

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Ascension Catholic Church
Melbourne, Florida
December 28, 2025





Gathering

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the an - gels



1. o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o
2. strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be Which in -
3. an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the
4. praise a - bove; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we



1. back their joy - ous strains.
2. spire your heav'n - ly song?
3. Lord, the new - born King.
4. raise our hearts in love.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o! De - o!



De - o! 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;
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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got-ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

Liturgy of the Word



First Reading: *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*

Psalm Response

Psalm 128

Alonso



Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.



Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways!
By the labor of your hands you shall eat. You will be blessed and prosper.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life!

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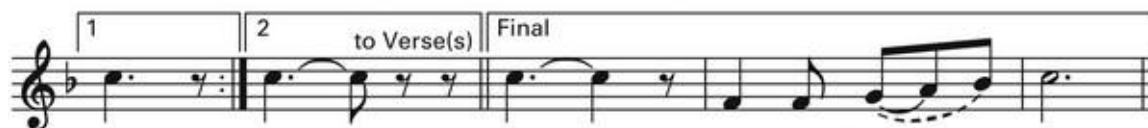
Second Reading: *Colossians 3:12-21*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Paul Inwood



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



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Gospel: *Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

Homily

Creed:

Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God,
the Father, the 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:
(Bow) And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. (end bow)
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.*

General Intercessions

Response:



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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky ____ looked down where he lay, The
2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885; verse 3, John T. McFarland, 1851-1913; *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841-1905.

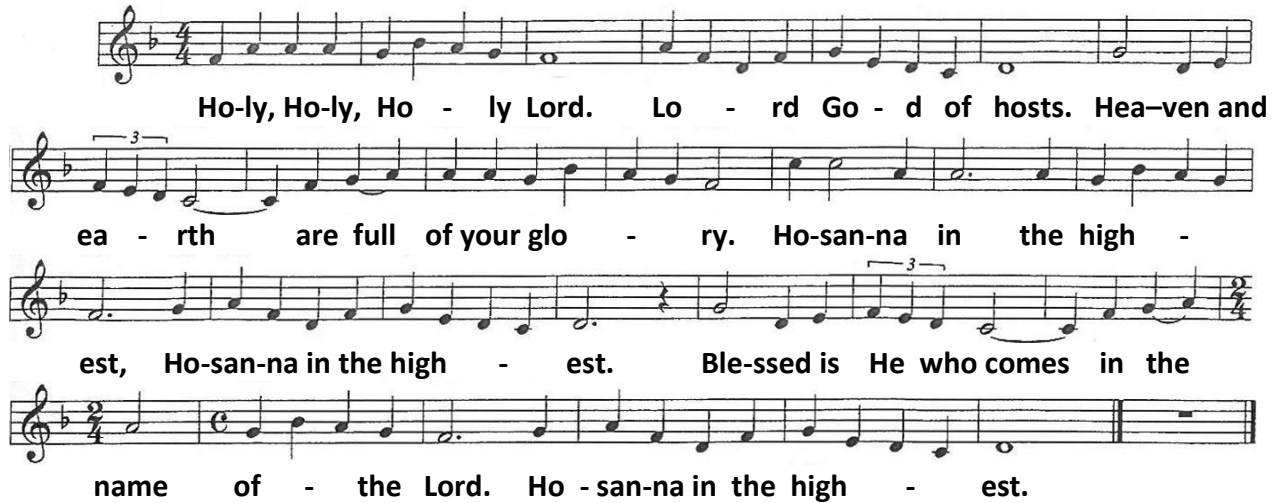


Eucharistic Acclamations

Veni Emmanuel

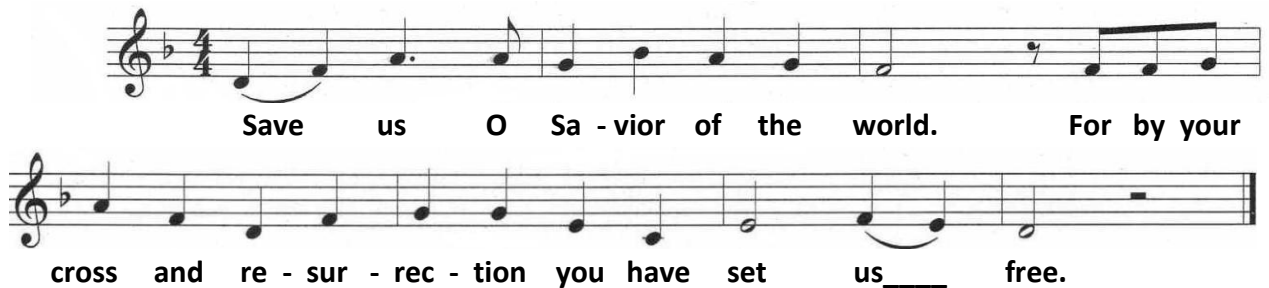
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Sanctus



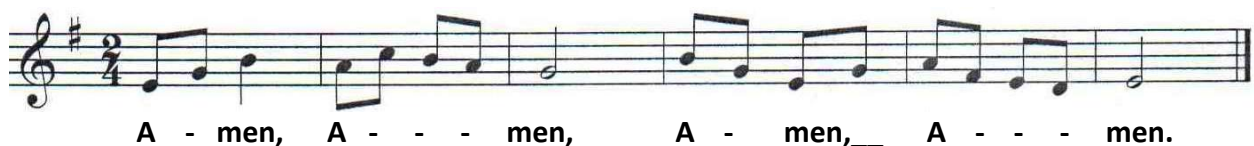
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord. Lo - rd Go - d of hosts. Hea-ven and
ea - rth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high -
est, Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ble-ssed is He who comes in the
name of - the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation



Save us O Sa - vior of the world. For by your
cross and re - sur - rec - tion you have set us _____ free.

Great Amen



A - men, A - - - men, A - men,___ A - - - men.

Music: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Text: 2011 New revised Sanctus.
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Rite of Communion

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Communion Antiphon:

Our God has appeared on earth and lives among us.

Communion Songs

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to

1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Refrain

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
3. lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

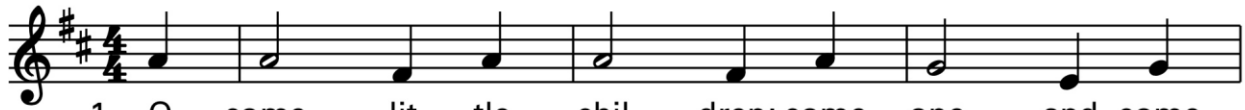
King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,
haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; William C. Dix, 1827-1898. Music: English melody, 16th cent.



O Come, Little Children

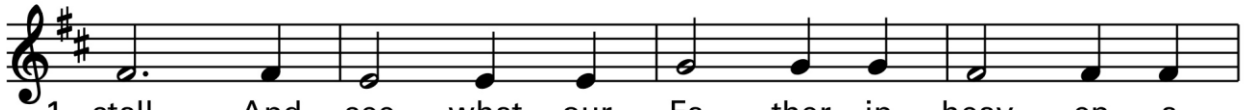
IHR KINDERLEIN, KOMMET



1. O come, lit - tle chil - dren; come one and come
2. O see in the man - ger so meek and so
3. His bed, lit - tle chil - dren, a man - ger with



1. all, O come to the man - ger in Beth - le-hem's
2. mild, O see in the soft light the heav - en - ly
3. hay; His Moth - er and Jo - seph in ec - sta - sy



1. stall, And see what our Fa - ther in heav - en a -
2. Child, In swad - dling clothes fold - ed, his beau - ty more
3. pray, The shep - herds in won - der their glad wor-ship



1. bove Has sent to us all on this earth with his love.
2. sweet Than an - gels, whose voic - es his low - ly birth greet.
3. bring, While cho - rus of an - gels sweet Glo - ri - as sing.

Text: 11 11 11 11; Johann C. von Schmid, 1768-1854; tr. by Melanie Schute, 1885-1922, alt.
Music: Johann A. Schulz, 1749-1800.





Song of Sending Forth

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, Bright-er vi - sions
4. Though an in - fant now we view him, He shall fill his
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther,



1. all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
2. flocks by night, God on earth is now re - sid - ing;
3. beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of Na - tions,
4. Fa - ther's throne, Gath - er all the na - tions to him;
5. Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing,



1. Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 2. Yon - der shines the in - fant light:
 3. Ye have seen his na - tal star:
 4. Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down:
 5. To the e - ter - nal Three - in - One:
- } Come and wor-ship,



1-5. come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text: 87 87 87; verses 1-3, James Montgomery, 1771-1854; verse 4, *Christmas Box*, 1825;
verse 5, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879.



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