



Nativity Pageant & The Holy Eucharist

December 24, 2024 4:00 PM



A Christmas Greeting to Our Visitors

“God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son.” In the spirit of the Father’s love for us, we welcome our visitors on this great Feast of the Incarnation.

It is the custom of this Church that all baptized persons who are communicants of their own church, and who come in faith and penitence intending to lead a new life, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

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¶ *The People stand*

The Bidding

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas Eve our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore, let us read and mark in Holy Scripture this tale of the loving purposes of God in the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child. And because this of all things would rejoice His heart, let us remember in His name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. Let us pray for the needs of the world, for peace on earth, for goodwill among all his people, and for unity and brotherhood with the Church He came to build, and let us make this Church glad with our carols of praise.

Hymn

¶ *Verses 1 and 2 are sung by the Choir alone; all join in singing on verse 3*

*1 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.*

*2 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.*

♪ *Sung by All*

3 And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

4 For he is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

5 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.

6 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,
Where like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) & James McCrady (b. 1938)

Music: John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. ♪ *People* Amen.

♪ *Then all are seated*

The Nativity Pageant

Redemption Foretold

Isaiah

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. *Isaiah 40:1–3, 11*

Hymn *☞ Sung by all*

Come, thou long expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Jeremiah

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their Fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. *Jeremiah 31:31–33*

Hymn *☞ Sung by all*

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

The Annunciation

Narrator

In the days of Herod, King of Judaea, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, *Luke 1:5, 26–28*

Gabriel

Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his Kingdom there shall be no end. *Luke 1:28, 30–33*

Mary

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior, for he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; for he that is mighty hath done me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree; he hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for ever. *Luke 1:38, 46–55*

Hymn *🔥 Sung by all*

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!
“For now a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

The Incarnation

Narrator

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, in Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. *Luke 2:1–7*

Hymn *🔥 Sung by all*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Narrator

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, *Luke 2:8–10*

Gabriel

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. *Luke 2:10–12*

Narrator

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: *Luke 2:13*

Angels

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. *Luke 2:14*

Narrator

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

Shepherds

Let us go now even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. *Luke 2:15*

Hymn *🔥 Sung by all*

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

Narrator

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger; And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. *Luke 2:16–19*

Hymn

¶ Sung by all

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear:
for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Narrator

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. *Luke 2:20*

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him. When Herod the king heard these things he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ would be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. *Matthew 2:1–9*

Hymn

All We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading,
still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Soloist Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever,
ceasing never
over us all to reign.

Refrain

Soloist Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High.

Refrain

Soloist Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

All Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies.

Refrain

Narrator

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy; and when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him, and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. *Matthew 2:10–11*

The Heavenly Chorus

Narrator

And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace good will toward men. *Luke 2:13–14*

‣ *The People stand to sing the following*

Hymn

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King:
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

✠ *Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The Rector's Christmas Greeting

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The Holy Communion

Carol at the Offertory

Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

*Words: G. R. Woodward
Music: 16th c. French, arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

✠ *Following the singing of the Carol, all stand to sing*

Hymn at the Presentation

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain
 now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

*Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
 Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

¶ *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

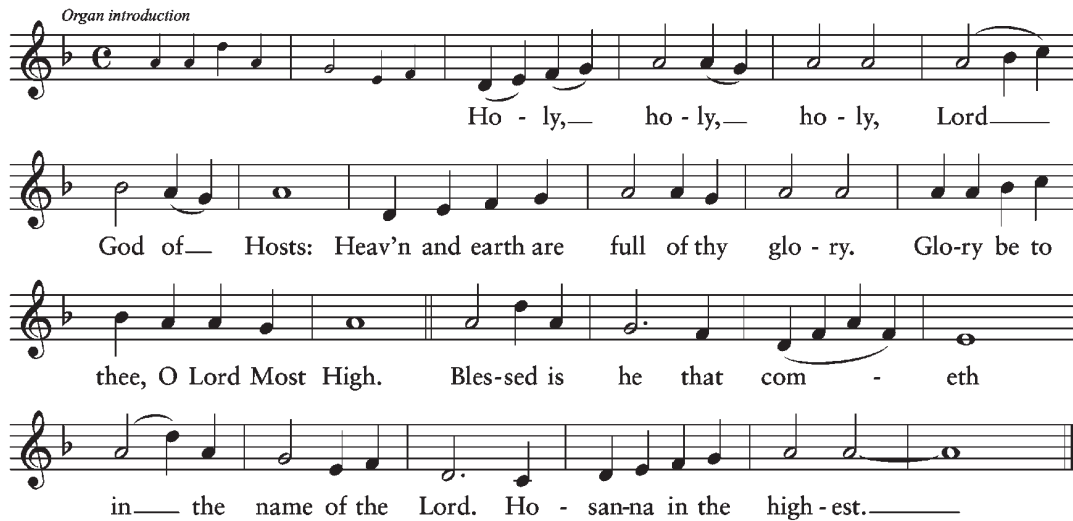
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Organ introduction



Ho - ly, — ho - ly, — ho - ly, Lord —

God of — Hosts: Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to

thee, O Lord Most High. Bles-sed is he that com - eth

in — the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est. —

¶ *The People kneel*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.


For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled  with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.  *All* AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

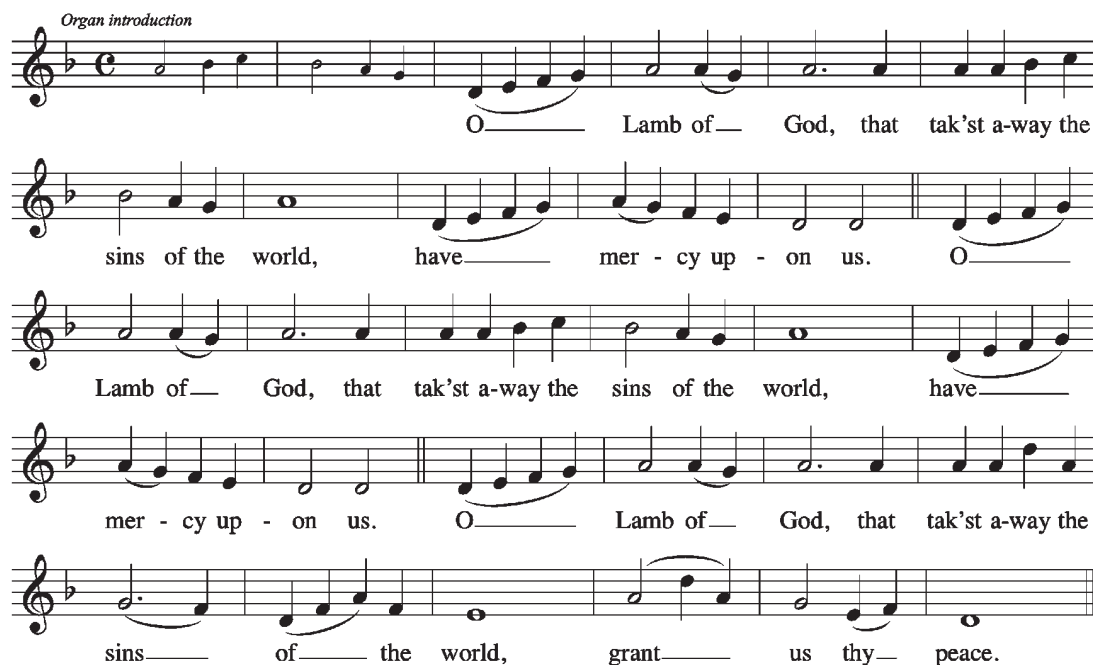
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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 Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung*

Organ introduction



O ——— Lamb of — God, that tak'st a-way the
sins of the world, have ——— mer - cy up - on us. O ———
Lamb of — God, that tak'st a-way the sins of the world, have ———
mer - cy up - on us. O ——— Lamb of — God, that tak'st a-way the
sins ——— of ——— the world, grant ——— us thy — peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access *¶ Said by all*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation and Ministration of Holy Communion

¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Proceed to the Altar Rail when invited by the Usher. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. 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.

¶ Holy Communion is distributed both at the High Altar and in St. Mary's Chapel. When directed, please follow the Ushers' direction. Those who are not able to come to the High Altar are always welcome to proceed to St. Mary's Chapel.

Anthem at Holy Communion

The Word was made and dwelt among us,
We beheld the glory of the Father,
Full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word,
The Word was with God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to his own, and his own received him not.

*Words: Adapted from John 1
Music: Egil Hovland (1924-2013)*

Hymn at Holy Communion

Sung by All



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten, ere the worlds be-
 2 O that birth for ev-er bless-ed, when the Vir-gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his
 4 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,
 prais-es sing; powers, 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
 bore the Sa-vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un-wea-ried prais-es be; hon-or, glo-ry

are, that have been, and that fu-ture
 world's Re-deem-er, first re-vealed his
 earth be si-lent, ev-ery voice in
 and do-min-ion, and e-ter-nal

years shall see, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
 sa-cred face, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
 con-cert ring, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
 vic-to-ry, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!

*Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?)
 tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
 Music: 11th cent. adapt. acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)*

Hymn after Holy Communion *♩ Sung by all, kneeling*

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with two lines of text. The first system has three lines of text. The second system has two lines of text. The third system has two lines of text. The fourth system has two lines of text. The lyrics are: 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! Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. the Sa - vior, is born! birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

Music: Stille Nacht: Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

The Postcommunion Prayer

♩ Said by all kneeling

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

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. *☞ People 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. *☞ People Amen.*

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

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


☞ All stand

The Dismissal


Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Retiring Procession



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.


Refrain



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



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Words: French Carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.

Music: arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958)

Nativity Pageant Cast

Baby Jesus: Eloise McDonald

Narrator 1 –Jack Patterson

Narrator 2 -Reade Stokes

Isaiah – Pete Martens

Jeremiah – Chiara Smith

Mary – Hadley Altvater

Joseph – Harry Posnanski

Gabriel – Oliver Hagemann

Star Angel – Josephine Pitman

Shepherds – Peter Martens, Whit Stokes, Sam Patterson, Will Villa

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wish you a very blessed and joyous Christmas.



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Sherry Leeds
Deborah & Mac Moore
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Daisy by her friends
Dale Arn & Pete Makulec by their families
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Martha Ann Bradley by Dean Bradley
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Bob Streett by Bonnie & Paul Grenney
Carroll Stribling by Lulu Stribling
Robert P. Stupp by Anne Stupp
Homer E. Syad & Elizabeth Gentry Syad by Helene, Gentry, Lily & Adrienne
Joan C. Tyler by her husband, John R. Tyler
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