

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

December 24th, 2020, 3:00 p.m.



The Word of God

Prelude: Pastorale (Christmas Night)

Arcangelo Corelli

The Processional Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymn #83, vv 1, 2, 3, 6

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest. *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain.*

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only begotten Son of the Father. *Refrain*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please join in singing the carols at home.

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Our Pageant readers are:

Lloyd Mistele, Dylan Masso, Gracie Fiege, George Masso, Jack Fiege and Henry Masso
(grandchildren of Elaine and Lloyd Mistele)



Reader (Gracie): The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Gospel of Luke

Reader (Lloyd): In those days, a decree was sent out from the Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. Everyone had to travel to the town where they were born. So, Mary and Joseph had to travel from Nazareth where they were living and go all the way to Bethlehem, the city of David, where Joseph was born. They set out on the long journey with Joseph leading Mary riding on a donkey; it was very close to the time for Jesus to be born.

Reader (Dylan): They arrived in Bethlehem in the evening

Reader (Henry): and they were very tired

Hymn #79, vs 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.**



Reader (George and Jack): But there was no place for them to stay.

Reader (Gracie): The Innkeeper said they could sleep in the stable with the animals because there was no room for them in the inn.

Reader (Jack): That night Jesus was born.

Reader (Gracie): Mary wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger that Joseph had filled with straw.

Hymn #101, vs 1

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

Reader (Dylan): There were some shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. They were looking at the stars when suddenly the Angel of the Lord stood before them and said,

Reader (Dylan/George): "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all people.

Reader (Gracie): Unto you is born a Savior.

Reader (Jack): You will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Reader (Henry and Jack): Suddenly the sky filled with angels, singing

Hymn #96, vs 1

**Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!



Narrator: (*Dylan*): The shepherds said let us go now to Bethlehem and see what the Angel of the Lord has told us.

Reader (*George*): They found the stable and tip-toed in quietly to see the baby Jesus, and they were filled with love, and told Mary what the Angel had said.

Reader (*Gracie*): Mary pondered this in her heart.

Hymn #109, v 1

**The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain:

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

Narrator: (*Dylan*): From the Gospel of Matthew.

Three wisemen from the East came to Jerusalem asking where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? They were following a star from the east, and it stopped over the stable in Bethlehem.

Reader (*Gracie*): When the three wise men entered the stable, they saw the child with Mary, his mother,

Reader (*Jack*): and they knelt down and honored him with gifts, filled with the love of the Christ child.

Hymn #115, vv 1 & 3

**What child is this, who laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?**

Refrain:

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him**

Narrator: (*Lloyd*): Now it is our turn to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Throughout the ages and all over the world, people have joined together to tell the story and sing the hymns that remind us of the arrival of the Prince of Peace, the Son of God, the Savior of the world. God sends his Son into our world as a baby, to live as we do, loving us and teaching us the way of love. In that stable, over two thousand years ago, the night was quiet,

All Grandchildren: and we share in that tonight....

The Peace

Celebrant May the Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn #87 v 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 the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'**

*Hark, the herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born King.*

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. May the knowledge of you dawn on them, may the love of you grow in them this Christmas, and may the grace of your Spirit draw them to you.

People Blessed be God forever.

A Children's Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the God of all Creation.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

O God, you made all things, and you blessed them. You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts, the water for us to drink. You blessed all those who came before us, and you bless us, also. When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about having a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of the world. And so we praise you with all the angels as we say:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues. The People read the words in **Bold**.*

Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem. He was surrounded by those who loved him, and those who believed that God would send a Savior.

When he grew up he gathered others around him and told them stories, healed those who were sick, and brought all kinds of people the Good News that God loves them.

On the night before he died, Jesus sat at a table with his friends and shared a meal. Christ took bread and said, "This is my body, **eat it in my remembrance.**" And he took a cup of wine and said, "This is my blood, **drink it in my remembrance.**"

As we do this, we remember Jesus who lives among us even now. This is what Christ has done for us.

All Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

The Celebrant continues

We offer you these gifts, because we are thankful, O God. Bless them by your Holy Spirit that they may be the body and blood of Christ for us.

Bless us also that we might always be your people doing your work in the world.

Remember all those we love — our families, our neighbors, and our friends; give them peace and love this day.

Remember all those who are sick or hungry or far away from those they love. Comfort them, Lord.

Remember all those who were near to us, but who have died, and keep them safely with you.

Remember all of us here, that we might see Christ in each other and honor you in all we do.

And so we offer all of this and ourselves to you, through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ.

All AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God our Father, tonight you have made known to us again the blessing and power of the coming of Christ; may this Holy Communion confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and he is born again and forever in our hearts. To him be all glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn—Silent Night, Holy Night

Franz Gruber

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| <p>1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.</p> | <p>2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!</p> |
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3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Christmas Blessings

Celebrant Gift-giving God of angels and stars, shepherds and magi, promise and hope;
God, who calls and sends, blesses and guides:
God of ancient love that is always new;
God of Christmas, bless us now and always, in the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrow grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make
his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world
with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of
his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in Christmas joy and peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Glorious Joy!

Vivaldi/Handel

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