



# Christmas Day 2023

## 7:45, 10 and 12 noon



### Gathering Song:

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the  
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er -  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



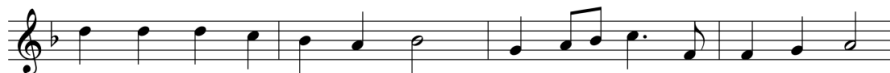
new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild  
 last - ing Lord: Late in time be - hold him come,  
 Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



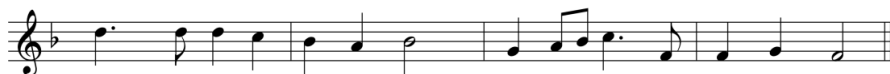
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you  
 Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
 Tune: MENDELSSOHN, 77 77 D with refrain; Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

## Introductory Rites

**Sign of the Cross**

**Greeting**

**Act of Penitence**

## Gloria

### Glory to God

#### Refrain



The musical notation for the Refrain is written on two staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will."

#### Verses

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

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## Opening Prayer

# Liturgy of the Word

Reading I 7:45 and 12 noon

Is 9:1-6

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.

**Reading I 10 am**

**Is 52:7-10**

**How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,  
announcing peace, bearing good news,  
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,  
“Your God is King!”**

**Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,  
together they shout for joy,  
for they see directly, before their eyes,  
the LORD restoring Zion.**

**Break out together in song,  
O ruins of Jerusalem!**

**For the LORD comforts his people,  
he redeems Jerusalem.**

**The LORD has bared his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations;  
all the ends of the earth will behold  
the salvation of our God.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm 7:45 and 12 noon**

**PSALM 96: TODAY OUR SAVIOR IS BORN**

Jaime Cortez



To-day our Sav-ior is born! To-day our Sav-ior is born!



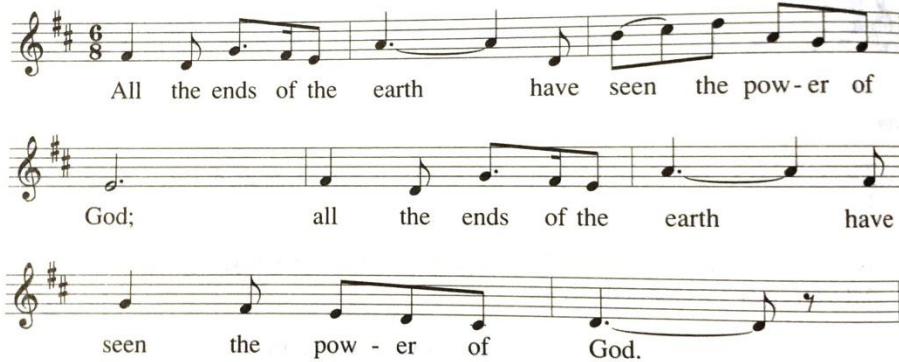
This is the day, this is the day, Christ, our Sav-ior is born!

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| 1. Sing to our God a joyful song!<br>Everyone bless God's name.<br>Tell of God's wondrous deeds;<br>sing to all the world. | Every forest, every tree<br>joins the song of joy!   |
| 2. Heaven be glad and earth rejoice,<br>let every ocean roar!  | 3. Cry out with joy for God has come,<br>come to rule the earth.<br>God will rule the world with love,<br>righteousness and truth. |

## Responsorial Psalm 10 am-

### 95 Psalm 98: All the Ends of the Earth

Refrain I



All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of  
God; all the ends of the earth have  
seen the pow-er of God.

1. Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wondrous deeds;
2. whose right hand as won victory for us, God's holy arm.
3. The Lord has made salvation known, and justice revealed to all, remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.
4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song, withn trumpet and with horn. Sing in your joy before the king, the king our Lord.

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## Reading II: 745 and 12 noon

### Ti 2:11-14

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

Reading II: 10 am

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways  
to our ancestors through the prophets;  
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son,  
whom he made heir of all things  
and through whom he created the universe,  
who is the refulgence of his glory,  
the very imprint of his being,  
and who sustains all things by his mighty word.  
When he had accomplished purification from sins,  
he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,  
as far superior to the 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; this day I have begotten you?*

Or again:

*I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?*

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says:

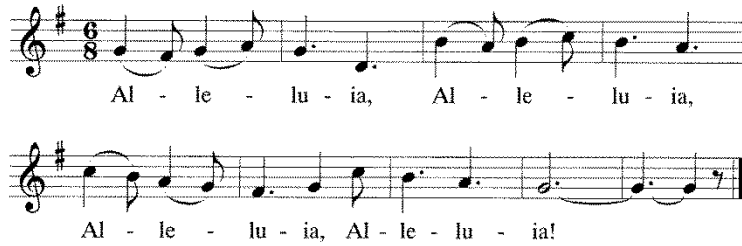
*Let all the angels of God worship him.*

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

### CHRISTMASTIME ALLELUIA

James J. Chepponis  
based on ADESTE FIDELES



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## Gospel

### 7:45 and 12 noon

Lk 2:1-14

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 Word of the Lord.

## Gospel – 10m am

### Jn 1:1-18

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 came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race;  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God.

He came for testimony, to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.



He was not the light,  
but came to testify to the light.  
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world,  
and the world came to be through him,  
but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,  
but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God,  
to those who believe in his name,  
who were born not by natural generation  
nor by human choice nor by a man's decision  
but of God.

And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, saying,  
"This was he of whom I said,  
'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me  
because he existed before me.'"

From his fullness we have all received,  
grace in place of grace,  
because while the law was given through Moses,  
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God.

The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side,  
has revealed him.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

## Homily

### Nicene Creed

#### **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 and by the (all kneel) 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 (Prayer of the Faithful)**

Please respond: Lord, Dwell with us.

## **Preparation Songs:** **7:45, 10 and 12**

### **O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv' n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav' n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

## **Invitation to Pray**

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.

## **Preface Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

## Eucharistic Acclamations

### Holy

#### "God Rest Thee Merry Gentlemen"

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly\_ Lord\_ God of hosts. Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly\_

Lord\_ God of hosts. Heav - en an earth are full\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na\_ in the high - est, high - est. Ho - san - na\_ in the high - est.

Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless'd is he who comes in the

name of the Lord Ho - san - na\_ in\_ the\_ high - est Ho - san - na\_

in the high - est, high - est. Ho - san - na\_ in the high - est.

### Memorial Acclamation

#### "Ode To Joy"

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your

Death O Lord, un - til you - come a - gain.

### Amen ("Joy To The World")

A - men, A-men, A-men. A - men, A-men, A-men!

# COMMUNION RITE

## The Lord's Prayer

### Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your Spirit

## Breaking of the Bread

### Lamb Of God ("It Came Upon A Midnight Clear")

Lamb Of God, \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way the sins \_\_\_\_\_

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of \_\_\_\_\_ the World, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ us. \_\_\_\_\_

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world, \_\_\_\_\_ grant us \_\_\_\_\_ peace. \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Songs:

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THE FIRST NOWELL

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw \_\_\_ a star
3. And by the light of that \_\_\_ same star
4. This star drew nigh to the \_\_\_ north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise \_\_\_ men three,
6. Then let us all with one \_\_\_ ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in \_\_\_ the east, \_\_\_ be - yond \_\_\_ them far;
3. Three \_\_\_ wise \_\_\_ men came \_\_\_ from coun - try far;
4. O'er \_\_\_ Beth - le - hem \_\_\_ it took \_\_\_ its rest,
5. Full \_\_\_ rev - 'rent - ly \_\_\_ up - on \_\_\_ the knee,
6. Sing \_\_\_ prais - es to \_\_\_ our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where \_ they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the \_\_\_ earth it gave \_\_\_ great light,
3. To seek for a king was their \_\_\_ in - tent,
4. And there it \_\_\_ did both stop \_\_\_ and stay,
5. And of - fered \_\_\_ there, in his \_\_\_ pres - ence,
6. Who with the \_\_\_ Fa - ther we \_\_\_ a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night \_\_\_ that was \_\_\_ so deep.
2. And \_\_\_ so it con - tin - ued both day \_\_\_ and night.
3. And to fol - low the star \_\_\_ wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right \_ o - ver the place \_\_\_ where Je - sus lay.
5. Their \_ gold \_\_\_ and myrrh \_\_\_ and frank - in - cense.
6. And \_\_\_ Spir - it blest \_\_\_ for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

# It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That  
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With  
 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife, The  
 4. For, lo, the days are has - tening on, By



glo - rious song of old, From an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; Be - neath the heav'n - ly  
 proph - ets seen of old, When with the ev - er -



near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace  
 mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A -  
 hymn have rolled Two thou - sand years of wrong; And  
 cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told, When



on the earth, good will to all From  
 bove its sad, and low - ly plains They  
 war - ring hu - man - kind hears not The  
 peace shall o - ver all the earth Its



heaven's all gra - cious King"; The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - 'ring wing, And ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, And all the world give



still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife And hear the an - gels sing.  
 back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

## Post Communion Prayer

# CONCLUDING RITES

## Announcements

## Final Blessing

## Dismissal

## Sending Song:

### 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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