



Christmas Eve
4 and 6:30 p.m.
Mass at Midnight
2023



Gathering Song:

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES

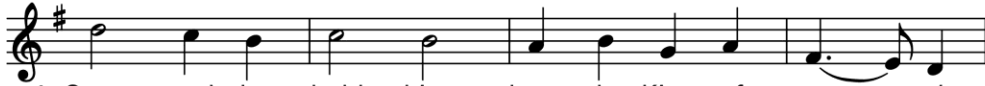


Verses

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 ví - 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.

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 is as follows: Staff 1: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). Staff 2: C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). 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 1: 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!

Psalm:

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

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Reading II

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

Gospel Acclamation

CHRISTMASTIME ALLELUIA

James J. Chepponis
based on ADESTE FIDELES

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel

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

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 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:

4:00

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:
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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!

6:30pm and Midnight

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Verses



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



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



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



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
2. God - head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
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2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
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Refrain



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Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

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 _____

55 1.2.

of _____ the World, _____ have mer - cy on _____ us. _____

61 3.

world, _____ grant us _____ peace. _____

Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion 4 pm

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA

Arranged by Dean Baskerville



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!



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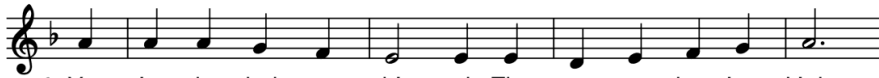
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Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

Communion: Midnight Mass: Christmas Lullaby – John Rutter

Choir

Communion Meditation 4 pm

Silent Night, Holy Night



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,



all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
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Tune: STILLE NACHT, 66 89 66; Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863

Communion 6:30 pm and Midnight Mass:

Christmas Lullaby

Silent Night/ Night of Silence

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Night of Silence



1. Cold are the peo - ple, win - ter of life, We
2. Voice in the dis - tance, call in the night, On
3. Spir - it a - mong us, shine like the star, Your



trem - ble in shad - ows this cold end - less night,
wind you en - fold us, you speak of the light,
light that guides shep - herds and kings from a - far,



Fro - zen in the snow lie ros - es sleep - ing,
Gen - tle on the ear you whis - per soft - ly,
Shim - mer in the sky so emp - ty, lone - ly,



Flow - ers that will ech - o the sun - rise,
Ru - mors of a dawn so em - brac - ing,
Ris - ing in the warmth of your Son's love,



Fire of hope is our on - ly warmth,
Breath - less love a - waits dark - ened souls,
Star un - know - ing of night and day,



Wea - ry, its flame will be dy - ing soon.
Soon will we know of the morn - ing.
Spir - it we wait for your lov - ing Son.

Text: Daniel Kantor, b.1960
Tune: Daniel Kantor, b.1960
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Post Communion Prayer

CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

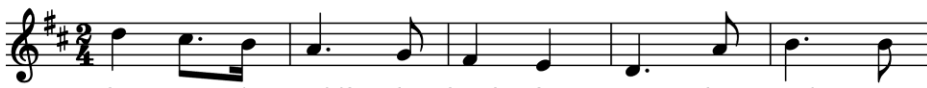
Final Blessing

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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