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The Nativity of Our Lord Commonly Called Christmas Day 25 December 2022

Choral Mass

Processional:
Antioch

Hymn 775

George Frederick Handel, 1685-1759



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re - ceive her
2. Joy to the world! the Sa - viour reigns: Let men their songs em -
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions



King; _____ Let ev - 'ry _____ heart _____ pre - pare Him room, And
poy, _____ While fields and _____ floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Re -
ground; _____ He comes to _____ make _____ His bless - ings flow _____ Far
prove _____ The glo - ries _____ of _____ His righ - teous - ness _____ And



heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
as the curse is _____ found, Far as the curse is _____ found, Far -
won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love, And



heav'n and heav'n _____ and na - ture sing.
peat, _____ re - peat _____ the sound - ing joy.
as, _____ Far as _____ the curse is found.
won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Isaac Watts, 1719

Introit
Collect for Purity
Summary of the Law

BCP 67
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Kyrie Eleison

Hymn 710
Healey Willan, 1928

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

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

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

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

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn 739
Old Scottish Chant

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee,

we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Al - migh - ty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - - - ther,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up-on us.

For thou on - ly art ho - ly; Thou on - ly art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa - ther.

A - men.

Collect for Christmas Day

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for the Departed

William Thomas Wilson

The Epistle

Titus 2:11-15

Dearly beloved: THE grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Gradual and Alleluia

The Gospel

St. Luke 2:1-14

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

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.



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
Rosa Mystica

Hymn 17
Traditional



1. I know a rose - tree spring - ing Forth from an an - cient root,
2. This rose - tree, blos - som - la - den, Where - of I - sa - iah spake,
3. O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the air,



As men of old were sing - ing. From Jes - se came the shoot
Is Ma - ry, spot - less mai - den, Who moth - ered, for our sake,
Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - ery - where.



That bore a blos - som bright A - mid the cold of
The lit - tle child, new - born By God's e - ter - nal
True man, yet ve - ry God, From sin and death now



win - ter, When half spent was the night.
coun - sel On that first Christ - mas morn.
save us And share our ev - ery load.

Speier Gebetbuch, 1599; Hymnal Version, 1939

Sermon

The Rt. Reverend Anthony F. Rasch

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn
Divinum Mysterium

Hymn 20
13th century Plainsong Mode V



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2. O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, When the Vir - gin, full of grace,
3. O ye heights of heav'n a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prai - sessing;
4. Thee let old men, thee let young men, Thee let boys in cho - rusing;
5. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,
By the Ho - ly Ghost con - cie - ving, Bare the Sa - viour of our race;
Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King;
Ma - trons, vir - gins, lit - tle mai - dens, With glad voi - ces an - swer - ing:
Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing And un - wea - ried prai - ses be:



Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, First re - vealed his sa - cred face,
Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,
Let their guile - less songs re - e - cho, And the heart its mu - sic bring.
Ho - nor, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

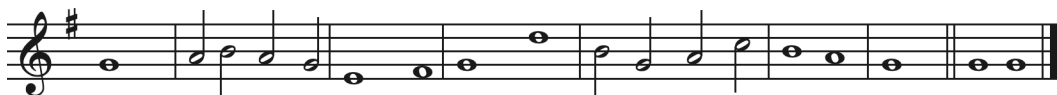


Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.
Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; Tr. J. M. Neale, 1854, Henry W. Baker, 1859

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 Fa - ther, 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

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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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Sursum Corda

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Priest The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up unto the Lord

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do

Preface for Christmas

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 797
Healey Willan, 1928

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of hosts,
heav-en and earth are full of thy glo-ry:
Glo-ry be to thee, oh Lord most High.

Bless - ed _____ is he that com - eth _____ in _____ the
name _____ of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the _____ high - est.

Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
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. _____

The Fracture

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

1. *Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue. Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
2. *Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
3. *You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

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 Grueber, 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

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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.*

Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Pontifical Blessing

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

People: From this time forth forever more.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the ✠Blessing of

God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:

Hymn 27

Mendelssohn

Adapted from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840



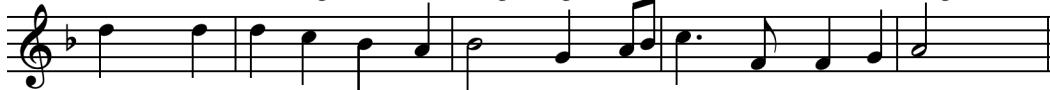
1. Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing — Glo - ry to the new-born King!
2. Christ, by high-est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — Born that man no more may die,



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!



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

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

Announcements

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Assisting	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Epistoler	Robert Jones
Acolyte	Tony Shehata
Acolyte in Training	Robert Yeager
Altar Guild	Gretchen Martin
Zoom Wrangler	Landon Melamed

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

A Blessed Christmas to All!

The Weekday Mass will be celebrated at 10 am on Wednesday (The Holy Innocents).

Happy Birthday!

Robert Jones (29 Dec)

Ken Kubo (29 Dec)

The new Rogers Organ was Dedicated at last night's Christmas Eve Mass. The instrument was given in Loving Memory of William Thomas Wilson, by the Wood and Wilson families. Our thanks to retired Organist Patrick Dempsey for playing the new organ at last night's service.

Thanks to last night's Choir (Patrick Dempsey, Rob Gressis, Robert Jones, Shannon Shehata, Kathryn Shehata, and Deacon John Yeager) who sang for the service!

Thanks to all those who helped decorate the Church for Christmas.

If your intention is to submit a Pledge Card for 2023, if you have not submitted it before Christmas Day, please return it by mail to the Church Treasurer. Thank you!

Gretchen Martin will host the Annual Christmas Parish Party at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 29th. Please sign up on the RSVP list no later than today (All reservations made must be firm!). Remember also to bring a wrapped Christmas gift you yourself would be pleased to receive.