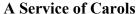
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The Nativity of Our Lord Commonly Called Christmas Day 24/25 December 2021

Dedication of the New Church Organ







Hymn **19, 2nd Tune** 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 Hamilton Sears, 1846, alt.

All Greensleeves

Hymn **36** English, before 1642



- 1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?

 2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are feed ing?
- 3. So bring him in cense, gold, and myrrh, Come, pea-sant, king, to own him,



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep - ing? Good Christ-ian, fear: for sin-ners here The si - lent Word is plead-ing. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en-thronehim.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son___ of Ma - ry.

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1865



Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine German Carol Melody, 14th cent.

Choir

Refrain O. ti dings of com fort and joy, com-fort and fort joy; 0_ ti dings of com and joy!

London Carol, 18th cent.

The First Nowell Traditional, pub. 1833



Old English Carol

Adapted from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

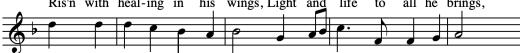


- 1. Hark! the her-ald an gels sing __ Glo ry to the new-born King!
- 2. Christ, by high-est heav'n a dored; Christ, the ev er last ing Lord; Born that man no more may die,
- 3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by,

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



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



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!

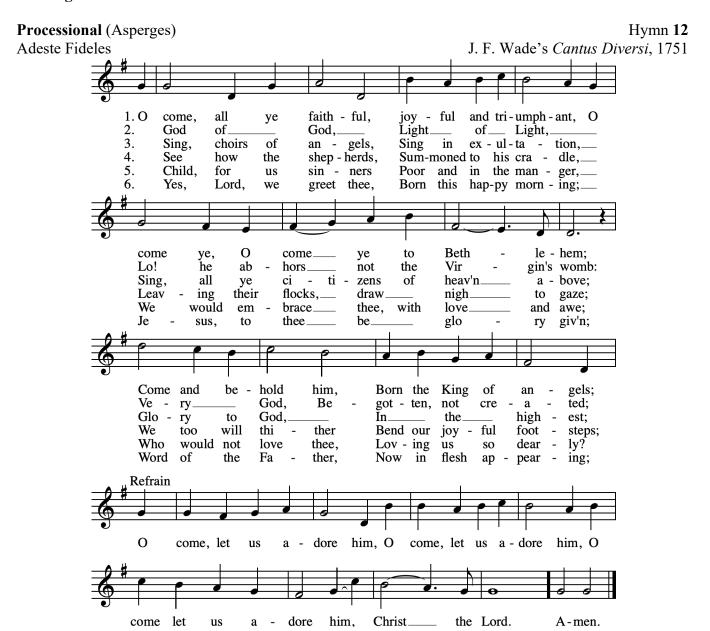


Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing Glo-ry to the new-born King!

A - men. Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

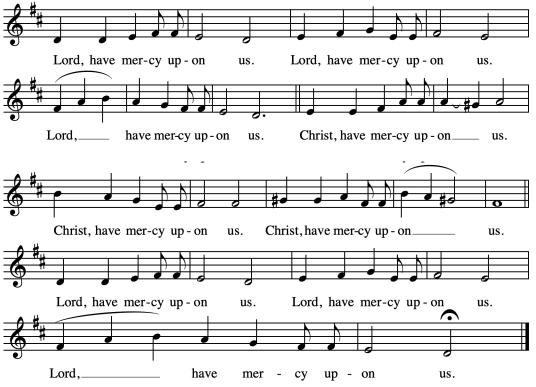
The Solemn High Mass of the Nativity

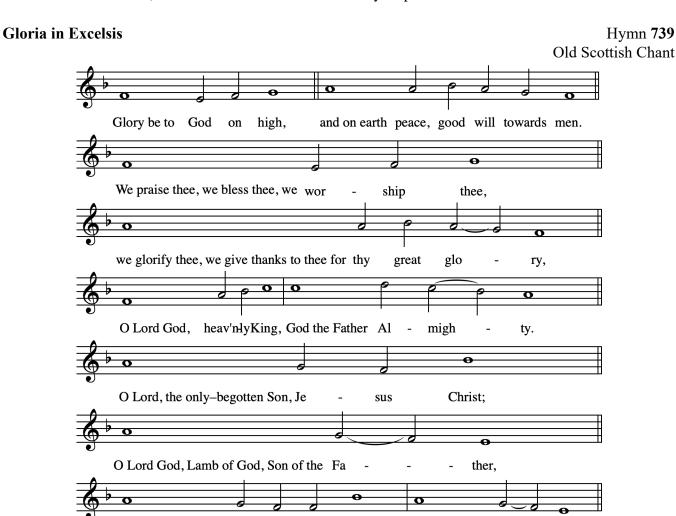
Blessing of the Christmas Creche



Introit Collect for Purity Summary of the Law

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that takest away the sins

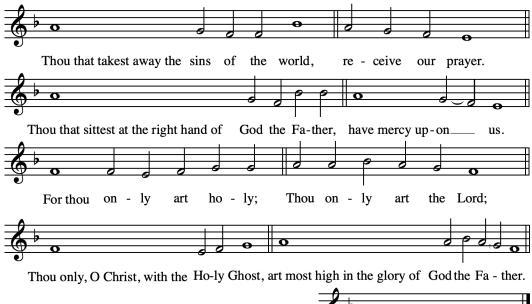
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Collect for Christmas Day

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

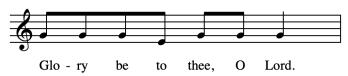
The Epistle *Hebrews* 1:1-12

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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 firstbegotten 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



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.

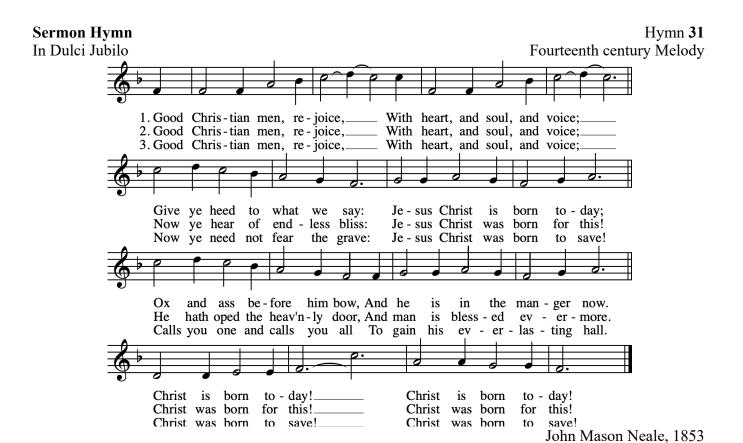


Nicene Creed 71

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

The Rt. Reverend Anthony F. Rasch

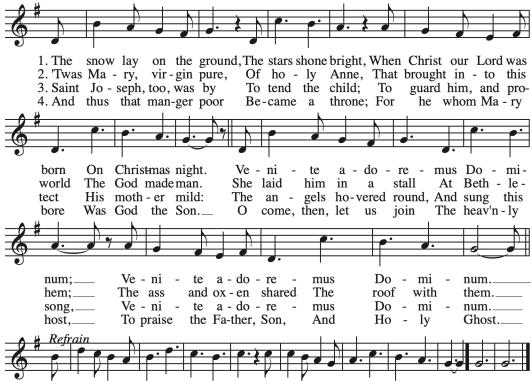
Offertory Anthem

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Offertory Verse and Sentences



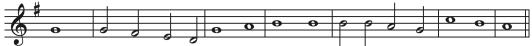


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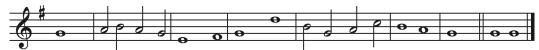
Traditional Carol

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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 75

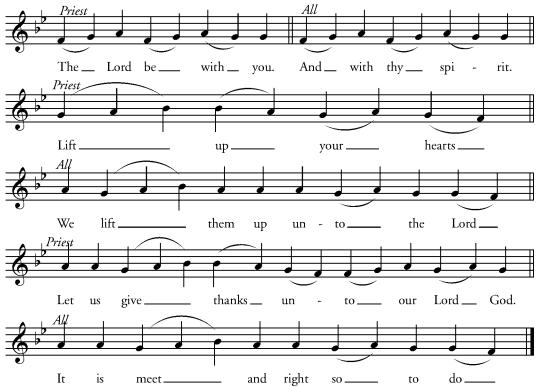
ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation 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 76

The Comfortable Words 76

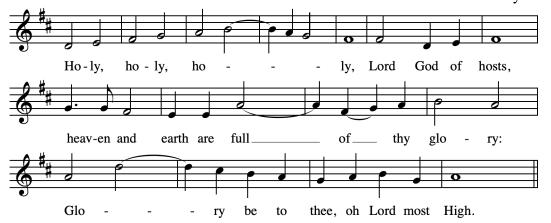
Sursum Corda 76

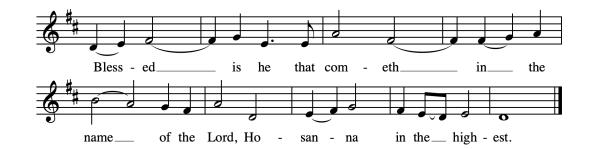


Preface for Christmas 77

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn **797** Healey Willan, 1928





Prayer of Consecration

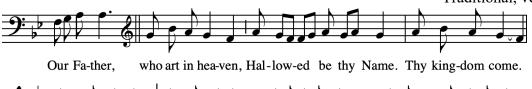
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Hymn **722**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional, very ancient





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.

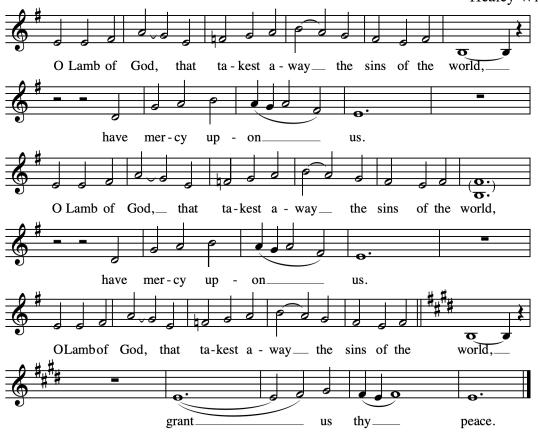


The Fracture

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit. Agnus Dei Hymn 712 Healey Willan, 1928



Prayer of Humble Access

Communion Verse

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 customer of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

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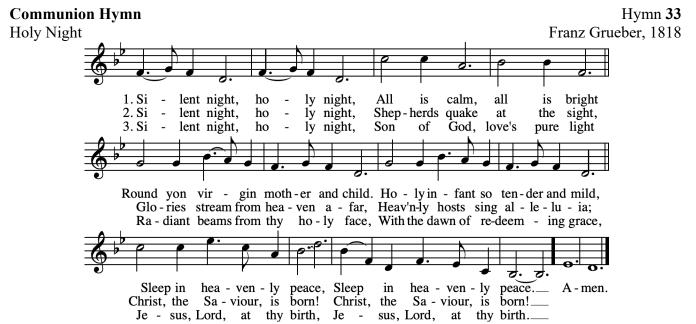
- 1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue. Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.
- 2. Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.
- 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.



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*.

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.

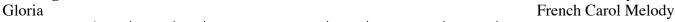
Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the

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.



Hymn **42**





- 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?
- 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 gover



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.



- ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o. Traditional French Carol, alt. by Earl Marlatt, 1937

Choir

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Johann Georg Ebeling

Landon Melamed

Paulus Gerhardt, Tr. Catherine Winkworth

Announcements

Celebrant The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch Assisting The Reverend Deacon John Yeager **Epistoler** Robert Jones, Subdeacon of the Mass **Organist and Cantor** Patrick Dempsey Acolyte Tony Shehata Robert Yeager Acolyte in Training Choir Robert Gressis, Bob Jones, Kathryn Shehata, Shannon Shehata, Deacon John Yeager Gretchen Martin Altar Guild

Altar Guild Zoom Wrangler

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!

NOTE: The Front Gate will not be unlocked for Exiting until after Mass ends.

The new Rogers Organ will be Dedicated at the onset of tonight's Christmas Celebration. 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 for this evening's Christmas Eve Mass.

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

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25th - 10:00am. - Choral Mass

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 Christmas Day (All reservations made must be firm!). Remember also to bring a wrapped Christmas gift you yourself would be pleased to receive.