

St. Mary the Virgin

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The Nativity of Our Lord

Commonly Called Christmas Day

25 December 2023

Choral Mass

Processional (Asperges)

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.

Introit

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

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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.*

The Epistle

Titus 2:11-15

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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

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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

Traditional Carol

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn

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-throne him.



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



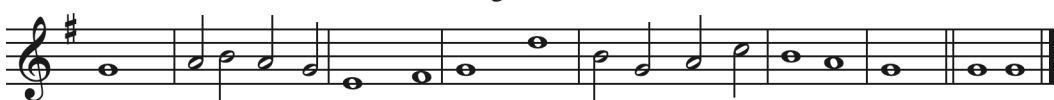
Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son— of Ma - ry.

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1865

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

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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

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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 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 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

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.*

Retiring Processional:

Regent Square

Hymn 28

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

Announcements

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Assisting	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Epistoler	Robert Jones, Subdeacon of the Mass
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 (St. John the Baptist).

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