



*Feast of the Holy Family*  
*December 31, 2023*



Gathering Song:

**ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH/  
 ÁNGELES CANTANDO ESTÁN**

Verses



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

1. *Án - ge - les can - tan - do es - tán Tan dul - cí - si - ma*
2. *Los pas - to - res sin ce - sar Sus can - ta - res dan*
3. *Hoy a - nun - cian con fer - vor Que ha na - ci - do el Sal -*
4. *Oh, ve - nid pron - to a Be - lén Pa - ra con - tem - plar*



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

1. *Las mon - ta - ñas su e - co dan Co - mo fiel con - tes -*
2. *Cuán glo - rio - so es el can - tar De su me - lo - dio -*
3. *Los mor - ta - les go - za - rán Paz y bue - na vo -*
4. *A Je - sús, Au - tor del bien, Al re - cién na - ci -*

Refrain



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis  
 Glo - ri - a a Dios en el



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Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French Carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, L  
 English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882; Spanish tr., anon. Music: trad. French C

# Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Act of Penitence

Gloria

## Glory to God

Refrain

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.

## Opening Prayer

# Liturgy of the Word

Reading I    Reading I

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;  
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Whoever honors his father atones for sins,  
and preserves himself from them.

When he prays, he is heard;  
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.

Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,  
and, when he prays, is heard.

Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;  
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;  
grieve him not as long as he lives.

Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;  
revile him not all the days of his life;


kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
firmly planted against the debt of your sins  
—a house raised in justice to you.

**The Word of the Lord.**


# Responsorial Psalm

## Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain



Blest are those who love you, hap - py those who



fol - low you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

Verses

1. Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;  
you will find what you long for: the riches of our God.
2. Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,  
your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table.
3. May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,  
may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart.

Text: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 5; Marty Haugen  
Music: Marty Haugen  
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## Reading II

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,  
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,

if one has a grievance against another;

as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,

that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,

the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,  
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs  
with gratitude in your hearts to God.  
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him. **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!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The notes are simple, with some slurs and accents to guide the singer.

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## Gospel

### LK 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification  
according to the law of Moses,  
They took him up to Jerusalem  
to present him to the Lord,  
just as it is written in the law of the Lord,  
*Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,*  
and to offer the sacrifice of  
*a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,*  
in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.  
Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.  
This man was righteous and devout,

awaiting the consolation of Israel,  
and the Holy Spirit was upon him.  
It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit  
that he should not see death  
before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.  
He came in the Spirit into the temple;  
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus  
to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,  
He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:  
“Now, Master, you may let your servant go  
in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;  
and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,  
“Behold, this child is destined  
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,  
and to be a sign that will be contradicted  
—and you yourself a sword will pierce—  
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna,  
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.  
She was advanced in years,  
having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,  
and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.  
She never left the temple,  
but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.  
And coming forward at that very time,  
she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child  
to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions  
of the law of the Lord,  
they returned to Galilee,  
to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon 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:

#### 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, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841-1905.

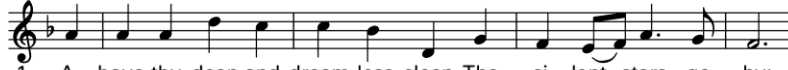


## O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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 \_\_\_\_\_

55 [1.2.]  
of \_\_\_\_\_ the World, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ us. \_\_\_\_\_

61 [3.]  
world, \_\_\_\_\_ grant us \_\_\_\_\_ peace. \_\_\_\_\_

## Communion Song:

### 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:

### 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,



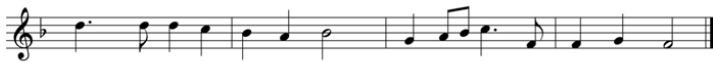
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you  
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



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

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