

Christmas Eve

10:00 PM

12/24/25



Choral Prelude begins at approx. 9:30 – FINAL song is “Hallelujah Chorus”, followed by the *Christmas Proclamation*, and 10 chimes.

OPENING HYMN: ALL VERSES #102 (Music Issue) (ALL 4 verses)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES

Verses

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. ‡ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, ‡
 3. ‡ Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, ‡
 4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -

1. come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 3. Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n;
 4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.

1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
 4. Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
 Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
 ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786;
 tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.

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GLORIA (Melodic Gloria)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You, we bless You, we adore you, we glorify You, we give You thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. 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; 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.*

FIRST READING**(Mass during the Night)****Isaiah 9:1-6**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS):
AT THE MASS DURING THE NIGHT, ALL YEARS



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- 1.) Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless His name. **R/.**
- 2.) Announce His salvation, day after day. Tell His glory among the nations; among all peoples, His wondrous deeds. **R/.**
- 3.) Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. **R/.**
- 4.) They shall exult before the LORD, for He comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with His constancy. **R/.**

SECOND READING

(Mass during the Night)

Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VII



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

GOSPEL

(Mass during the Night)

Luke 2:1-14

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So, all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host

with the angel, praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,

(all bow)

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.*

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

~ PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2026 ~

Blessed Trinity, source of our life and our unity, we ask for your presence with and within us, as we undertake this synodal journey. **CREATE IN US** and all those responsible for preparing the synod, a discerning spirit.

HELP US to deepen our relationship with you and with one another over the months and weeks ahead.

GROW IN US the fire of your love, that we may eagerly respond to your loving invitation to spread the joy of the Gospel, and to serve the poor, suffering and vulnerable.

FORM US to be better disciples, creating vibrant, mission-oriented communities, of faith, hope and charity. We ask this through the intercession of our diocesan patrons, Mary, the Immaculate Conception and St. Matthew. *Amen.*

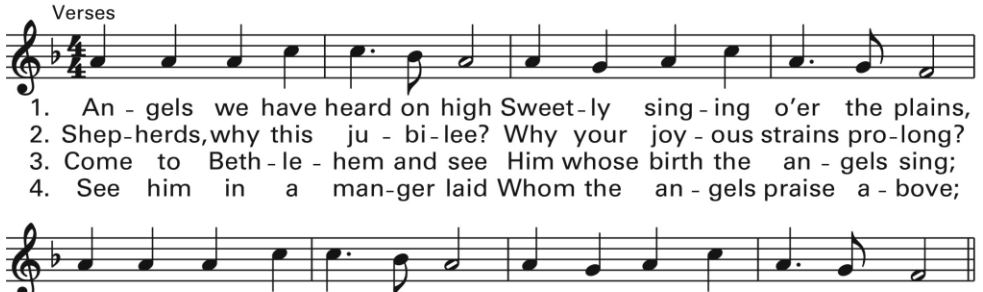
OFFERTORY HYMN:

#109 (Music Issue)

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA


Verses



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 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;

1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
 3. Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
 4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De-o!

Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862;
 tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.
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Mass setting: *Mass of Creation* #865 (MI)Mem. Acclamation: *"When we eat this Bread..."*

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I
 love you above all things and
 I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally,
 come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come,
 and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

COMMUNION 1:

What Child is This? Sung by Dani Dabler & Kathy Johnson
 (While Choir goes to Communion)

COMMUNION 2:**#84 (Music Issue)**

w/Congregation

(Choir also sings German verse, "*Stille Nacht*")**SILENT NIGHT**

STILLE NACHT



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



1. Vir - gin Moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
2. stream from heav-en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia!
3. beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



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

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COMMUNION 3: *Far Away in a Manger* - Sung by Choir**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

**HAIL, HOLY QUEEN**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, Thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!



Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

St. Joseph, the Worker, Pray for us.

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey, Pray for us.



CLOSING HYMN: #90 (Music Issue) (ALL 3 verses)

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -



1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



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

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

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-On our YouTube channel: ***SSPP Huntington***



A very special “Thank you” to all of our Cantors, HCS Student Choir and to our SSPP Adult Choir for sharing your musical talents with us at these special Masses as we gather to celebrate Christ’s Birth on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We appreciate you all so much!

*Also, huge “Thank you’s” to **Barbara Holzinger** who is playing at our Christmas Day Mass, sharing her wonderful keyboard talents, and to the **Matt & Dawn Rupley family** who are providing trumpets for the 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass.*

Christmas Eve:

🎵 **4:00 PM** Cantors/ Special- *Eve and Izzy Harrell, Clare Richert, Elizabeth Ball, Lanie Foster, Mallory Barnard, Genesis Ramirez*

Prelude music by HCS Student Choir

🎵 **10:00 PM** Cantors/ Special- *Amy & Steven Ball, Dani Dabler, Kathy Johnson, Penelope, Genevieve & Tommy Harrell, Clare Richert*

Prelude music concert by SSPP Choir

Christmas Day:

🎵 **10:30 AM** Cantors- **Beth Stoffel and Cole Christman**

We have been so very Blessed at SS. Peter and Paul to have so many individuals willing to share their musical talents. I am most grateful beyond words! We continue to work and grow to find new and different ways to bring the message of Christ to His people. We encourage the spreading of His Word through music, and of course, through the use of technology, social media, & our website. In the midst of uncertainty in our world, with grateful hearts, we remember that we have been given SO much and most importantly, the ultimate Gift that we celebrate today—the Gift of God’s only Begotten Son.

***“Most generous God,
my soul is filled with joy on this great day.***

Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus.

***With his birth we celebrate that the Messiah has come,
that our Savior has been born, that the world is filled
with hope, love, joy, and peace.***

***The wise men knew that,
at the moment of your Son’s birth,
it would be the dawn of a new age.***

They knew that the world would be changed.

***They knew that the day would come when
Baby Jesus would grow into a man and begin
a ministry that would free us from the oppression
of sin and offer us a whole new way of living.”***

Amen. (Prayer from Bayard Faith Resources)

***May you all have a Blessed Christmas and
a Peace-filled New Year!***

Sue Meadows

SSPP Director of Music