

St. Mary the Virgin

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The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch, Rector
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The Nativity of Our Lord

Commonly Called Christmas Day

24 December 2023

A Service of Carols

All
St. Louis

Hymn 21, 2nd Tune
Lewis H. Redner, 1868



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And ga - thered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. Where chil - dren pure and hap - py Pray to the bless - ed Child,
5. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
Where mi - se - ry cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
Where cha - ri - ty stands watch - ing And faith holds wide the door,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prai - ses sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
The dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, And Christ - mas comes once more.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!



A - men.
Phillips Brooks, 1867

All
Carol

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
Cradle Song

Hymn 43
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



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.



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

The Solemn High Mass of the Nativity

Blessing of the Christmas Creche

Processional (Asperges)

Hymn 12

Adeste Fideles

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

Collect for Purity

Summary of the Law

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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 worship 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

Hebrews 1:1-12

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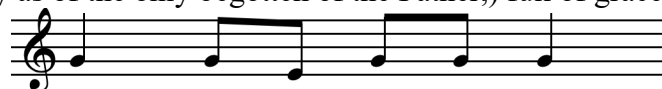
GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, 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



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.

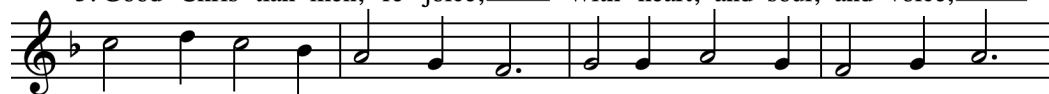
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: 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**
Fourteenth century Melody



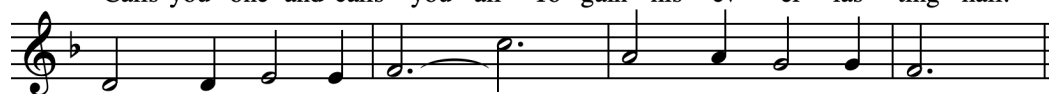
1. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, _____ With heart, and soul, and voice; _____
2. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, _____ With heart, and soul, and voice; _____
3. Good Chris-tian men, re-joice, _____ With heart, and soul, and voice; _____



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

The Rt. Reverend Anthony F. Rasch

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn From Heaven High

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 - joice in bliss



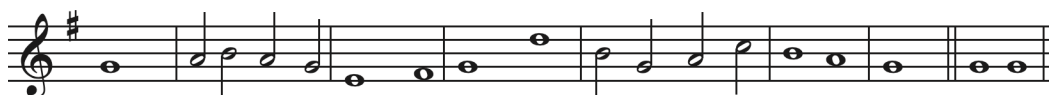
There - of will I both say and sing: A-men.
To be your joy and your de - light.
To cleanse you from all sin and wrong."
His gift be - stowed up - on us all.
It is my Je - sus li - eth there.
That thou and I may nev - er part.
To chant a glad New Year like this.

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

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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:

Gloria

Hymn 42

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

Choir

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Johann Georg Ebeling

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

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!

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

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

Christmas Day

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