



CHRISTMAS MORNING

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9:30am

FESTIVAL OF OUR LORD'S NATIVITY

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Prelude: *He is Born*; arr. V. Ryan

***Carol:** *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymn #283

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

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

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

Refrain

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

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

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

***Invocation & Dialogue (tune: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice)**

P: In the name of God the Father **C: the Son and Holy Spirit**

P: Unto us a child is born. **C: Unto us a son is given.**

P: He shall be forever king, **C: Peace to all the earth he brings,**

P: Jesus Christ the Lord, **C: the Savior of the world.**

*Greeting

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

C: And also with you.



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*Hymn of Praise *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Hymn # 270



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



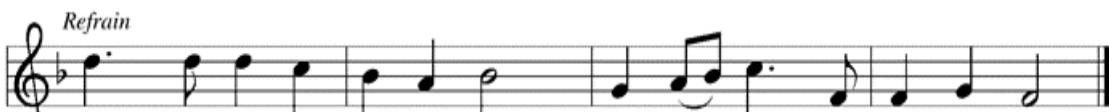
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



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



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



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

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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

* Prayer of the Day

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How 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."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The 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.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness
to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to | judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

Second Reading : Hebrews 1: 1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but 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.

³He 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, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

C: **Thanks be to God**

***Gradual: (sung)** *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the first chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

***Gospel: John 1:1-14**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Meditation

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'r's, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom-ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers

*Passing of the Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to turn to fellow worshipers and exchange a sign of peace with the words: "The peace of the Lord be with you.")

Offertory: *Do You Hear What I Hear*; Regney/Shayne

Cindy James, soprano

Offertory Prayer



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*Communion Liturgy

*The Preface [tune: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*]

P: Oh, may the Good Lord be with you.

C: And may the Lord be with you too.

P: Lift your hearts to God in praise.

C: To the Lord our hearts we raise.

P: Let us offer praises true.

C: It is fitting so to do: Gratefully we sing, to the Lord, our King!

*The Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***The Sanctus** [tune: *As with Gladness Men of Old*]

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts, by all adored;
Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!
With the heav'nly host we sing highest praises to our king.

Hail! Hosanna! Endless fame be to him who, in God's name.
Comes to earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hail! Hosanna! Praises be to the Lord eternally!

***The Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer** [tune: *Away in a Manger*]

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same
By mortals and angels. Come, Lord reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver your children most dear.

For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign.
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.
To you be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever! Amen.

***Lamb of God (tune: It Came Upon A Midnight Clear)**

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion

Those worshiping in-person are invited to come forward as the ushers direct you. You may receive bread and dip it into the wine or grape juice; or you may pick up one of the sealed wafer/grape juice packets or a sealed gluten free wafer and hear the words of promise before returning to your seat to open it.

Children who have not yet received their first communion may come forward (in person) for a blessing.

***Post Communion Canticle**

[tune: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*]

Thank the Lord, his praises voicing

for his promised faithfulness!

All who seek the Lord, rejoicing

tell his love, his name confess.

For he leads us, with thanksgiving

in the paths of righteousness.

At your word, Lord, let your servant

go in peace, for with my eyes

I have seen your bright salvation,

Israel's light, begin to rise.

As the glory of the nations,

leading us to paradise.

*** The Closing Prayer**

A: Merciful God,

we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.

Strengthened by this goodness,

send us forth to announce your peace,

comfort the afflicted,

and share the good news of great joy.

Amen.

*** The Benediction**

P: The God of love,

Father, [†]Son, and Holy Spirit,

lavish you with grace,

illumine your path,

and increase your joy,

today and always.

Amen.

***Carol: Go Tell It on the Mountain**

Hymn # 290

Refrain



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



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



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

Refrain



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

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

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

***Dismissal**

A: Glory to God in the highest!

C: Peace to God's people on earth!

A: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: In Dulci Jubilo; Bach

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Special thanks to all of our musicians for Christmas.

Please join us!

Tuesday January 6, 2026, 12:00pm - Doppelflöte (Melissa Freilich, flute & Vincent M. Ryan, organ). Center for Arts and Culture, 125 W Main St, North Wales, PA.

Please join us on Sunday, December 28 at 9:30am for a Joyous Lessons and Carols.



Poinsettias Dedicated By...

Steve and Jean Godsall Myers, in honor of our grandkids – Audrey, Susie, Charlie and Eva; in memory of our parents – Robert, Emily, Jack, Audrey and Chuck.

Don & Doretta Roessler, in memory of loved ones.

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