

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JANUARY 2, 2022 - 11:00 AM | CHRISTMAS 2

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PRELUDE

*Echo Noël* - Louis Claude Daquin Arr. Virgil Fox


THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*

God's glory has shone to the ends of the earth.




## HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, 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 o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing 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!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

## OPENING COLLECT

O God of love, you are the true sun of the world, evermore risen and never going down:  
We pray you to shine in our hearts and drive away the darkness of sin and the mist of error.  
We pray that we may this day and all our lives long, walk without stumbling in the way you have  
prepared for us, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

# SONG OF PRAISE

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.

Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the darkness that covers the earth and signals the dawn of peace and justice. Make radiant the lives of your people with that same brightness, and beckon all the nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE LESSON

*seated*

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, \*

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; \*

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Anglican chant C.H.H. Parry

## THE EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

# THE GOSPEL HYMN

*standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*  
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

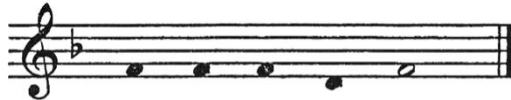
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glo - ry to you O Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you O Christ.

THE SERMON

*seated*

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, She\* is worshipped and glorified. She has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,  
and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, who by the glorious birth of your Son enlightened the darkness of the world: Grant us such love and wonder that, with the wise ones, and with pilgrims unknown, we may come and adore the holy Child, the heavenly King, and with our gifts worship and serve.

Holy God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, strengthen us in this time of conflict, uncertainty and fear to be people of peace. Grant relief and protection to all who suffer persecution and fear of terror, and give us your grace that we, by acts of kindness and words of goodwill, may spread the spirit of Christ our Savior.

Holy God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of all people, bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve you in them, and love another as you love us. We give thanks for all who have blessed our life. *(Please offer your own thanksgivings at this time, silently or aloud.)*

Holy God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of healing, give your grace to those who are sick, unemployed or in any special need, and give us strength to come to their aid and comfort. *(Please name those who are on your heart and mind.)*

Holy God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, we remember those who rejoice with us but upon another shore and in a greater light. Comfort those who mourn and send your peace to their souls. *(Please name those who have died.)*

Holy God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant prays*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your Incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Giving to St. Paul's**

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## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *seated, sung by Bel Ben Amount*

Here we bring new water from the well so clear  
For to worship God with, this happy New Year

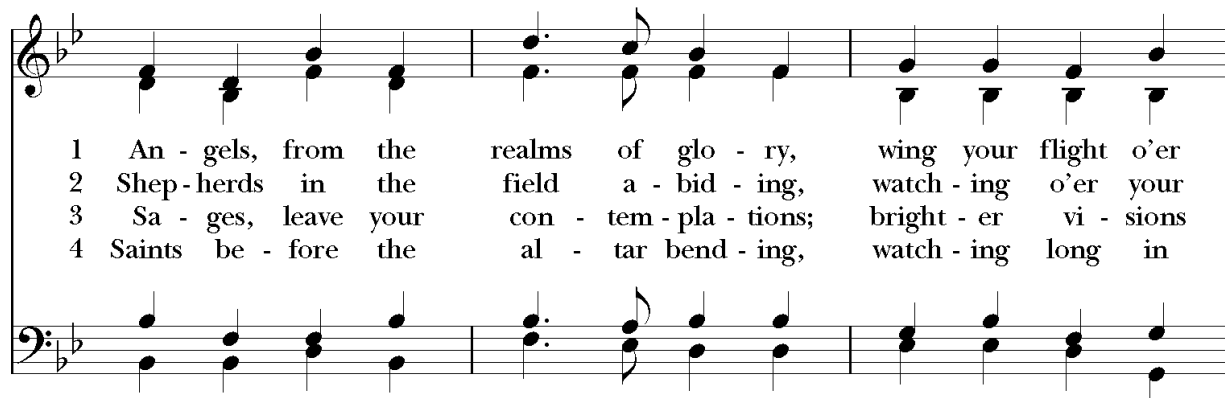
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,  
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.  
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, etc.


Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,  
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.  
Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, etc.

Music: Benjamin Britten  
Text: Welsh Traditional Carol

## HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

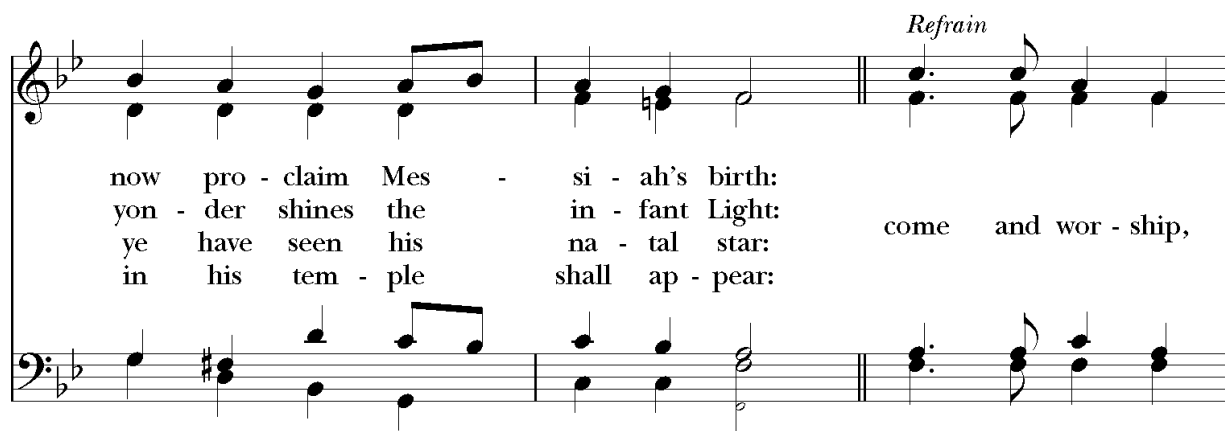
*standing; the gifts of bread, wine, and the offering are brought forward*


1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

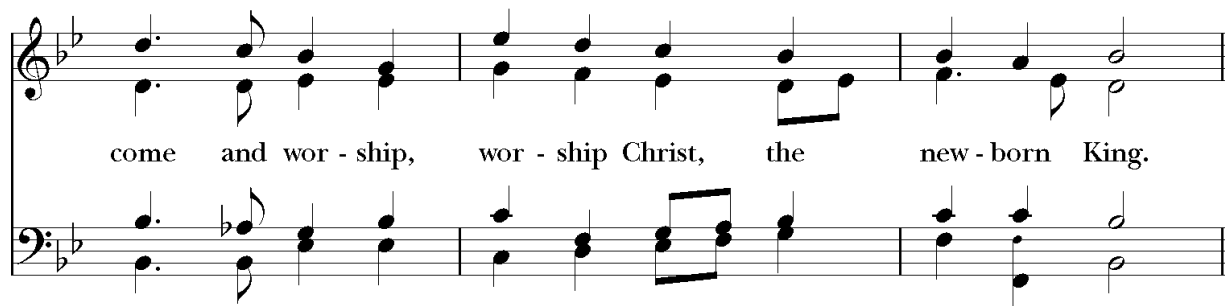


all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
 ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

O Eternal Wisdom, we praise you and give you thanks, because you emptied yourself of power and became foolishness for our sake; for you were delivered as one of us, a baby needy and naked, born into poverty and exile, to proclaim the good news to the poor, and to let the broken victims go free. Therefore, we sing with the stars of heaven, with the angels and archangels, and with all those who have loved you throughout the ages, and we praise your name, evermore singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,  
 10 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav-en and earth are  
 19 full, full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high -  
 28 est. Ho - san - na in the high - est Bless-ed is he who comes  
 37 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 43 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues:*

Blessed is our brother Jesus, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; who, on the night when he was delivered over to death, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: "This is my body, which is for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, for the remembrance of me." Come now, Holy Spirit, embrace us with your comforting power. Brood over these bodily things, and make us one body in Christ. As Mary's "Yes" brought forth your Son, may Christ be ever born in us for the life of the world. All this we pray in the risen life of the one who unites heaven and earth, your son, Jesus Christ, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all power and glory are yours, now and for ever,



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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther in hea-ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,

The first system of musical notation for 'The Lord's Prayer'. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The treble staff contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with similar rhythmic values. The lyrics are written below the staves.

your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staves.

And for-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The fourth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

For the king-dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The fifth and final system of musical notation. It concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staves.

## THE COMMUNION

*The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying*

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.*

*All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.*

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us, Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have

7 mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the

12 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Words and Music: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)  
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ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION      *seated; sung by Bel Ben Amount.*

Une jeune pucelle de noble cœur,  
Priant en sa chambrette son Créateur.  
L'ange du Ciel descendant sur la terre  
Lui conta le mystère de notre Salvateur.  
La pucelle esbahie de ceste voix,  
Elle se peint à dire pour ceste fois:  
Comment pourra s'accomplir telle affaire?  
Car jamais n'eus affaire à nul homme qui soyt.  
Ne te soucie, Marie, aucunement,  
Celui qui Seignerie au firmament,  
Son Saint-Esprit te fera apparaître,  
Dont tu ne pourras connaître tost cet enfantement.  
Sans douleur et sans peine, et sans tourment,  
Neuf moys seras enceinte de cet enfant;  
Quand ce viendra à le poser sur terre,  
Jésus faut qu'on l'appelle, le Roy sur tout triomphant.  
Lors fut tant consolée de ces beaux dits,  
Qu'elle pensait quasi être en Paradis.  
Se soubmettant du tout à lui complaire,  
disant voicy l'ancelle du Sauveur Jésus-Christ.  
Mon âme magnifie, Dieu mon sauveur,  
Mon esprit glorifie son Créateur,  
Car il a eu egard à son ancelle;  
Que terre universelle lui soit gloire et honneur.

*A young maid with a noble heart,  
praying to her Creator in her chamber.  
The angel, descending from heaven to earth,  
told her the mystery of our Saviour.  
The maid, astonished at this voice,  
was moved to say at this point:  
'How can such a thing be accomplished?  
For never did I have converse with any man at all.'  
'Fear not, Mary, at all:  
he who is Lord of the firmament will send you his Holy Spirit,  
from whom you will soon learn of the Child to be born.  
Without sorrow, without pain, without torment,  
you will carry this Child for nine months;  
when the time comes to give him birth,  
you must call him Jesus,  
the King triumphing over all things.'  
Then she was so consoled by these fine words,  
that she felt as though she were in Paradise.  
She submitted entirely to comply with all he said,  
saying 'Here is the handmaid of the Saviour Jesus Christ.  
My soul glorifies God my Saviour,*



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*standing*

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the light of heaven lead us to know Christ eternally born among us;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you now, and remain with you always. Amen.

# HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far - as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

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Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go and tell the world that we have seen the glory of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Festive Toccata on In Dulci Jubilo*  
Mark D. Himmelman

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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