



Feast of the Holy Family

December 28-29, 2024



Gathering Song:

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!



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; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882, and others, alt.
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Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Act of Penitence

Gloria

Glory to God

Refrain



The musical notation is for a refrain in 6/8 time, key of D major. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, with lyrics 'Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,'. The second staff contains the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, with lyrics 'and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph **Lectionary: 17**

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.

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](#)

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 treble clef, key of D 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, and the lyrics are written below the notes.

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Gospel

[Lk 2:41-52](#)

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions,

and all who heard him were astounded
at his understanding and his answers.
When his parents saw him,
they were astonished,
and his mother said to him,
“Son, why have you done this to us?
Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.”
And he said to them,
“Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”
But they did not understand what he said to them.
He went down with them and came to Nazareth,
and was obedient to them;
and his mother kept all these things in her heart.
And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor
before God and man.

The Gospel 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:

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.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

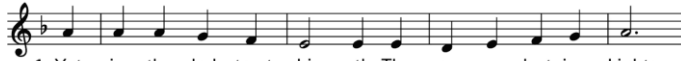
ST. LOUIS



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 – Mass of Christ the Savior

HOLY

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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Memorial Acclamation

SAVE US, SAVIOR

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

Save us, save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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AMEN

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

A - men. A - men. A - men.

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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

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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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 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

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
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



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

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

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