



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
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# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

CHRISTMAS EVE





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**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

*Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.*

**WELCOME**

*On this happy feast of Christmas, we welcome you to Saint Mark's Cathedral. We are glad you have joined us to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. Thank you for sharing your Christmas hopes and joy with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining in the nave or via the livestream, you are welcome here!*

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## THE PRELUDE

**7:10 PM**      **BRASS, ORGAN, & TIMPANI**      *Voluntary in C*

Henry Purcell

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & DEAN'S WELCOME**

Dean Thomason

*We gather with offerings from the choir, brass quintet and organ, and hymns and carols for all to sing, standing as able.*

*Please stand, as able.*

**CAROL**

*The first Nowell*

TUNE: *The First Nowell*; arr. Sir David Willcocks



- All sing* 1. The first No - well the an-gel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
*Treble voices only* 2. They look - ed up and saw a star shining in the east be - yond them far,  
*All sing* 3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from coun - try far;  
*Low voices only* 4. This star drew nigh to the north west, o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
*All sing* 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,  
*All sing* 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es to our heaven - ly Lord;



1. in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
2. and to the earth it gave great light, and so it con-tin-ued both day and night.  
3. to seek for a king was their in - tent, and to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went.  
4. and there it did both stop and stay right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
5. and of - fered there in his pre-sence their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.  
6. that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.



*Refrain (All sing)*  
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el!

*Please be seated.*

**CHOIR**

*Before the marvel of this night*

WORDS: Jaroslav J. Vajda; MUSIC: Marvel, Carl Schalk

Before the marvel of this night  
Adoring, fold your wings and bow,  
Then tear the sky apart with light  
And with your news the world endow.  
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,  
That fear and death and sorrow cease:  
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace,  
Sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song,  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Assemble here, celestial throng,  
In royal splendor come arrayed.  
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss,  
A teasing taste of what they miss:  
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss,  
Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known,  
Our constant joy and endless light,  
Now to the loveless world be shown,  
Now break upon its deathly night.  
Into one song compress the love  
That rules our universe above:  
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love,  
Sing love, sing God is love!



*Please stand, as able.*

**CAROL**

*Go tell it on the mountain*

**TUNE:** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Refrain*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.\_\_\_\_  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.\_\_\_\_  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.\_\_\_\_

*Please be seated.*

**ORGAN**

*Nativité, from Symphonie-Passion, Opus 23*

**Marcel Dupré**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**7:30 PM**

*A bell is rung, and all stand, as able.*

## INTROIT

*From heaven above to earth I come*

WORDS: Martin Luther, tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978;

MUSIC: *Vom Himmel hoch*, melody from 16th century German hymnal, harm. J. S. Bach

From heaven above to earth I come  
to bring good news to everyone!  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to all the world, and gladly sing:

to you this night is born a child  
of Mary, chosen virgin mild;  
this newborn child of lowly birth  
shall be the joy of all the earth.

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

*O come, all ye faithful*

TUNE: *Adeste fideles*; arr. Sir David Willcocks



- |    |   |       |        |      |              |           |       |                      |            |           |            |           |                |      |    |
|----|---|-------|--------|------|--------------|-----------|-------|----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------------|------|----|
| 1. | O | come, | all    | ye   | faith - ful, | joy - ful | and   | tri - um-phant,      | O          | come      | ye,        | O         | come           | ye,  | to |
| 2. | ♪ | God   | from   | God, | Light        | from      | Light | e - ter - nal,       | ♪          | lo!       | he         | ab - hors | not            | the  |    |
| 3. | ♪ | Sing, | choirs | of   | an - gels,   | sing      | in    | ex - ul - ta - tion; | ♪          | sing,     | all        | ye        | ci - ti - zens | of   |    |
| 4. | ♪ | See   | how    | the  | shep-herds,  | sum-moned | to    | his                  | cra - dle, | ♪         | leav - ing | their     | flocks,        | draw |    |
| 6. | ♪ | Yea,  | Lord,  | we   | greet        | thee,     | born  | this                 | hap-py     | morn-ing, | ♪          | Je - sus, | to             | thee | be |



1. Beth - le - hem;            come and be - hold him,            born the King of an - gels;  
2. Vir - gin's womb;            on - ly be - got - ten            Son of the Fa - ther;  
3. heav'n a - bove;            glo - ry to God,            glo - ry in the high - est;  
4. nigh to gaze;            we too will thith - er            bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
6. glo - ry giv'n;            Word of the Fa - ther,            now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

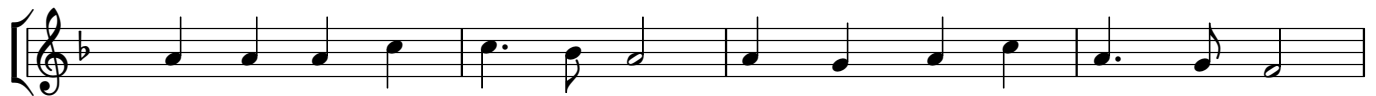
COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider* **A**Lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *Angels we have heard on high* (stanzas 1 & 3)

TUNE: *Gloria*; arr. Michael Kleinschmidt



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply e - cho - ing their brave de - light.  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*



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



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

COLLECT OF THE DAY *The Nativity of our Lord*

*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 212

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

**O** God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

*All* Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**READING***Isaiah 9:2-7*

**T**HE people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung by the choir.*

*Cantate Domino*

SING to God a new song; \*  
Sing to God all the whole earth.

Sing and bless God's holy Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, \*  
God's wonders among all peoples.

For God is great and greatly to be praised, \*  
more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols, \*  
but it is God who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!

Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples, \*  
ascribe to God honor and power.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into God's courts.

Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before the Holy One.

Tell it out among the nations that God reigns! \*  
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved,  
and will judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before God, who will come, \*  
who will come to judge the earth.

God will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with truth. ♦

## READING

*Titus 2:11-14*

FOR the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**



When the Presider stands, all rise, as able.

**SEQUENCE HYMN** Joy to the world!

TUNE: Antioch; arr. Bern Herbolsheimer

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King; let ev - 'ry  
2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy, while fields and  
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow nor thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries

heart pre - pare him room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and  
floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re - peat the sound-ing joy, re -  
make his bless - ings flow far as the curse is found, far  
of his right - eous - ness and won - ders of his love, and  
and heav'n and na - ture  
re - peat the sound-ing  
and won - ders of his

heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.  
as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing,  
joy, re - peat the sound-ing joy,  
love, and won - ders of his love,

*Please remain standing, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 2:1-20 (King James Version)*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**A**ND 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, into 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.

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, "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 Saviour, 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."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." 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.

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

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

The Most Reverend Melissa M. Skelton, *Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Olympia*

*All stand, as able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary;  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *After each petition:*

*Intercessor* Holy God,  
*People* hear our prayer.

*The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect; all respond: Amen.*

**THE PEACE**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## OFFERTORY

*An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. Together, these gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service. Those worshiping in person may place their offering in baskets as they are passed through the rows.*

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## ANTHEM *The Shepherds Sing*

*Nova, nova ave fiit ex Eva.*

The shepherds sing; and shall I silent be?

My God, no hymn for thee?

My soul 's a shepherd too; a flock it feeds

Of thoughts, and words, and deeds.

The pasture is thy word: the streams, thy grace

Enriching all the place.

Shepherd and flock shall sing, and all my powers

Out-sing the day-light houres.

Then we will chide the sunne for letting night

Take up his place and right:

WORDS: George Herbert; MUSIC: Conrad Susa

We sing one common Lord; wherefore he should

Himself the candle hold.

I will go searching, till I finde a sunne

Shall stay, till we have done;

A willing shiner, that shall shine as gladly,

As frost-nipt sunnes look sadly.

Then we will sing, shine all our own day,

And one another pay:

His beams shall cheer my breast, and both so twine,

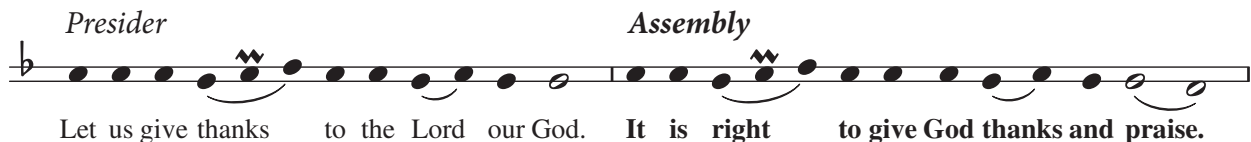
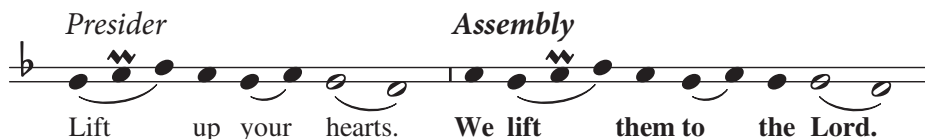
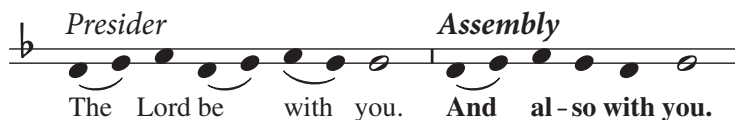
Till ev'n his beams sing, and my musick shine.

*Nova, nova ave fiit ex Eva.*

*All stand, as able.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B, adapt.*

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 360*

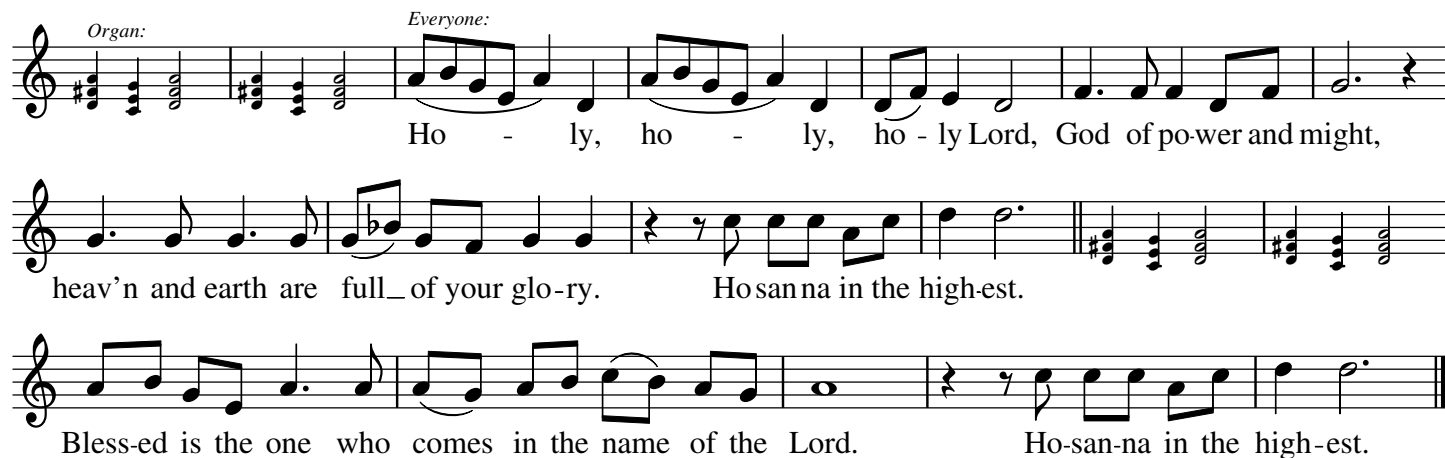


*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, the Maker of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect in the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS** *sung by all*

William Mathias

*Organ:* *Everyone:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho san na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. Through Mary's Holy Child, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. You have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God:

**All** We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Dear One; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, gather all things into the circle of Christ's love, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever.



**All** A - MEN.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All* Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

*In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** *We who are many*

Plainsong, Mode 6

*The cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat. The cantor sings the verses; all repeat the antiphon as indicated.*



*Verse:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. **ANTIPHON**

*Verse:* Happy are they who come to the Supper of the Lamb. **ANTIPHON**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All may be seated for the time of Communion. All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.*

*Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread and wine are distributed at four stations in the nave. The bread will be placed into your outstretched palm. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.*

*Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.*

## ANTHEM

*There is no rose*

WORDS: Traditional 15th century English Carol;  
MUSIC: Philip W. J. Stopford

There is no rose of such virtue  
as is the rose that bare Jesu:  
*Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was  
heaven and earth in little space:  
*Res Miranda.* (wondrous thing)

By that rose we may well see  
there be one God in Persons Three:  
*Pares forma.* (of the same form)

The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
*Gaudeamus.* (let us rejoice)

Leave we all this worldly mirth  
and follow we this joyous birth:  
*Transeamus.* (let us go)



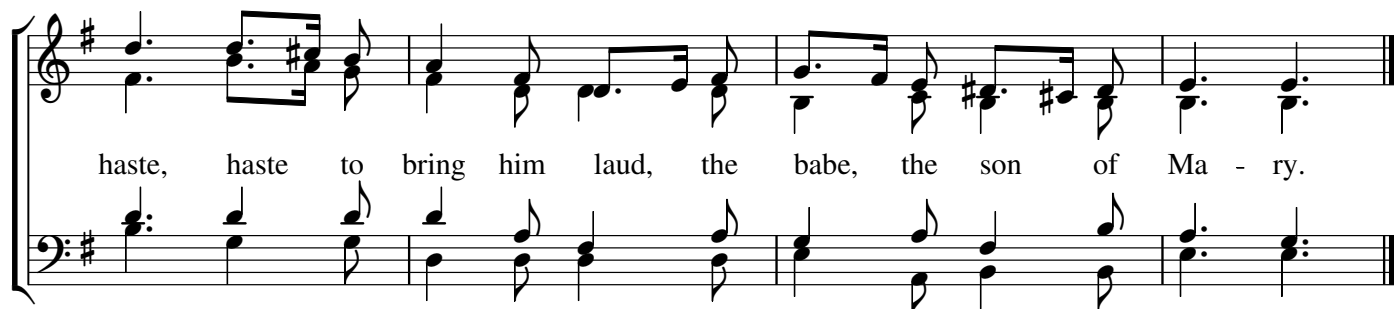
1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



*Refrain*  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

*As communion distribution comes to a close, the nave lights will be dimmed and liturgical ministers will bring candle light to the congregation.*

*When the time comes to light your candle, angle your unlit candle towards your neighbor's lit candle.  
Once your candle is burning, keep it as upright as possible at all times to avoid dripping wax.*

CAROL with CANDLE LIGHTING *Silent night, holy night*TUNE: *Stille Nacht*; descant Gerre Hancock

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
 glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, — sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! — Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, — Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

*All stand, as able.*

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*

*Presider* Eternal God, heavenly Father,

*All* you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**EPISCOPAL BLESSING**

*Bishop* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

*People* The maker of heaven and earth.

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

*People* From this time forth for ever more.

*Bishop* The blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

*All* Amen.



1. Hark! the her - ald - an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us se - cond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - ge - lic host pro - claim: Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

**DISMISSAL**    *The Deacon dismisses the Assembly. The Assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

**VOLUNTARY**    *Basse danse bergeret*

Tielman Susato (ca. 1515–1570)

*As you are leaving, please place your extinguished candles in the baskets at the back of the church.*

*Merry Christmas!*

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