

Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 25th 2020 at 9:30 AM



INTRODUCTORY RITES


ENTRANCE HYMN GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Refrain




Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry -
where; Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.

Verses



1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When high a - bove the earth
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,



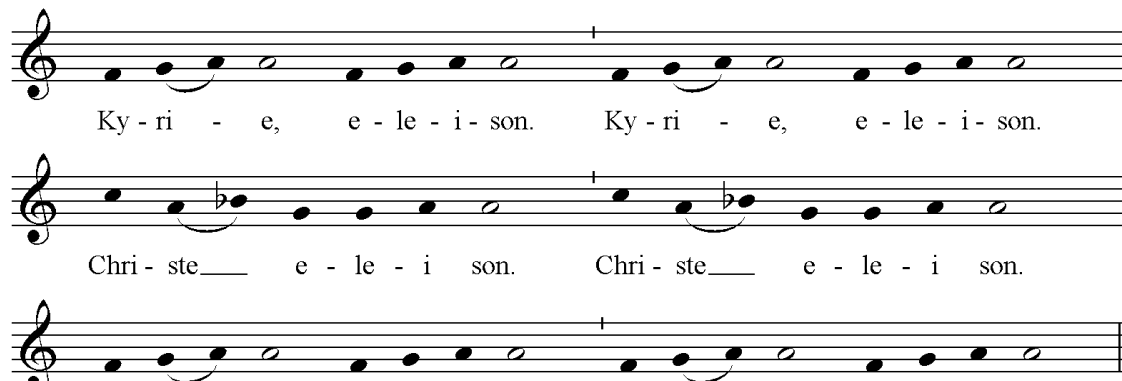
to Refrain

1. Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.
Music: Spiritual.

REETING AND WELCOMING

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Chri - ste e - le - i son. Chri - ste e - le - i son.
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

GLORIA

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good

7



will. 1. We praise you, we bless you, we a- dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for

13



your great glo- ry. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God al- might-y Fa-ther.

19

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. 2. Lord Je-sus Christ,

25



On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa- ther, you take a-way the

32



sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re- ceive our prayer;

38



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther. have mer - cy on us.

44

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high est, and on earth peace to peo ple of good will. 3. For you a-lone are the

50



Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

56

Final Refrain



Ho - ly Spi-rit in the glo-ry of God, the Fa-ther. Glo-ry to God in the high est, and on

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earth peace to peo - ple of good will. A - men, a - men, a - men.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

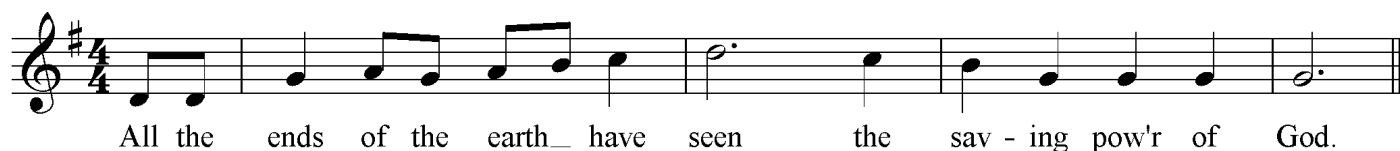
FIRST READING Is 52:7-10

Lector: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

Lector: The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.



1. Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm. **R.**

2. The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel. **R.**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise. **R.**

4. Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD. **R.**

SECOND READING HEB 1:1-6

Lector: A reading from the letter to St. Paul to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say:

You are my son; this day I have begotten you? Or again:

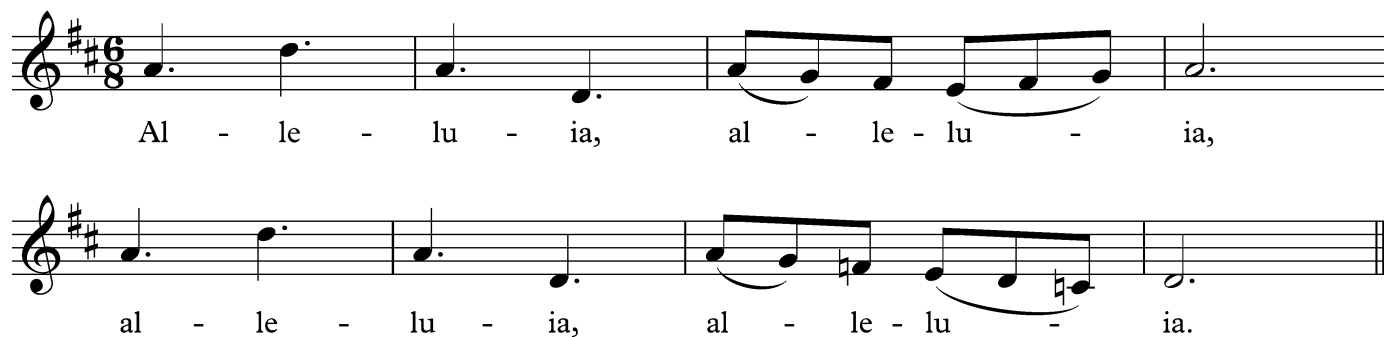
I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says:

Let all the angels of God worship him.

Lector: The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse: A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.

For today a great light has come upon the earth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL JN: 1-18

Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest/Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

Priest/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.** } Please, kneel

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY CRECHE

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

1. For the Church, as the Body of Christ in the world, may we always preach and witness to God's abundant love and mercy for all.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For the world, may all families find true peace and hope this Christmas season, and come to know Jesus as Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. For all who are alienated or disconnected from the Church, may the Holy Spirit touch their hearts this Christmas and restore us to unity in Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

4. For all families gathered today, may we seek to emulate the model of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

5. For all of us gathered here, may our hearts be filled with overwhelming gratitude as we contemplate the mystery of Jesus's birth.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

6. For all who have died, may they rest in peace in the kingdom of heaven.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

7. For the intentions of our parish prayer list, and at this Mass we pray:

[4:00 P.M.] for the intention of Courtney Reising.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

[6:30 P.M.] for the repose of the soul of Helen Haramé.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

[Midnight] for the repose of the souls of Dorothy and Chelsea Lawlis.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

[9:30 A.M.] for the intention of the Collins and Johnson Family.

Let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Right-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
2. God-head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



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

Invitation to Tithe

For those gathered in the Church today, you may drop your tithe in the basket as the ushers come by your pew. To give online, please make your donation at:

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PREFACE DIALOGUE

HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly___ Lord, God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho - san- na___ in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na___ in the high - est.

The musical score for 'Holy, Holy' is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line has a 6/8 time signature and a key signature of one sharp. The second line has a 3/8 time signature change. The third line has a 6/8 time signature change. The fourth line has a 6/8 time signature change. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly___ Lord, God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry Ho - san- na___ in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes_ in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na___ in the high - est.'

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro - claim your Death,___ O Lord,___ and pro - fess your Res - ur -
rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score for 'Memorial Acclamation' is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line has a 6/8 time signature and a key signature of one sharp. The second line has a 6/8 time signature change. The lyrics are: 'We pro - claim your Death,___ O Lord,___ and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion, un - til you come a - gain.'

GREAT AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men.

The musical score for 'Great Amen' is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line has a 6/8 time signature and a key signature of one sharp. The second line has a 6/8 time signature change. The lyrics are: 'A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men.'

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

For the Our Father, please do not hold hands with those outside of your household.

SIGN OF PEACE

For the Sign of Peace, please bow or nod your head and smile to those not of your household, and say “Peace be with you”.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace. grant us peace.

For those livestreaming from cars, please come to the front doors of the church on Capital Ave to receive Holy Communion and return to your car afterwards to finish the livestream of Mass.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

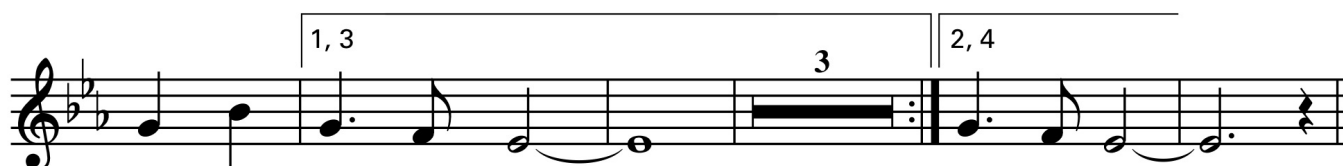
COMMUNION HYMN ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



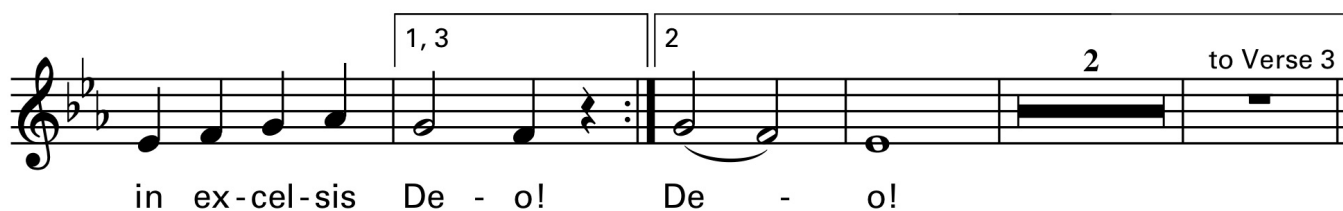
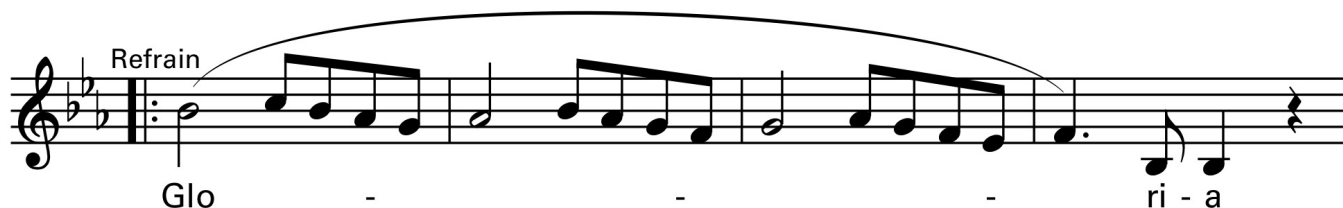
1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the an - gels



1. o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o
2. strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be Which in -
3. an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the
4. praise a - bove; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we



1. back their joy - ous strains.
2. spire your heav'n - ly song?
3. Lord, the new - born King.
4. raise our hearts in love.



in ex - cel - sis De - o! De - o!



De - o! In ex - cel - sis De - o!

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING

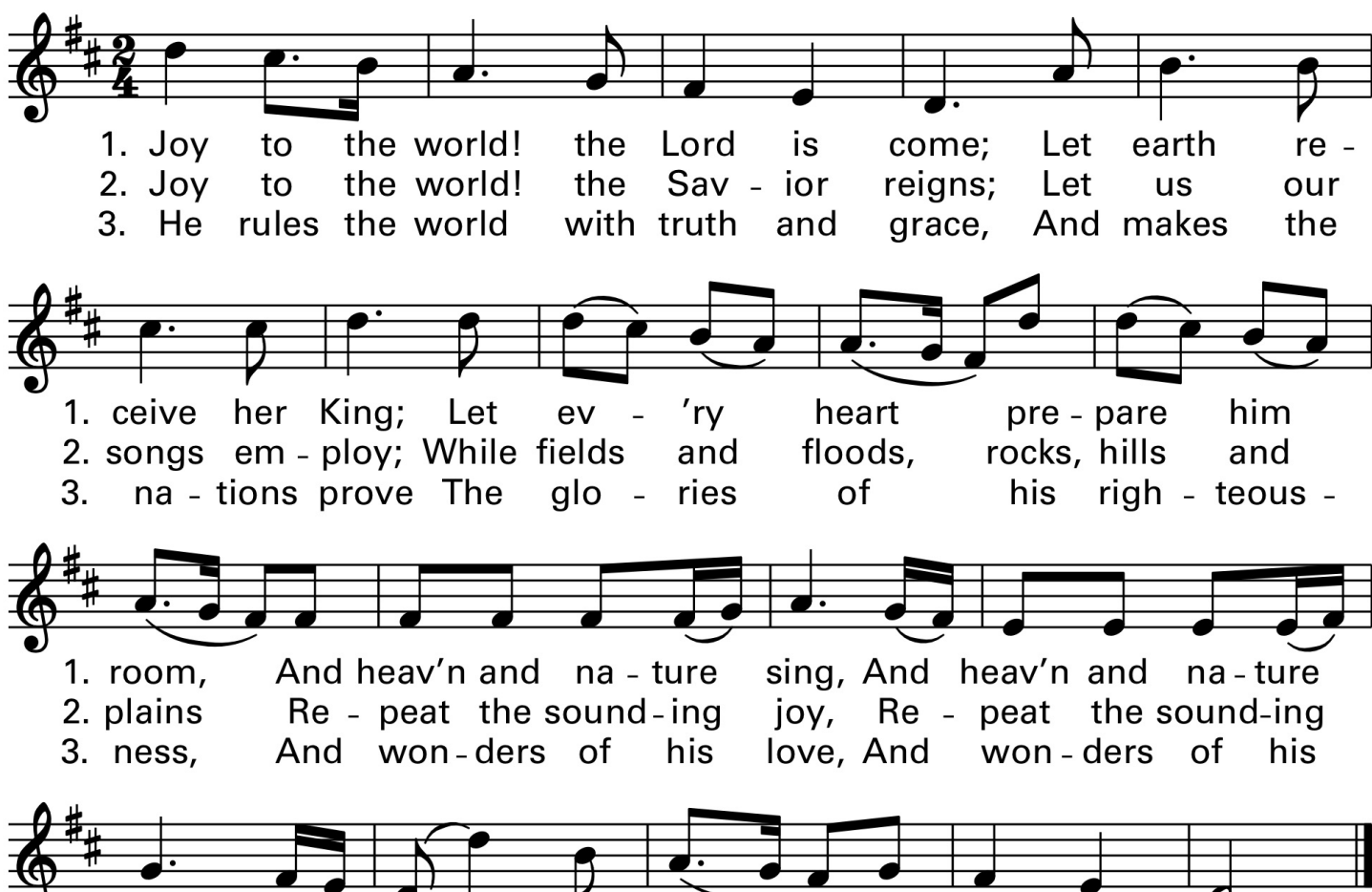
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Before you leave church today

Please, place this stick-it note on the pew where you sat so volunteers can clean there before the next Mass. Thank you!

RECESSIONAL HYMN JOY TO THE WORLD



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

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Parish Feast Day – Celebrate St. John & the Holy Family | Sunday, December 27

Join us on Sunday, December 27 to celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and also our parish patron, St. John the Evangelist whose feast day lands on December 27 each year. **St. John's Sunday Mass** times are: 8am, 10:30am and 7pm. All are welcome, please plan to join us!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

All are welcome to join us for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. **We will have a New Years Eve Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on December 31 and a New Years Day Mass at 9:30am on January 1.** Please join us as we

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-Dan Shea