

## RECESSATIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King; Let eve - ry  
 2. Joy to the world! The Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy; While fields and  
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries

1. heart pre - pare him room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
 2. floods, rocks, hills and plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -  
 3. of his right - eous - ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his love, And

1. heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 2. peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 3. won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: *Psalm 98*, Isaac Watts. Melody: ANTIOCH, 8.6.8.6 (C.M.) with repeat; Lowell Mason.

We pray you have a  
 Blessed and Merry Christmas!



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;  
 and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages:  
 and his reign will be without end.

Cf. Ls 9: 1, 5; Lk 1: 33

1. **Hark! The herald angels sing:** / "Glory to the newborn King! / Peace on earth, and mercy mild: / God and sinners reconciled!" / Joyful, all ye nations, rise; / Join the triumph of the skies; / With the angelic host proclaim: / "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Refrain:** Hark! The herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, / Christ, the everlasting Lord, / Late in time, behold him come: / Offspring of the Virgin's womb. / Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see. / Hail, the incarnate Deity, / Pleased as man with men to dwell: / Jesus, our Emanuel! **R.**

3. Hail, the heav'n born Prince of peace! / Hail, the Sun of righteousness! / Light and life to all he brings, / Ris'n with healing in his wings. / Mild, he lays his glory by, / Born that man no more may die, / Born to raise the sons of earth; / Born to give them second birth. **R.**

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1. **It came upon a midnight clear,** / That glorious song of old, / From angels bending near the earth / To touch their harps of gold: / Peace on the earth, good will to men, / From heav'n's all gracious King. / The world in solemn stillness lay, / To hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come / With peaceful wings unfurled, / And still their heav'nly music floats / O'er all the weary world; / Above its sad and lowly plains, / They bend on hov'ring wing, / And ever o'er its Babel sounds / The blessed angels sing.

3. For lo! the days are hast'ning on, / By prophets seen of old, / When with the ever-circling years / Shall come the time foretold / When peace shall over all the earth / Its ancient splendors fling, / And all the world send back the song / Which now the angels sing.

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1. **The first Nowell** the angel did say / Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; / In fields where they lay tending their sheep, / On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain:** Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, / Born is the King of Israel.

2. 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. **R.**

3. This star drew nigh to the northwest, / O'er Bethlehem it took its rest; / And there it did both stop and stay, / Right over the place where Jesus lay. **R.**

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1. **What child is this** who, laid to rest / On Mary's lap is sleeping? / Whom angel greet with anthem sweet, / While shepherds watch are keeping? / This, this is Christ the King, / Whom shepherds guard & angels sing; / Haste, haste, to bring him laud, / The babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate, / Where ox and ass are feeding? / Good Christians, fear, for sinners here / The silent Word is pleading. / Nails, spear shall pierce him through, / The cross be borne for me, for you. / Hail, hail the Word made flesh, / The babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, / Come peasant, king to own him; / The King of kings salvation brings, / Let loving hearts enthroned him. / Raise, raise a song on high, / The virgin sings her lullaby. / Joy, joy for Christ is born, / The babe, the son of Mary.

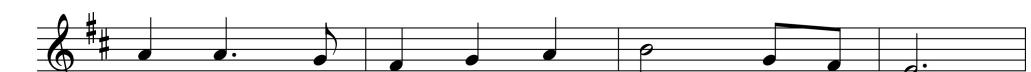
## COMMUNION

Wood of the Cradle

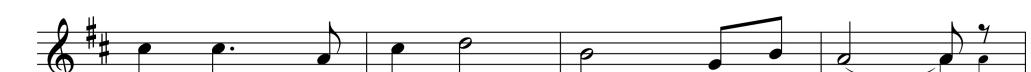
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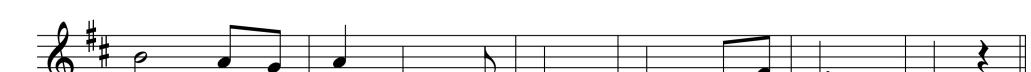
1. Wood of the cradle, wood of the cross,  
2. Shep-herds lie sleep-ing, deep in their dreams;  
3. Star in the heav-ens bear-ing new light,  
4. Come, all who hun-ger, come, all who thirst;



Bear-ing a life-time of joy and of loss,  
An-gels a-wak-en them. "What could this mean?  
Guid-ing the sag-es and a-ges this night:  
Come, all who seek him, God's joy on the earth.



Who is your loved one? Who could he be,  
Whom do you her-ald? Whom must we find? A  
Where will you lead us? Where can he be,  
Find him a shel-ter, bright, safe, and warm; The



Born in a man-ger to die on a tree?  
child in a man-ger? Our God born in time?"  
child born of mys-t'ry who died on a tree?  
See in all peo-ple his love be-ing born.



Refrain  
This, this is Je-sus the Lord, Here in the bod-y and



blood out-poured. Come, come, walk in his ways. Kneel at the



man-ger and rise from the grave.

## COMMUNION

Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.

2. 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 cradle till morning is nigh.

3. 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.

Text: St. 1-2 Anon. 1884; St. 3 Charles H. Gabriel. Melody: MUELLER, 11.11.11.11; James R. Murray.

## COMMUNION

## Silent Night

Mode 2

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon vir - gin  
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries stream from  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light; Ra - diant beams from

1. moth - er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace,  
 2. heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing, "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Sav - ior is born,  
 3. thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth,

1. Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 2. Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 3. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht*, Joseph Mohr; Tr. John F. Young. Melody: STILLE NACHT, 6.6.8.9.6.6; Franz Gruber.

## COMMUNION -- (FOR 3 PM MASS ONLY)

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and  
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and

1. dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The  
 2. an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -  
 3. hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his com - ing, But  
 4. en - ter in, Be born in us to - day! We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

1. ev - er - last - ing Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night!  
 2. claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!  
 3. in this world of sin, Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4. great glad tid - ings tell; O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord, Em - ma - nu - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks. Melody: ST. LOUIS, 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6; Lewis H. Redner.

## ENTRANCE CHANT

Let us all re - joice in the Lord, for our Sav - ior has been born in the world.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

## OPENING HYMN

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to  
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of  
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing; Je - sus, to thee be all  
 4. Ad - és - te, fi - dé - les, Læ - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve - ni - te, ve - ni - te in

1. Beth - le - hem; Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels;  
 2. heav'n a - bove: Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry in the high - est; O come, let us a -  
 3. glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing; Ve - ni - te ad - o -  
 4. Béth - le - hem. Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.  
 ré - mus, Ve - ni - te ad - o - ré - mus, Ve - ni - te ad - o - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

Text: *Adeste Fideles*, Attr. John F. Wade; Tr. Frederick Oakeley. Melody: ADESTE FIDELES, Irregular with refrain; Attr. John F. Wade.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

## GLORIA

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; /

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

*A son is given us.*

Is 9: 1-6

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

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## SECOND READING

*The grace of God has appeared to all.*

Lk 2: 11 - VII

## ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lk 2: 10-11 - VIII

Ti 2: 11-14

v. I proclaim to you good news of great joy:  
today a Savior is born for us,  
Christ the Lord.

Ant. Melody: Gregorian Chant.

## GOSPEL

Today a Savior has been born for you.

Lk 2: 1-14

## HOMILY

## CREED

I believe in one God, / the Father almighty, / maker of heaven and earth, / of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, / the Only Begotten Son of God, /

born of the Father before all ages. / God from God, Light from Light, /

true God from true God, / begotten, not made, consubstantial with

the Father; / through him all things were made. / For us men and for

our salvation / he came down from heaven, / and by the Holy Spirit

was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, / he suffered death and was buried, / and rose again on the third day / 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, / who proceeds from the Father and the Son, / who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, / who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. / I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins / and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## OFFERTORY

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

1. In the bleak mid-winter, Frost-y wind made moan, Earth stood hard as  
2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, Nor earth sus - tain; Heav'n and earth shall  
3. An - gels and arch - an - gels May have gath - ered there, Cher - u - bim and  
4. What can I give him, Poor as I am? If I were a

1. i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone; Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, Snow on  
2. flee a - way When he comes to reign; In the bleak mid-win - ter A sta - ble place suf -  
3. ser - a - phim Thronged the air; But his moth - er on - ly, In her maid - en  
4. shep - herd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man I would do my

1. snow, In the bleak mid-win - ter, Long a - go.  
2. ficed The Lord God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
3. bliss, Wor - shiped the Be - lov - ed With a kiss.  
4. part; Yet what I can I give him— Give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti. Melody: CRANHAM, Irregular; Gustav Holst.

## OFFERTORY -- (FOR 3 PM MASS ONLY)

1. What child is this who, laid to rest On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king to own him; The

1. an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
2. Chris - tians, fear, for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
3. King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

1. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste, haste, to  
2. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, The cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail the  
3. Raise, raise a song on high, The vir - gin sings her lull - a - by. Joy, joy for

1. bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y.  
2. Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y.  
3. Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y.

Text: William C. Dix. Melody: GREENSLEEVES, 8.7.8.7 with refrain; Trad. English.

## SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. / Heaven and earth are full of your glory. / Hosanna in the highest. / Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. / Hosanna in the highest.

## MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Savior of the world, / for by your Cross and Resurrection / you have set us free.

## DOXOLOGY AND AMEN

Amen.

## 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.

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION CHANT

The Word be - came flesh, and we have seen his glo - ry.

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What Child Is This?

Jn 1: 14 . II