem."

# Nativity of Our Lord Christmass Midnight

*It is a laudable custom to kneel in prayer after entering the pew.*

*It is a laudable custom to bow the head whenever the holy name of Jesus is mentioned in the Mass and at those points marked with a diamond (♦).*

*At those points marked with a cross (✠),  
it is a laudable custom to make the sign of the cross.*

## Preliminaries

### Prelude

Settings of "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

—I. Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

—II-IV. Friedrich W. Zachau (1663-1712)

### Bells

Please STAND when the Sacristy Bell is rung.

### Blessing of the Creche

The Lord be with you.



**And with your spir - it.**

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant chants the Collect, ending with the words:*

**... one God, now and forever.**



**A - men**

*The Creche is blessed, ending with the words:*

**... for use in His church.**



**A - men**

## Processional Hymn

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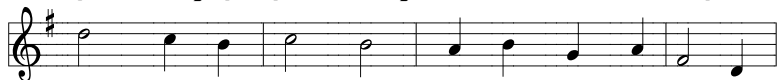
**“O, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”** *Setting by David Willcocks (b. 1919)*



**1 O, come, all ye faith-ful, Joy-ful and tri- um-phant!**



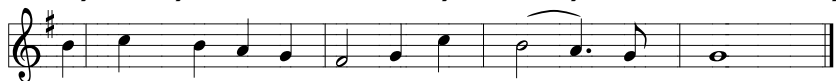
**O, come ye, O, come ye to Beth - le- hem;**



**Come and be- hold Him born the King of an- gels:**



**O, come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,**



**O come, let us a- dore Him, Christ the Lord!**



**2 God of God; Light of Light;**



**Lo, he ab- hors not the Vir- gin's womb**



**Ve- ry God, be- got-ten, not cre- a- ted: Refrain**



**3 Sing, choirs of an- gels, sing in ex- ul- ta- tion,**

**4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap- py morn- ing;**

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### Poinsettias

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### Retiring Procession Hymn

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### **“SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT”**

*The Lutheran Hymnal #646*

*Organ introduction by Paul Bouman (b. 1918)*

**Stille nacht, heilige Nacht!  
Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das traute, hoch-heilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!**

**Silent night! holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia,”  
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night! holy night!  
Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

*Please carefully extinguish your candle as you leave the pew in silence,  
and leave it at the door.*

### Postlude

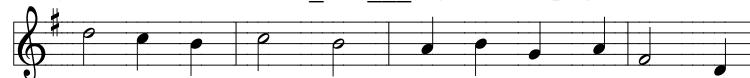
Now Sing We, Now Rejoice (BWV 729) — J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*You are cordially invited to return to this holy place tomorrow at 10am  
for Holy Mass as the celebration of Our Blessed Lord’s birth continues.*

The Pastor, Kantor, Parish Council and Staff  
of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
wish you a blessed and merry Christmass!



**Sing, all ye ci- ti-zens of heav-en a- bove!  
Je- sus, to Thee\_ be\_\_ glo - ry giv’n!**



**Glo- ry to God\_\_ in\_\_ the\_\_ high-est: Refrain  
Word of the Fa- ther, now in flesh ap-pear-ing: Refrain**

## Liturgy of the Word

### Introit – Psalm 2.7, 1

*The Introit is chanted while the Celebrant incenses the Altar.*

✠The Lord has said unto Me:

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

Why do the nations rage:

And the people plot a vain thing?

♦ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

The Lord has said to Me:

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

### Kyrie Eleison



**Lord, have mer-cy up-on us! Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!  
Christ, have mer-cy up-on us! Christ, have mer-cy up-on us!  
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us! Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!**



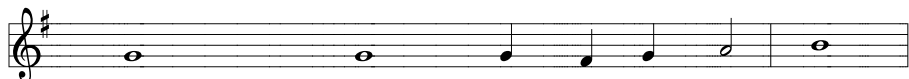
**Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!  
Christ, have mer-cy up-on us!  
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!**

### Gloria in Excelsis

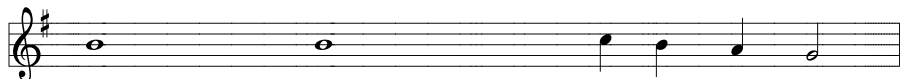
Glory be to God on high:



**And on earth peace, good will toward men!**



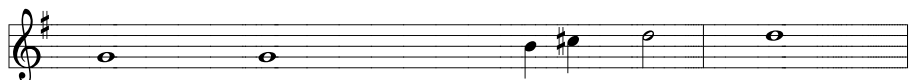
**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we † wor-ship Thee; We**



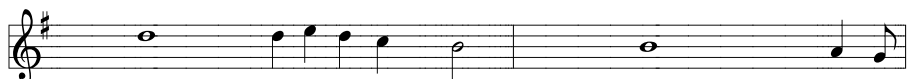
**glorify Thee, we † give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.**



**O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.**



**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, † Je-sus Christ; O Lord God,**



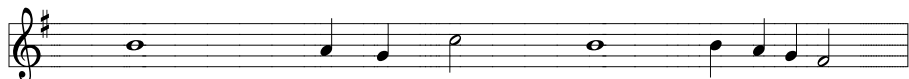
**Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sin of**



**the world, have mercy up-on us. Thou who take away**



**the sin of the world, † re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit at**



**the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.**

The Mass is ended. Go in peace.



**Thanks be to God.**

Please KNEEL.

### Bishop's Benediction

Peace be with you.



**And with your spir - it.**

Our help ✠ is in the Name of the Lord.



**Who made heav'n and earth.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you ✠ peace.



**A - men, A - men, A - men**

### Silent Prayer

*Give thanks to God, for this night in preaching and the Blessed Sacra-  
ment, the Christ Child has made your heart His manger and bed!*

Please STAND.

### Lighting of the Candles

*Tilt the unlit candle into the lighted candle.*

*Please do not tip the candle once it is lighted.*

*Be careful not to drip candle wax on your clothing or the pews.*

*Children should share the candle of an adult.*

Communion Hymnody

**“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”**

*The Lutheran Hymnal #94 (stanzas 1-3)*

“The Glory of Our God Most High” (from BWV 91)

*Soprano Aria by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

**“A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER”**

*The Lutheran Hymnal #76*

**“NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE”**

*The Lutheran Hymnal #92*

*After all have communed, the Celebrant cleanses the sacred vessels.*

Communio – Psalm 110.3

*The Communio is chanted.*

*In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning:  
You have the dew of Your youth.*

Please STAND.

Post-Communion Collect

The Lord be with you.



**And with your spir - it.**

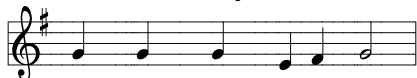
Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**A - men**

Dismissal

The Lord be with you.



**And with your spir - it.**



**For Thou on-ly are ho-ly; Thou on-ly are the Lord. Thou**



**only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, are most high in**



**the glory of God the Father. A - men**

Collect

The Lord be with you.



**And with your spir - it.**

Let us pray. O God, who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we beseech You, that we, who have known on earth the mysteries of His Light on earth may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**A - men**

Please BE SEATED.

Old Testament—Isaiah 9.2-7

*After the Reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual—Psalm 110.3, 1

*The Gradual is chanted.*

*Your people shall be willing in the day of Your power, in the beauties of holiness:*

*From the womb of the morning You have the dew of Your birth.*

*The Lord said to my Lord:*

*“Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”*

**Epistle—Titus 2.11-15**

*After the Reading:*

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Please STAND.

**Alleluia—Psalm 2.7**

*The Alleluia is chanted.*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord has said unto Me: “You are My Son, today I have begotten You.” Alleluia!**

**Holy Gospel—St. Luke 2.1-14**

**The Lord be with you.**



**And with your spir - it.**

*While the Gospel is announced, make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips and heart.*

**The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke:**



**Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel:*

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Please BE SEATED.

**Preaching of the Gospel**

**Chief Hymn**

Please STAND when the organ sounds.

**Distribution of Our Lord’s Body and Blood**

Please REMAIN KNEELING or BE SEATED.

*Reception of the Lord’s Supper indicates unity in confession and faith. If you have not communed at Zion before, please refrain from receiving the Lord’s Supper unless you have first spoken with the Pastor.*

*The Body of Christ is received on the tongue.*

*The Blood of Christ is received from the Chalice.*

*You may assist the minister by guiding the Chalice to your mouth.*

*Women are asked to remove lipstick before drinking from the Chalice.*

**Prayers During Holy Communion**

*Before approaching the Altar, kneel and silently say:*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father with the Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by this, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil, and enable me ever to abide in Your commandments, and allow me never to be separated from You; who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, living and reigning now and forever.*

*Before receiving the Body of Christ at the Altar, kneel and silently say:*

*I shall receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. ✠ May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen.*

*I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord.*

*At the Altar before receiving the Blood of Christ, kneel and silently say:*

*What shall I give to the Lord for all the benefits that He has given to me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies. ✠ May the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen*

*After Returning from the Altar, kneel and silently say:*

*Let Your Body which I have received and Your Blood which I have drunk, O Lord, cleave to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me, whom You have refreshed with a pure and holy sacrament; who lives and reigns forever and ever.*

*I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord.*

**Pater Noster**

Taught by Our Lord and trusting His promise, we are bold to pray:

*The Our Father is chanted in monotone.*

**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. Amen**

**Embolism**

*The Celebrant concludes the Our Father with a prayer for deliverance and peace, ending with the words:*

...one God now and forever.



**A - men**

**Pax Domini**

The peace of the ✕ Lord be with you always.



**A - men**

**Agnus Dei**



**○ Christ, the Lamb of God, who take a-way the sin  
○ Christ, the Lamb of God, who take a-way the sin  
○ Christ, the Lamb of God, who take a-way the sin**



**of the world: have mer-cy up - on us.  
of the world: have mer-cy up - on us.  
of the world: grant us Your peace. A - men**

**“FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME”**

*The Lutheran Hymnal #85*



**“From heav’n a- bove to earth I come, To**



**bear good news to ev-’ry home; Glad ti-dings of great**



**joy I bring, Where-of I now will say and sing:**

*(choir) “To you this night is born a Child  
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;  
This little Child, of lowly birth,  
Shall be the joy of all the earth.*

**“This is the Christ, Our God and Lord,  
Who in all need shall aid afford;  
He will Himself your Savior be  
From all your sins to set you free.”**

*(choir) Welcome to the earth, Thou noble Guest,  
Through whom the sinful world is blest!  
Thou com’st to share my misery;  
What thanks shall I return to thee?*

**Were earth a thousand times as fair,  
Beset with gold and jewels rare,  
It yet were far too poor to be  
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee. *(BE SEATED.)***

*(organ only – setting by J.S. Bach (1685-1750) )  
For velvets soft and silken stuff  
Thou hast but hay and straw so rough,  
Whereon Thou, King, so rich and great,  
As ‘twere Thy heaven, art throned in state.*

**And thus, dear Lord, it pleaseth Thee  
To make this truth quite plain to me,  
That all the world’s wealth, honor, might,  
Are naught and worthless in Thy sight.**

*(choir) Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,  
Within my heart, that it may be  
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.*

**My heart for very joy doth leap,  
My lips no more can silence keep;  
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue  
That sweetest ancient cradle-song: (STAND)**

**Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto us His Son hath given!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.**

### Credo

*The Nicene Creed is chanted in monotone.*

I believe in one God,  
**the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord † Jesus Christ,  
The only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of His Father before all worlds;  
God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Very God of Very God,  
Begotten, not made;  
Being of one substance with the Father,  
By whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

*Please GENUFLECT on the kneelers in honor of Our Lord's incarnation.*

**And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin  
Mary, and was made man;**

*Please STAND.*

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried;  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scrip-  
tures;**



**san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is**



**He, Bless-ed is He who ✕ comes in the Name of the Lord!**



**Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est!**

### Eucharistic Prayer

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving is prayed ending with the words:*

*...which You now graciously bestow upon us through Christ Our Lord*

**Amen**

### Verba Christi

*The Celebrant chants the Words of Our Lord's Last Will and Testament.  
During the two Major Elevations, the chimes are rung and we adore Our  
Lord's Body and Blood.*

### Anamnesis

*The Prayer of Remembrance is prayed ending with the words:*

*...until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all.*

### Acclamation

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



**A - men**

*When the chimes are rung at the Minor Elevation, we again adore Christ in  
the Most Blessed Sacrament and acclaim Him as eternal God.*



### Preface

The Lord be with you.



**And with your spir - it.**

Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up un-to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



**It is meet and right so to do.**

### Christmass Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made Flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

Please KNEEL when the Server rings the Sanctus bell three times.



♦ **Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth.**



**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-**

**And ascended into heaven,  
And sits at the right hand of the Father;  
And He shall come again with glory to judge the living  
and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
The Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is † wor-  
shipped and glorified,  
Who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead  
And the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen**

Please KNEEL.

### Intercessions

After each petition:

Lord, in Your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

After the final petition is prayed:

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

Please BE SEATED.

## **Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist**

### Offertory

*While the offerings are gathered and the Altar prepared,  
you are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind  
for Our Lord's Service in His Body and Blood.  
After the Altar is prepared, the Celebrant incenses the Altar.  
Then the Ministers and Faithful are incensed.  
Please STAND and BOW when being incensed.*

Offering Hymn

**“ALL MY HEART THIS NIGHT REJOICES”**

*The Lutheran Hymnal #77*



1 All my heart this night re-joic-es, As I hear  
2 Forth to-day the Con-qu'ror go-eth, Who the foe  
3 Shall we still dread God's dis-plea-sure, Who, to save,



Far and near, Sweet-est an-gel voic-es. “Christ is  
Sin and woe, Death and hell, o'er-throw-eth. God is  
Free-ly gave His most cher-ished Trea- sure? To re-



born,” their choirs are sing-ing, Till the air  
man, man to de-li-ver; His dear Son  
deem us, He hath gi-ven His own Son



Ev-'ry-where Now with joy is ring-ing.  
Now is one, With our blood for-ev-er.  
From the throne Of His might in heav-en.

He becomes the Lamb that taketh  
Sin away And for aye  
Full atonement maketh.  
For our life His own He tenders  
And our race, By His grace,  
Meet for glory renders.

Hark! a voice from yonder manger,  
Soft and sweet, Doth entreat:  
"Flee from woe and danger.  
Brethren, from all ills that grieve you  
You are freed; All you need  
I will surely give you."

*(choir-setting by Carl F. Schalk (b. 1929) )*

Come, then, banish all your sadness,  
One and all, Great and small;  
Come with songs of gladness.  
Love Him who with love is glowing;  
Hail the Star, Near and far  
Light and joy bestowing.

**Guilt no longer can distress me;  
Son of God, Thou my load  
Bearest to release me.  
Stain in me Thou findest never;  
I am clean, All my sin  
Is removed forever.**

*(choir) I am pure, in Thee believing,  
From Thy store Evermore  
Righteous robes receiving  
In my heart I will enfold Thee,  
Treasure rare, Let me there,  
Loving, ever hold Thee.*

**Dearest Lord, Thee will I cherish.  
Though my breath Fail in death,  
Yet I shall not perish,  
But with Thee abide forever  
There on high, In that joy  
Which can vanish never.**

Offertorium – Psalm 96.11, 13

*The Offertorium is chanted.*

*Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:  
Before the Lord, for he is coming.*

Oblation

*The Celebrant prays the Offertory Prayer ending with the words:  
...one God, now and forever.*

**Amen**