



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 24, 2025 - 9:30pm

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**The Pray Ground** is located at the front left of the church and serves as a place where young children can experience worship while being physically comfortable. Spirit Bags, soft materials, and books are available in this place. Please help your child enjoy this space quietly and peacefully.

**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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## Prelude Music

*Music begins 30 minutes prior to the service.*

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

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

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 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 - gra - cious 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.

### *Spotless Rose*

OLA GJEILO

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

A Spotless Rose is blowing, Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing, Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light Amid the cold, cold winter,  
And in the dark midnight.

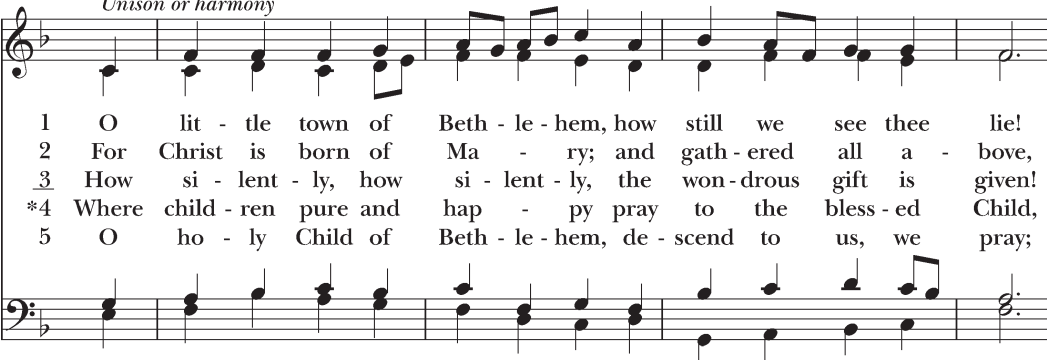
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Rose which I am singing, Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing In Mary, purest Maid;  
Through God's great love and might The Blessed Babe she bare us,  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

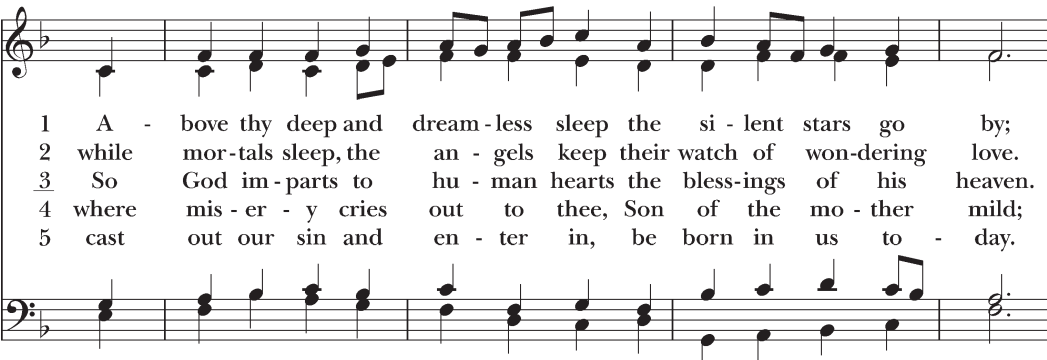
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Hymn, O little town of Bethlehem

*Unison or harmony*



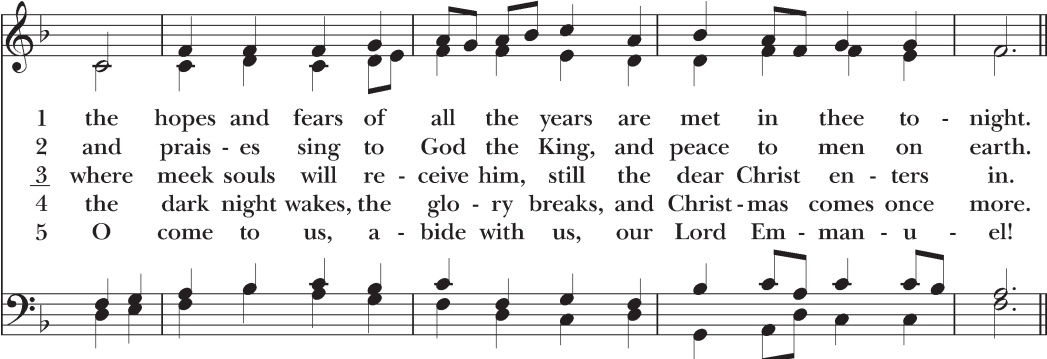
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child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

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.  
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

"Hither page and stand by me, if you know it telling  
Yonder peasant who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"  
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,  
right again the forest fence, by Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me food and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither,  
You and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither."  
Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together,  
Through the cold wind's wild lament, and the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger,  
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer."  
"Mark my footsteps my good page, tread now in them boldly,  
You shall find the winter's rage freeze your blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;  
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed,  
Therefore, Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing,  
You who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.  
Motet, Dixit Maria ad angelum

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 heaven - 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!



## *The Seven Joys of Mary*

PAUL WEBER

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one:  
It was the joy of her dear Son when he was born so young.  
Glory may he be, and blessed now is she,  
and those who sing the sevenlong verses in honor of our Lady.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two:  
It was the joy of her dear Son when he was sent to school:  
Glory may he be, and blessed now is she,  
and those who sing the sevenlong verses in honor of our Lady.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three:  
It was the joy of her dear Son when he led the blind to see.  
Glory may he be, and blessed now is she,  
and those who sing the sevenlong verses in honor of our Lady.  
The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four:  
It was the joy of her dear Son to read the Prophets o'er.  
Glory may he be, and blessed now is she,  
and those who sing the sevenlong verses in honor of our Lady.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five:  
It was the joy of her dear Son to raise the dead to life.  
The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six:  
It was the joy of her dear Son to bear the Crucifix.  
The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of seven:  
It was the joy of her dear Son to conquer hell and heaven.  
Glory may he be, and blessed now is she,  
and those who sing the sevenlong verses in honor of our Lady.

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.

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

### Hymn in Procession

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

ADESTE FIDELIS

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*Remain standing as able.*

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

## ∞ The Collect of the Day

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	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.**

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you!  
We give you thanks for your great glory:  
Lord God, King of heaven, God, omnipotent Father,  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ!  
Lord God, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lord God, Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us, hear our prayer.  
For you alone are holy, for you alone are most high,  
you alone are the Lord, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Word of God

∞ The First Reading  
*Please be seated.*

ISAIAH 9:2-7

**T**he 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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

# The Gradual, Good Christian friends, rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

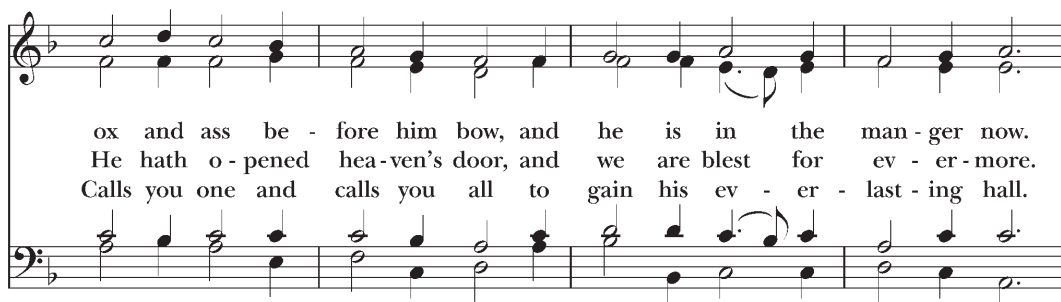
Remain seated.



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!

**T**he 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.

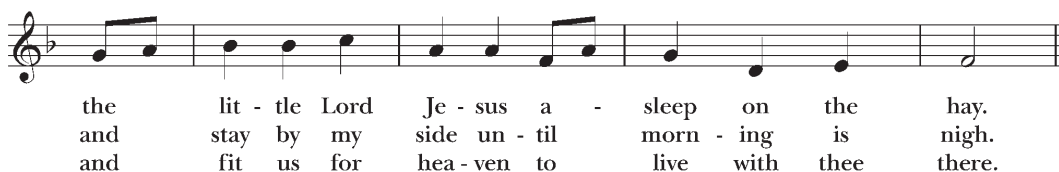
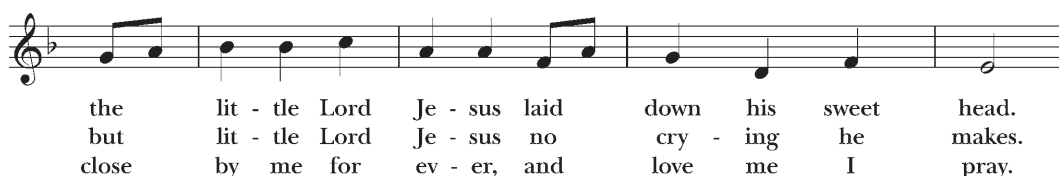
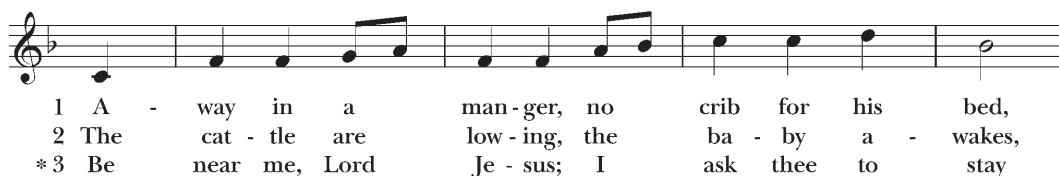
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### The Sequence Hymn

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed*

CRADLE SONG

*Please stand as you are able.*



## ∞ 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.**

**I**n 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 LEX BRECKINRIDGE

*Silence follows the sermon.*

## ∞ The Nicene Creed

*Please stand as you are able 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

**Credo, Mass in G Major, D 167**

FRANZ SCHUBERT

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
who created heaven and earth, all things visible and invisible;  
in one Lord, Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God,  
begotten, not made, of the same substance as the Father,  
from whom all the things were made,  
who for us and our salvation came down from heaven.

And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit from the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate,  
suffered and was buried,

And was resurrected on the third day, according to the scriptures,  
and ascended to heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come again to judge the living and the dead,  
and his reign will have no end.

And (I believe) in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who spoke through the prophets,

And (I believe) in one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church,  
and I confess one baptism for the remission of sins,

I await the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## ∞ The Doxology

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

The musical notation is arranged in four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* 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, *Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo***

JOSEF HAYDN

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts!  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!

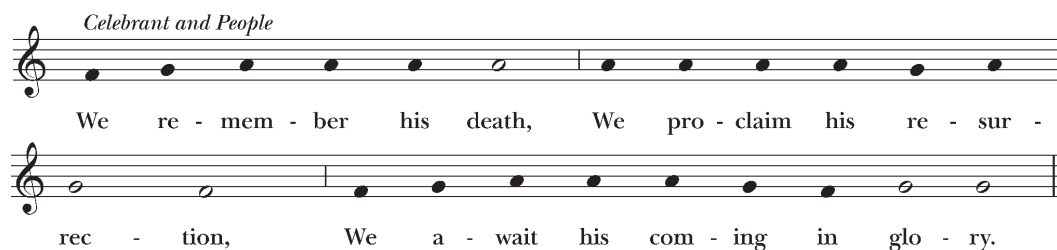
*Please stand or kneel as you feel called, the Celebrant continues*

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.



*Celebrant* *People*  
A-men.

## ∞ The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say


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

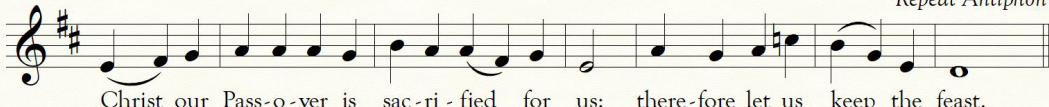
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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.*

**Agnus Dei, Missa Sancti Joanne de Deo**

**JOSEF HAYDN**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## ∞ 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. born! birth. Sleep Christ, in the Sa - vior, is peace. born! birth.  
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

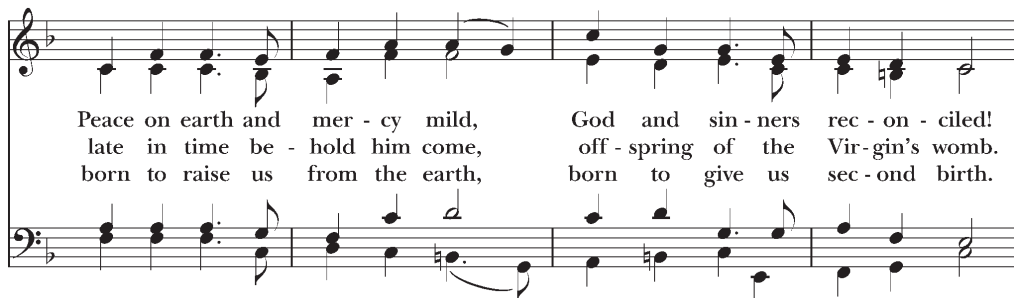
# ∞ The Christmas Blessing

## The Recessional Hymn, *Hark! the herald angels sing*


MENDELSSOHN



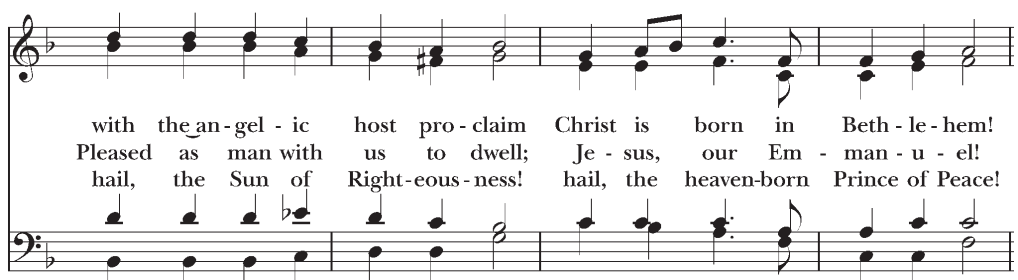
1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



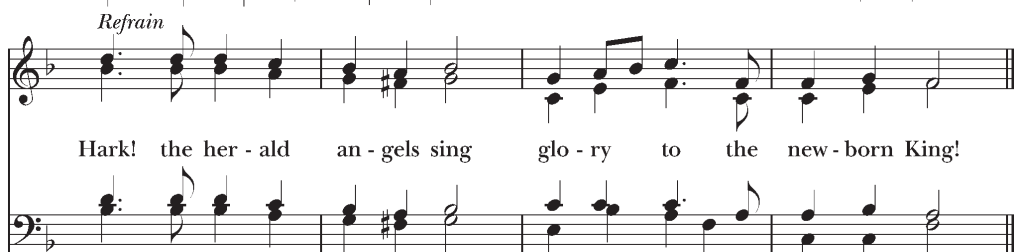
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



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

J.S. BACH

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*The star that shines in the church is a reminder  
that the wise men followed a star and  
brought gifts to the Christ Child.*

*It is a gift from Jane Fox, whom we lovingly remember.*

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