



ST. LUKE IN THE FIELDS
487 HUDSON ST. NYC 10014

Christmas Day

25 December 2025

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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WELCOME TO
ST. LUKE
IN THE FIELDS

Times and Seasons: Christmastide

Celebrations of Christmas mark one end of the yearly liturgical arc which invites us into the earthly life of Jesus. While the feast of the Nativity is centered upon the occasion of Jesus' birth to the Virgin Mary as foretold by the prophets, the task of the Christmas liturgies is to recall us, amid all the joyful customs and celebrations, to the central truth of Christ the Word made flesh for our salvation. Festive liturgical celebrations of Christ's nativity originate at the end of the third century. The Christmas creche and the nativity pageant can both be said to descend from the tableau of Christ's birth that Francis of Assisi arranged when he celebrated Christmas at Greccio in 1223. The singing of Christmas carols was a medieval tradition, which became notably redeveloped from the end of the nineteenth century onward. Today, we celebrate Christmas once again bound up in the Presence of

Jesus made known to us in the Sacraments of the Church. The traditional Latin chant for Christmas immerses us in the joy and wonder of this festal occasion:

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger! O blessed virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

The Christmas season is often celebrated for twelve days, ending with the Fest of the Epiphany (Jan. 6). Contemporary use has sought to express an alternative tradition, in which Christmas lasts for a full forty days, ending with the Feast of the Presentation on 2 February. Whatever the tradition, we are meant to remember the sacred and hopeful truth of Emmanuel, "God with us" throughout the liturgical year.

This Week & Upcoming

Vestry Elections Upcoming

Warden and Vestry elections will be held in Jan. 2026. Election packets will be sent out via physical and digital mailings. Candidate statements are available in the back of the church, or online at saintlukesnyc.org/vestry-elections. Candidate Meet & Greets will take place on January 4 & 11 during coffee hours.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Tuesday, January 6 at 8pm

A parish party will be held following the 6:30 pm Mass. The Church will provide the holiday hams and drinks, and the parish life team is asking parishioners to contribute holiday sides, cakes, cookies, or other baked desserts to share. Volunteers are also needed to help us prepare the hams, mulled wine/cider, and more on Sunday the 4th after the 11:15 Mass. All are welcome! Please contact Fr. Ancona, Michael Turner, or Jack Spencer for more information.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please refrain from bringing food or drink (except if for young children) into the church during Mass. Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices.

People often wish to take the time before and after worship for silent prayer. Please be considerate of your fellow worshipers by refraining from conversations before Mass and applause at the end of the postlude. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Child-care is available for children under age 6; please ask an usher for directions; all children are welcome in worship, and we encourage parents to bring children to Communion.

Large print hymns are available in the back of the church; ask an usher for copies.

PRELUDE *In dulci jubilo* ('In quiet joy')
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

A bell sounds. All stand as they are able.

ENTRANCE HYMN 83 • *Adeste fideles* (see pg 16)

ACCLAMATION

Ambrosian Chant

The musical notation is presented on two staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second is for the People. Both staves begin with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The Celebrant's part consists of a series of notes: a quarter note on B-flat, a quarter note on A, a quarter note on G, a half note on F, a quarter rest, a quarter note on E, a quarter note on D, a quarter note on C, a quarter note on B, a quarter note on A, a quarter note on G, a quarter note on F, a quarter note on E, a quarter note on D, a quarter note on C, and a quarter note on B. The lyrics 'Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.' are written below the notes. The People's part consists of a series of notes: a quarter note on B-flat, a quarter note on A, a quarter note on G, a half note on F, a quarter rest, a quarter note on E, a quarter note on D, a quarter note on C, a quarter note on B, a quarter note on A, a quarter note on G, a quarter note on F, a quarter note on E, a quarter note on D, a quarter note on C, and a quarter note on B. The lyrics 'And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.' are written below the notes.

Celebrant

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Hymnal S278*
William Mathias

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All remain seated for the psalm.

PSALM 98*Anglican chant*

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON *Hebrews 1:1–12*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 94 • *Winchester Old* (see pg 17)

Sung by all, standing.

ALLELUIA*Plainsong, Mode IV*

The Gospel procession makes its way to the pulpit. A Cantor intones the Alleluia, and the congregation repeats it once, then again following the Versicle.



✠ The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,*
full of grace and truth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:1-14*

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

THE SERMON *The Reverend Aidan Stoddart*

THE NICENE CREED *Hymnal S105*

Calvin Hampton

All stand.

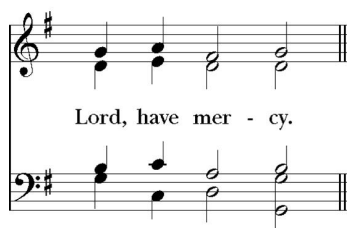
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon reads the intercessions for the parish. Then the leader sings

As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time singing,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury Designate; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Matthew and Allen, our own Bishops; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.



For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President, Kathy, our Governor, Eric, our Mayor, Zohran, our Mayor-Elect, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that Christ's embracing love may be known throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies, and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we work towards an anti-racist society and for racial justice in our church, our city, our nation and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Mother of God, blessed Joseph her spouse, blessed Luke our patron and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.



The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

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

Then the Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.



Donations can be made online by scanning this QR code. If you have made an online offering, please take a pew card and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Will Todd (b.1970)

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels:
 No place for them but a stable.
 My Lord has come.
 Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;
 No place for them but a stable.
 My Lord has come.
 His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.
 Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;
 No place for me but a stable.
 My Lord has come.

OFFERTORY HYMN 78 • Forest Green (see pg 18)

All stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer, page 367

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p> <p>And al-so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p> <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p> <p>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</p>	

The Celebrant continues:

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Hymnal S128*

William Mathias

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues. Midway through the Eucharistic Prayer, the Celebrant says

Therefore according to his command, O Father

All We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant concludes

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal S149*

McNeil Robinson II

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
 sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A short period of silence follows.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Hymnal S170*

Plainsong, Mode I

INVITATION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

This is the Lord's Table. All are encouraged to come forward at this time. Gluten free wafers are available from the Priest on the pulpit side of the altar. If you are not baptized, or do not wish to receive, you are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. Signal this by crossing your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION MOTET

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

O magnum mysterium et admirabile
sacramentum ut animalia viderunt
Dominum natum, jacentum in
praesepio. O beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum
Christum. Alleluia.

*O great mystery and wondrous sacrament,
that animals might see the birth of the Lord,
lying in the manger: O Blessed Virgin, who
was worthy to bear our Lord Jesus Christ:
Alleluia.*

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 100 • Antioch (see pg 19)

Sung by all, standing.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all.

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.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the People.

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Deacon bids the dismissal.

People



POSTLUDE *In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The flowers and greens at today's worship service are given in memory of the beloved family members of Leslie Evans who have gone before and in thanksgiving for many blessings; by Dorothy Carey in Memory of Dr. John L. Carey, a devoted husband and father: he is missed; in memory of Laura Reynolds Taylor, mother of Christy Searl, grandmother of Jack Haegele; to the honor and glory of God from Janet Biswas, Michael Cudney, the Lee-McGraw Family, John Ericson & Jainee McCarroll, Anonymous and the Kurt Weyrauch Memorial Flower Fund.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25*Christmas Day*

10:30 am Holy Eucharist*

12:00 pm Block Closes

FRIDAY DECEMBER 26*Block Closed***SATURDAY DECEMBER 27**

No Outreach Programming this Week

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 *Christmas 1*

9:15 am Holy Eucharist*

11:15 am Holy Eucharist*

SUNDAY JANUARY 4 *Christmas 2*

9:15 am Holy Eucharist*

10:20 am Intergenerational Formation
Aud

11:15 am Holy Eucharist*

1:00 pm Epiphany Prep *DR***TUESDAY JANUARY 6** *Epiphany*6:30 pm Holy Eucharist,
*followed by a reception in the
Dining Room*** Childcare for children ages 6 and under is
available.***AROUND THE BLOCK****Barrow St. Gardens Open**

Monday - Saturday, 10am - dusk

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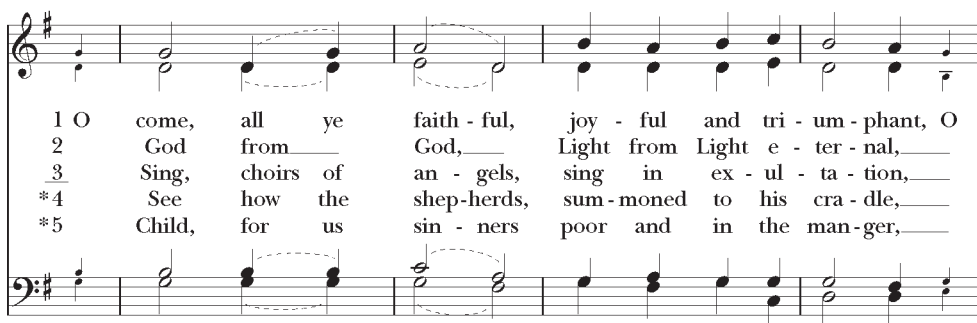
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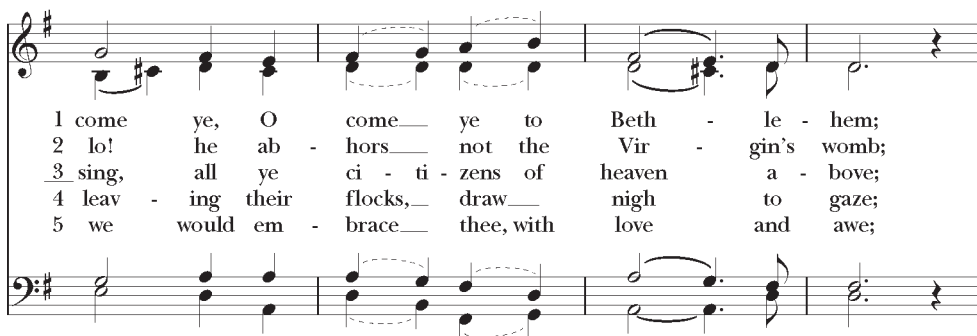
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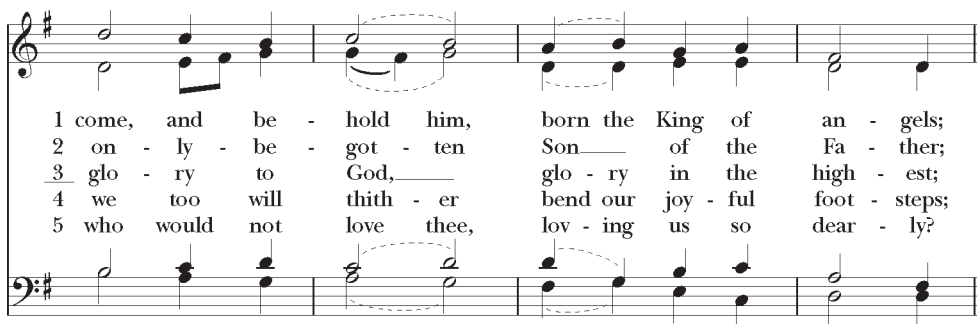
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ENTRANCE HYMN 83 • *Adeste fideles*


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,

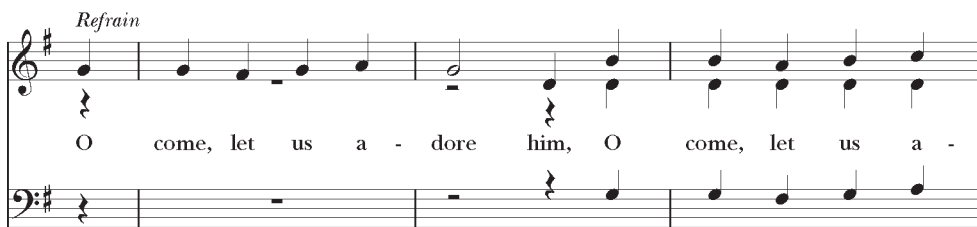


1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



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 -

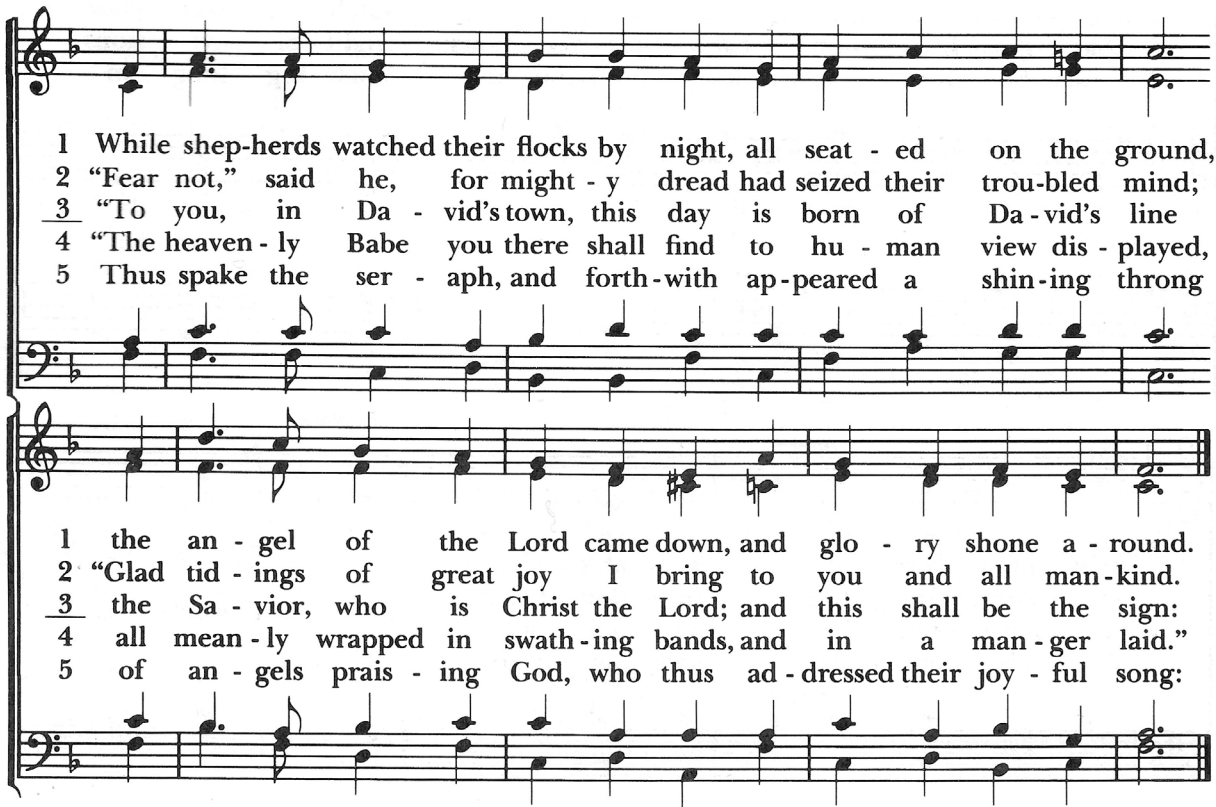


dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 94 • Winchester Old



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

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

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

OFFERTORY HYMN 78 • *Forest Green*

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!

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 100 • *Antioch*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

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

sing, and heaven, and heaven 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.

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