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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Oh, How Joyfully

Jacob B. Weber

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 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
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 26:8; 1 Kings 8:27; Matthew 1:23; John 1:14

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

C Will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house that I have built!

- P** “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).
- C** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:5–7

Isaiah 52:7; John 1:12–13, adapt

- P** If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- C** But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
- C** Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son, the Word, to become flesh and dwell among us. We confess we struggle to see His glory when life is difficult or when we are suffering. We look elsewhere for grace and truth instead of focusing on Your eternal Word. We have heard the Good News and struggle to share it. Forgive us, for the sake of You Son, Jesus Christ. Shine the light of Your love on us and dispel the darkness of our hearts.
- P** People of God, I have good news for you, “Your God reigns.” In the mercy of our almighty God, Jesus Christ was born to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you for all of your sins.
- C** Alleluia! Amen!
- P** To all who receive Him, who believe in His name, He gives the right to become children of God, who are born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man but of God.
- C** Alleluia! Amen!

INTROIT

Psalms 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

- P** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- C** Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

P The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, in ages past, You spoke through the prophets. Today You have spoken to us through Your Son, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. Tune our ears to Your Word and nourish us with the flesh and blood of Your Son, who is always with us; through the same Jesus Christ, who rules and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Angels' Canon

arr. Michael Larsen

Handbell duet: Laurel Cleary, Karen Schroeder
Christa Even, piano

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:7 – 10

[pew Bible page 613]

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1 – 12

[pew Bible page 1001]

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making 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 to him a father, and he shall be to me a 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 ministers a flame of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness 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, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your

hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ding Dong! Merrily on High
Our Savior Choir

arr. Daniel E. Schwandt

*Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.*

*Gloria, singing gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria!
Gloria, singing gloria, gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!*

*E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
and "Io, io, io!" by priest and people sungen.*

*Pray you, dutifully prime your mattin chime, ye ringers!
May you beautifully rhyme your e'entime song, ye singers.*

Ding Dong! Merrily on High
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HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1 – 18
[pew Bible page 886]

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 were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

R This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NICENE CREED

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom 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 together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

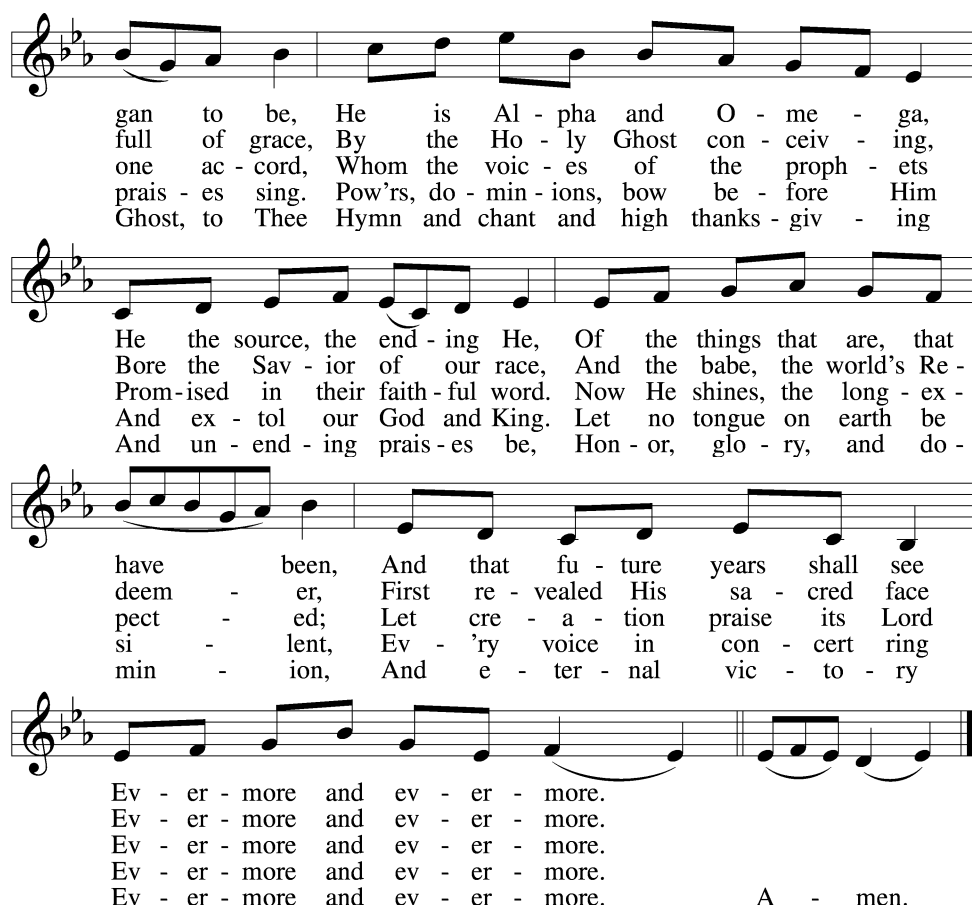
HYMN OF THE DAY

Of the Father's Love Begotten



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 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His
△ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly

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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'rs, 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 - end - ing 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

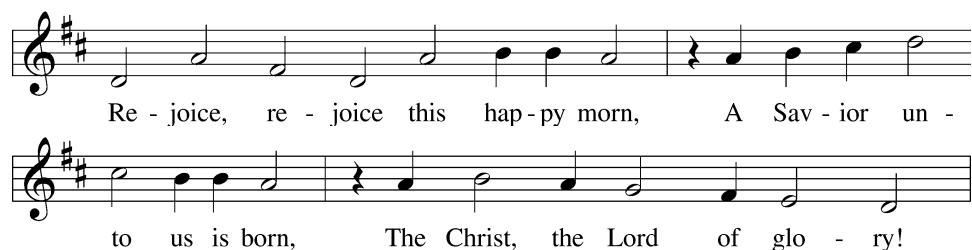
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348–c. 413; (sts. 1–4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821–77
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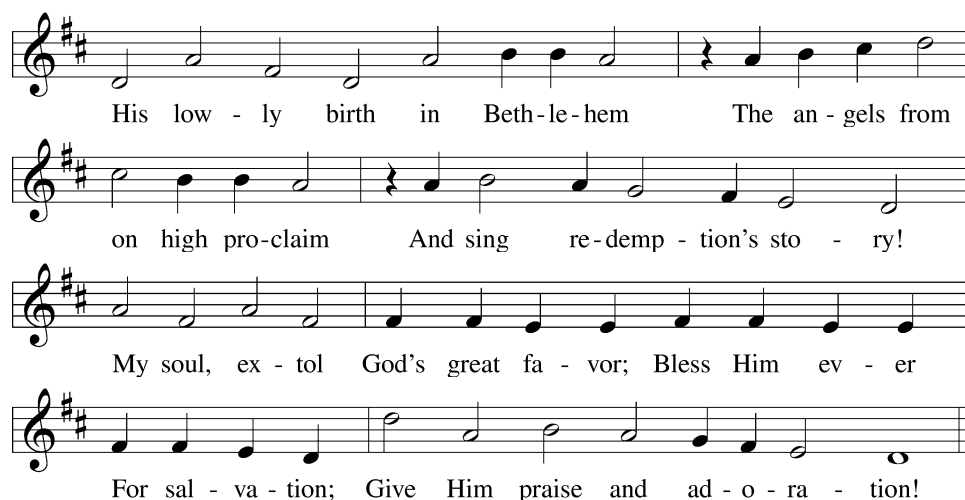
MESSAGE

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn



Re - joice, re - joice this hap - py morn, A Sav - ior un -
to us is born, The Christ, the Lord of glo - ry!



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PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Holy Lord, almighty God and Father, You laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. You nourish us and all creatures through Your created world. Guide us in being good stewards of Your world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord Jesus, the world we live in was created through You. In these last days, our Father has spoken to us through You. Give us ears to hear Your voice and willing hearts and minds to not only receive grace and truth but also live them out in our homes, neighborhoods, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Holy Spirit, we thank and praise You for the feet of those who brought us the Good News. We ask for Your blessing on all pastors, parents, grandparents, and servants in Christ's church that they may continue to share the good news of peace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Great physician and healer, comfort all who are struggling physically, emotionally, or spiritually, *especially*. . . . Give them healing and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Gracious God, we thank You for the gift of family. Knit families together with Your love, mercy, and grace. Give parents and children calm minds and quiet hearts focused on Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Silence for personal prayer.

P O God, we boldly and confidently lift these prayers to You, trusting in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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
forever and ever. Amen.

Our Communion Statement

I believe that in Holy Communion, our Lord graciously shares His Body and Blood with us through bread and wine. He does this in order to forgive our sins, assure us of our salvation, strengthen us for Christian living, and unite us more closely as members of His family, the Church. Repenting of my sins, believing in the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, and rededicating my life to live according to His will, I announce my desire to receive Holy Communion.

*Those who would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament may come to the table.
Folding your arms across your chest will signify you wish to receive a blessing.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for sending Your Son, the Word who became flesh, to dwell among us. We have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the heavenly host, we praise and honor Your glorious name and join in their unending hymn singing:

SANCTUS

Glory be to God on High

1 "Glo - ry be to God on high!" This is now our
2 Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, Sole - be - got - ten,
joy - ful cry. Peace to all who live on earth,
ho - ly One, Born on earth from realms on high,
Grace and fa - vor for new birth. You we praise and
Born true man for us to die, Lamb of God, You
glo - ri - fy, Wor - ship You, O Lord most high.
take a - way This world's sin: Grant peace we pray.
Gra - cious Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King, To Your name a -
With the Spir - it, You a - lone Are most high, O
lone we sing: Praise the glo - ry of Your name,
God the Son, And the Fa - ther, God a - bove.
Now and ev - er - more the same!
Praise we now Your glo - rious love.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, You Take Away

*Oh, Lamb of God you take away
The sins of all and now we pray:
Have mercy on Your people, Lord,
And to us all Your peace afford.*

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DISTRIBUTION

Let Our Gladness Have No End

1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!
2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!
3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!
4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!

For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!
God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!
From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!
He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain
On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save
us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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A Great and Mighty Wonder



1 A great and might - y won - der, A full and ho - ly cure:
 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And yet re - mains on high,
 3 While thus they sing your Mon - arch, Those bright an - gel - ic bands,
 4 Since all He comes to ran - som, By all be He a - dored,
 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And Sa - tan's ly - ing cease,



The vir - gin bears the in - fant With vir - gin hon - or pure!
 And cher - u - bim sing an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.
 Re - joice, O vales and moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.
 The in - fant born in Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.
 And Christ shall raise His scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

Refrain



Pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace to all the earth!"

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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



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;



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ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 he has o - pened heav - en'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!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, we give You thanks and praise for nourishing us with Your body and blood in this Holy Meal. Strengthen our faith and lead us with Your grace and truth; for You reign, one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Matthew 1:22–23; John 1:14; Isaiah 52:10

P All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

C “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

P And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P Christmas peace and joy through God's infinite love given in Christ, His only-begotten Son, be yours; and the blessing of God Almighty—Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit—be and abide with you forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Arr. Stuart Forster

All: 1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let
Choir: 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a
Men: 3. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re -
Women: 4. But when to Beth - le - hem they came, where -
All: 5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all

noth - ing you dis - may, for Je - sus Christ our
bless - ed an - gel came, and un - to cer - tain
joic - ed much in mind, and left their flocks a -
at this in - fant lay, they found him in a
you with - in this place, and with true love and

Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas Day, to
shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same, how
feed - ing in tem - pest, storm, and wind, and
man - ger, where ox - en feed on hay; his
char - i - ty each oth - er now em - brace; this

save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were
that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of
went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, this bless - ed
moth - er Ma - ry, kneel - ing, un - to the
ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers

gone a - stray: O tid - ings of com - fort and joy,
God by name. O tid - ings of com - fort and joy,
babe to find. (*All:*) O tid - ings of com - fort and joy,
Lord did pray. (*All:*) O tid - ings of com - fort and joy,
doth ef - face. O tid - ings of com - fort and joy,

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