

Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 24th 2020

4:00 PM and 6:30 PM



~ PRELUDE ~

THE FIRST NOWELL

1. The first “Nowell” the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refr: Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **Refr.**

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. **Refr.**

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest:
O’er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refr.**

5. Then did they know assuredly
Within that house the King did lie;
One entered in then for to see,
And found the Babe in poverty. **Refr.**

6. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev’rently upon their knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense. **Refr.**

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1. O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

2. For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to men on earth

3. How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN REJOICE

1. Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say
News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before Him bow
And He is in the manger now
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2. Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this
He hath ope'd the heav'nly door
And man is blessed evermore

Christ was born for this
Christ was born for this

3. Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall
Christ was born to save
Christ was born to save

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"


3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

Any children are welcome to gather at the rear of the church
to join in the Entrance Procession to the Crèche.
Small children must be accompanied by an adult.


ENTRANCE HYMN O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Traditional


VERSES



1. O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. ♯ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, ♯
 3. ♯ Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, ♯



1. come ye, O come__ ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n__ a - bove!
 3. Je - sus, to thee__ be all glo - ry giv'n;



1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

REFRAIN



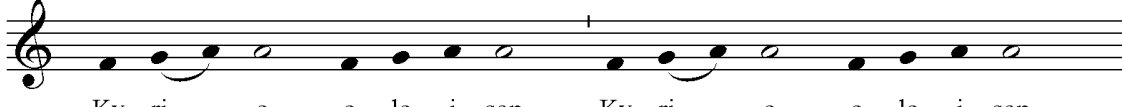
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O




come. let us a - dore him.__ Christ.__ the Lord!

GREETING 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

61



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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Is 62:1-5

Lector: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29



R/. For ev - er I will sing the good-ness of the Lord.

1. I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations. **R.**

2. Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted. **R.**

3. He shall say of me, "You are my father,
my God, the rock, my savior."
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm. **R.**

SECOND READING ACTS 13:16-17, 22-25

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, “Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.’ From this man’s descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.’”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Verse: Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
the Savior of the world will reign over us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL MT 1:18-25

Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

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.**

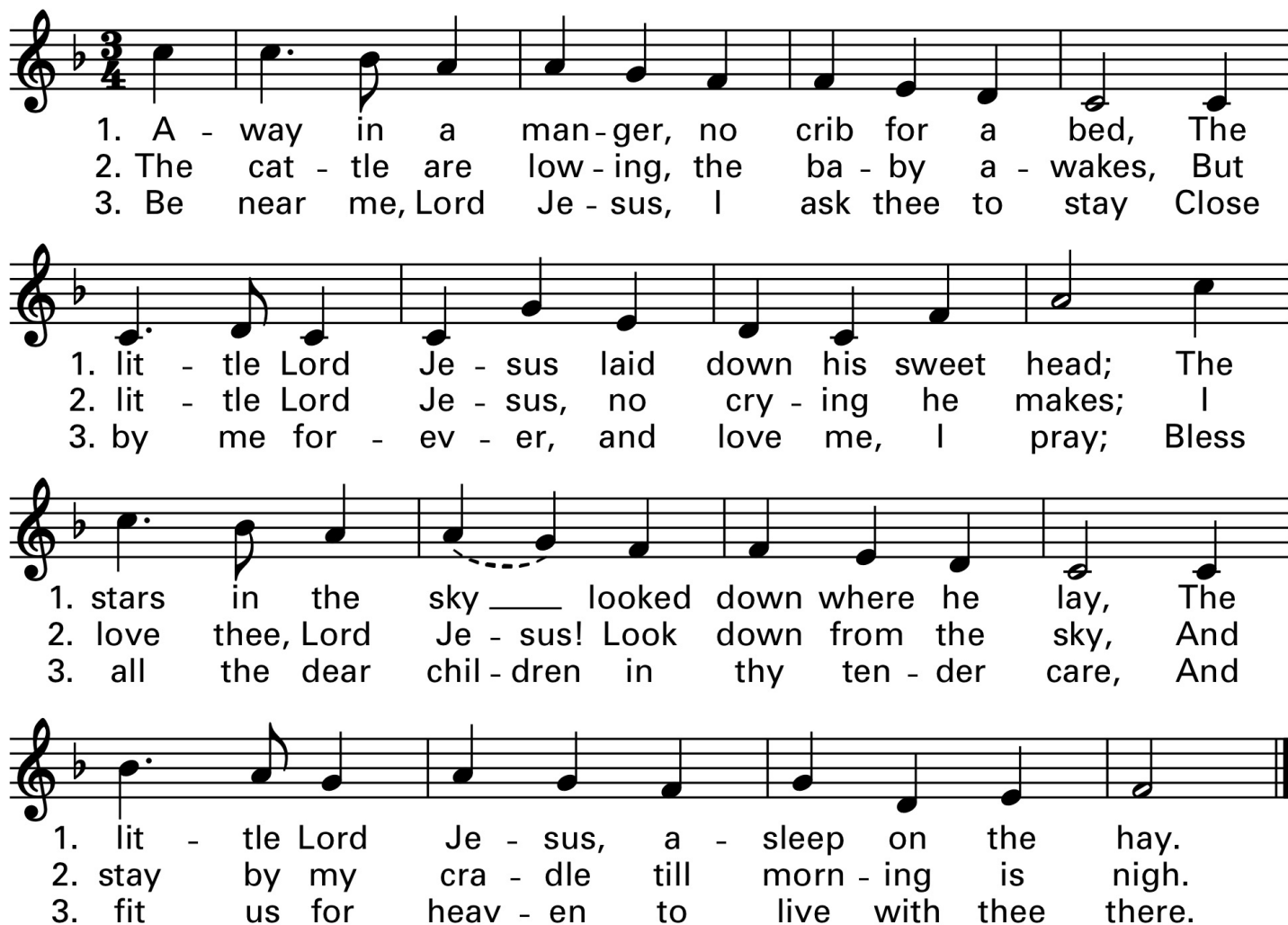
[9:30 A.M.] for the intention of the Collins and Johnson Family.

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN AWAY IN A MANGER

MUELLER



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky _____ looked down where he lay, The
2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885;
verse 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.

Invitation to Tithe

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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 the 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 the 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 IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are
4. For, lo, the days are has - tening on, By proph - et



1. song of old, From an - gels bend - ing near the
2. wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic
3. bend - ing low, Who toil a - long the climb - ing
4. bards fore - told, When with the ev - er - cir - cling



1. earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good
2. floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A - bove its sad and
3. way With pain - ful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and
4. years Comes 'round the age of gold; When peace shall o - ver



1. will to all From heav'n's all gra - cious King;" The
2. low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing, And
3. gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing: O
4. all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling, And



1. world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
2. ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
3. rest be - side the wea - ry road And hear the an - gels sing.
4. all the world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Text: CMD; Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876, alt. Music: Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900, alt.

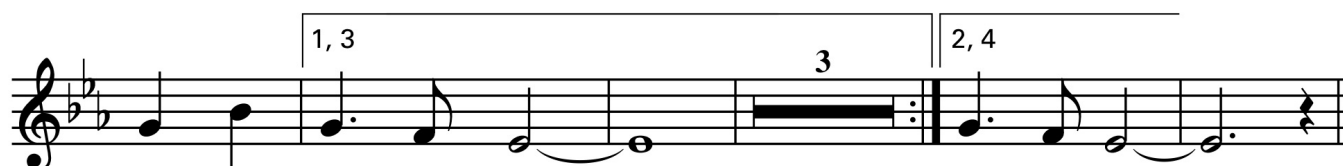
COMMUNION HYMN ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



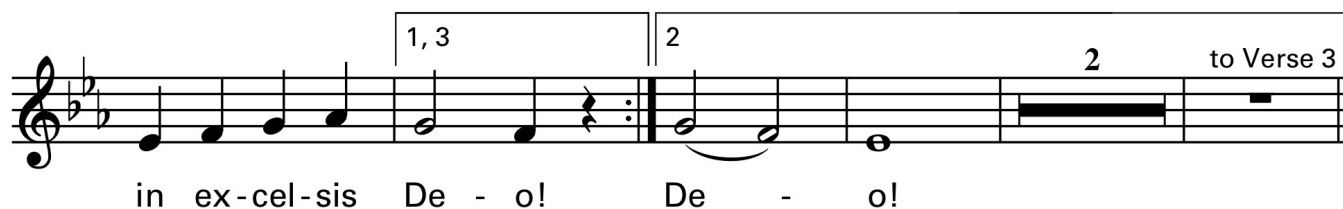
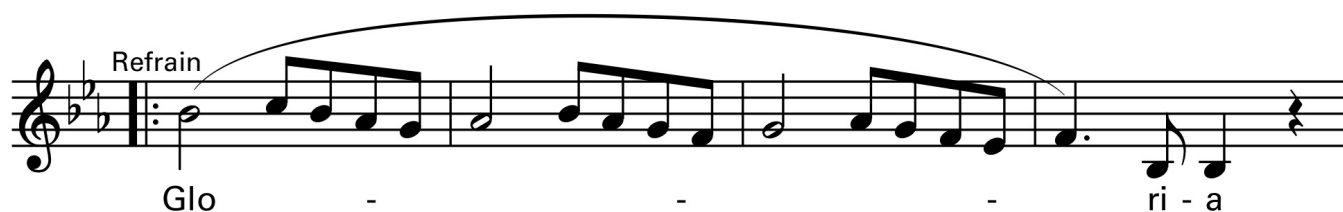
1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
 4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the an - gels



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.



Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.;
 tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt.
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POST-COMMUNION HYMN SILENT NIGHT

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht*; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
Tune: STILLE NACHT, 66 89 66; Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING

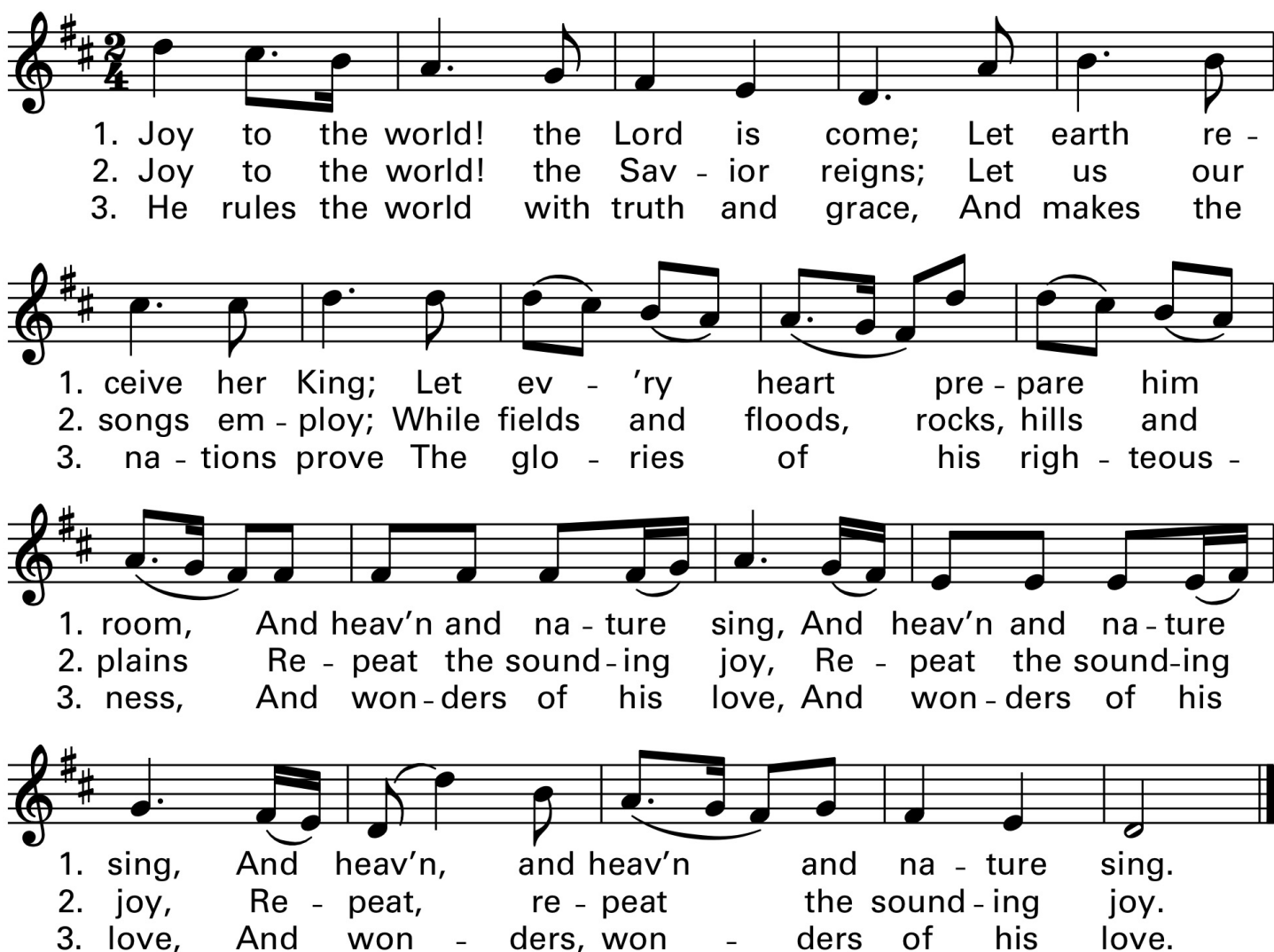
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

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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Upcoming Opportunities at St. John's

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 honor our Blessed Mother Mary!

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