

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Catholic Parish

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## The Nativity of our Lord

24 December 2020

### Mass of the Presanctified with Carols, Hymns, and Sermon

#### The Carols

#### Hymn 43

#### Cradle Song

William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921



1. A - way in a — man-ger, no crib for his bed, The lit-tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But lit-tle Lord



Je-sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked  
Je-sus no cry - ing he makes. I love thee Lord Je - sus! Look



down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay. A - men.  
down from the sky, And stay by my side un-til morn-ing is night.

Traditional Carol

#### Hymn 13, 1<sup>st</sup> Tune

#### Winchester Old

Melody from T. Est's *Whole Book of Psalmes*, 1592



1. While shep - herds watch'd their flocks by night, All seat - ed on the ground,  
2. "Fear not," said he, for migh - ty dread Had seized their trou-bled mind;  
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day Is born of Da-vid's line  
4. "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find To hu - man view dis - played,  
5. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth - with Ap-peared a shin-ing throng  
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high And on the earth be peace;



The an - gel of the Lord came down, And glo - ry shone a - round.  
"Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.  
The Sa - viour, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be his sign:  
All mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, And in a man-ger laid."  
Of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus Ad-dressed their joy - ful song:  
Good will hence - forth from heav'n to men Be - gin and nev - er cease."

Nahum Tate, 1700

# Hymn 19, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tune

Carol

Richard Storrs Willis, 1850



1. It came up-on— the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,—  
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suf - fered long;



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
 And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats Oe'r all the wear - y world;  
 Be - neath the heav'n - ly strain have rolled Two thou - sand years of wrong;



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heav'n's all gra - cious King."  
 A - bove its sad— and low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 And man, at war— with man, hears not The ti - dings which they bring;



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.  
 And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel - sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the an - gels sing!

Edmund Sears, 1849

# Hymn 28

Regent Square

Henry Smart, 1867



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2. Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far:  
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in hope and fear,



Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with man is now re - sid - ing; Yon - der shines the in - fant light:  
 Seek the great De - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scen - ding, In his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

James Montgomery, 1816

# Hymn 27

Mendelssohn

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840



1. Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing — Glo - ry to the new-born King!  
 2. Christ, by high-est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — Born that man no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ner re - con - ciled!  
 Late in time be-hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them se - cond birth.



Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, — Join the tri - umph of the skies; —  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; — Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty, —  
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings, Light and life to all he brings,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 Hail, the Sun of Righteous - ness! Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



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

A - men.

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.



**Processional**  
Adeste Fideles

Hymn 12  
J.F.Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - umph - ant, O  
2. God of \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ Light \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Light, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, \_\_\_\_\_  
4. See how the shep - herds, Sum - moned to his cra - dle, \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Child, for us sin - ners Poor and in the man - ger, \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Yes, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing; \_\_\_\_\_



come ye, O come \_\_\_\_\_ ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Lo! he ab - hors \_\_\_\_\_ not the Vir - gin's womb:  
Sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n \_\_\_\_\_ a - bove;  
Leav - ing their flocks, \_\_\_\_\_ draw \_\_\_\_\_ nigh \_\_\_\_\_ to gaze;  
We would em - brace \_\_\_\_\_ thee, with love \_\_\_\_\_ and awe;  
Je - sus, to thee \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ glo - ry giv'n;



Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels;  
Ve - ry \_\_\_\_\_ God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
Glo - ry to God, \_\_\_\_\_ In \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ high - est;  
We too will thi - ther Bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
Who would not love thee, Lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come let us a - dore him, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. A - men.

Latin, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.; Tr. Frederick Oakeley and others

**Introit**  
**Collect for Purity**  
**Summary of the Law**

BCP 67  
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**Kyrie Eleison**

Hymn 702  
John Merbecke, 1549



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

**Collect for Christmastide**

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ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end.  
*Amen.*

## The Epistle

### Hebrews 1:1-12

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GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

## Gradual and Alleluia

### The Gospel

#### St. John 1:1-14

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will or man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one

substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

**Sermon Hymn**

In Dulci Jubilo

**Hymn 31**

14th century Melody harmonized by W.D., 1918



1. Good Chris-tian men, re-joyce, With heart, and soul, and voice; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re-joyce, With heart, and soul, and voice; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re-joyce, With heart, and soul, and voice; \_\_\_\_\_



Give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day;  
 Now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je-sus Christ was born for this!  
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be-fore him bow, And he is in the man-ger now.  
 He hath oped the heav'n-ly door, And man is bless-ed ev-er-more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain his ev-er-las-ting hall.



Christ is born to-day! \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is born to-day!  
 Christ was born for this! \_\_\_\_\_ Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! \_\_\_\_\_ Christ was born to save!

John Mason Neale, 1853

**Sermon**

*God's Gift to Us!*

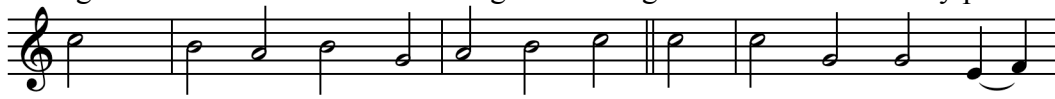
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**Offertory Verse and Sentences**

**Offertory Hymn**  
From Heaven High

The Angel's Message

Hymn 22 & 23  
Melody pub. Leipzig, 1539



1. "From hea - ven high I come to you, I bring you ti - dings
2. "For you a lit - tle child is born Of God's own cho - sen
3. "Lo, he is Christ, the Lord in - deed, Our God, to guide you
4. Now let us all right mer - ry be, And, with the shep - herds,
5. Mark well, my heart; look well, mine eyes; Who is it in the
6. Ah, dear - est Je - sus, be my guest: Soft be the bed where
7. Praise God a - bove on his high throne, Who giv - eth us his



good and new, Good ti - dings of great joy I bring:  
maid, this morn: A fair and ten - der ba - by bright,  
in your need: And he will be your Sa - viour, strong  
go to see God's own dear Son, with - in the stall;  
man - ger lies: What child is this, so young and fair?  
thou wilt rest, A lit - tle shrine with - in my heart,  
on - ly Son. The an - gel hosts re - jice in bliss



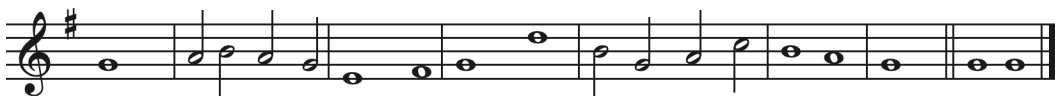
There - of will I both say and sing: A - men.  
To be your joy and your de - light.  
To cleanse you from all sin and wrong."  
His gift be - stowed up - on us all.  
It is my Je - sus li - eth there.  
That thou and I may nev - er part.  
To chant a glad New - Year like this.

Martin Luther, 1535; Tr. Winfred Douglas, 1939

**Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)**



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

**Bidding Prayers**

**Orate, Fratres**

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

**Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church**

## General Confession

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Absolution

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## The Comfortable Words

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## The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722

Traditional, very ancient



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.



Thy will be done, On earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.



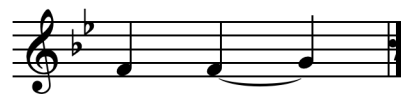
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.



And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.



A - men. —

## Communion Verse

### Communion of the Faithful

*For those attending in person: Please follow the guidance of the usher to line up in the center aisle. Use the tape guidelines to maintain appropriate distance. Approach the sanctuary standing (no kneeling). Please return to your seat via the side aisles.*

*For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.*



*In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.*

*Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.*

**Communion Hymn**

Hymn 33

Holy Night

Franz Gruber, 1818



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright  
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake at the sight,  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light



Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,  
 Glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;  
 Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. — A - men.  
 Christ, the Sa - viour, is born! Christ, the Sa - viour, is born! —  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. —

Joseph Mohr, 1818

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**Dismissal and Final Blessing**

## The Last Gospel

Celebrant: ✠The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

### St. Luke 2:1-14

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AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David :) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Retiring Processional:

Hymn 42

Gloria

French Carol Melody



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sing - ing sweet-ly through the night,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - gove;



And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad ti - dings did you hear?  
Come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o,



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

*Traditional French Carol, alt. by Earl Marlatt, 1937*

## Announcements

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Celebrant	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Sermon	The Rt. Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Acolyte and Epistoler	Robert Jones
Cantor	Ken Kubo
Organist	Patrick Dempsey
Music Typesetting	Kevin Kubo
Zoom Wrangler	Kira Kubo
Altar Guild	Gretchen Martin

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour with your hearts and voices! May you have a blessed, happy, and healthy Christmastide! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

Weather permitting, we are planning on celebrating a Mass of some species this Sunday, the First Sunday after Christmas Day and the Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, under the shade of the oaks again.