



Feast of the Holy Family

December 27-28 ,2025



Gathering Song:

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA

Arranged by Dean Baskerville

Verses

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, 3 3 2, 4

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.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

1, 3 2 2 to Verse 3

in ex - cel - sis De - o! De - o!

Final

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

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace, peace to
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord
God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Father. Lord Je - sus
Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have

mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men, a - men.

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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.

The Word of the Lord

Psalm:

PSALM 128: O BLESSED ARE THOSE

Paul Inwood



O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labor of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blest
all those who fear the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

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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



Gospel

[Mt 2:13-15, 19-23](#)

When the magi had departed, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,
“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you.
Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.”
Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night
and departed for Egypt.
He stayed there until the death of Herod,
that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled,
Out of Egypt I called my son.

When Herod had died, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream
to Joseph in Egypt and said,
“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,
for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”
He rose, took the child and his mother,
and went to the land of Israel.
But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea
in place of his father Herod,
he was afraid to go back there.
And because he had been warned in a dream,
he departed for the region of Galilee.
He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth,
so that what had been spoken through the prophets
might be fulfilled,
He shall be called a Nazorean.

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 Song:

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 for Our Lady

Holy



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

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Memorial Acclamation



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

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Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.
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

The musical score is written for three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature, marked 'Cantor'. It contains the lyrics 'A-gnus De - i,'. The second staff continues with 'Lamb of God,' and 'you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.' It features a key signature change to one flat and a time signature change to 4/4. The third staff, marked 'All', contains the lyrics 'A-gnus De - i,' and 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, O grant us peace.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

A-gnus De - i, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. A-gnus De - i, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, O 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:

AWAY IN A MANGER

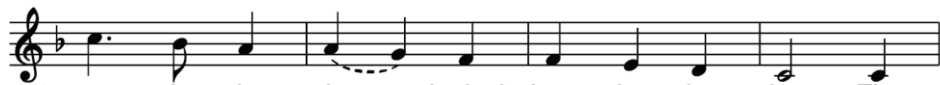
MUELLER



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.

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 seel! 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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