

## CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | DECEMBER 25, 2022 - 11:00AM

# PRELUDE

*Scherzo from Symphony no. 2* – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*



# INTROIT

*sung by the Cantor*

*Hodie Christus natus est.  
Hodie Salvator apparuit, Alleluia.  
Hodie in terra canunt angeli,  
laetantur archangeli.  
Hodie exultant iusti, dicentes:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Alleluia.*

Today Christ is born.  
Today the Savior has appeared, Alleluia.  
Today the angels sing,  
the archangels rejoice.  
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:  
Glory be to God in the highest.  
Alleluia.

# HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.

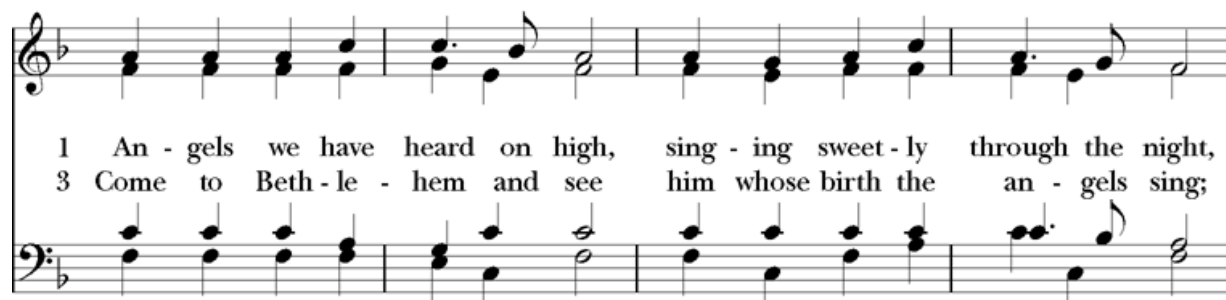
Words: Sts. 1-2, 4-6, Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)  
 Music: Irby, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

This day is born the Salvation of the world.

O come, let us a-dore.

# 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.

We praise you, gracious God, for the glad tidings of peace, the good news of salvation: your Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory. Let the radiance of that glory enlighten the lives of those who celebrate his birth. Reveal to all the world the light no darkness can extinguish, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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*

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sing a new song to God, \*  
who has done marvelous things.

With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, \* you have won for yourself the  
victory.

You have made known your victory; \*  
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.

You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends  
of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to God, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to God with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, \*  
shout with joy before our God who reigns in majesty.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before God, who will come to judge the earth;

God shall judge the world in righteousness \*  
and the peoples with equity.

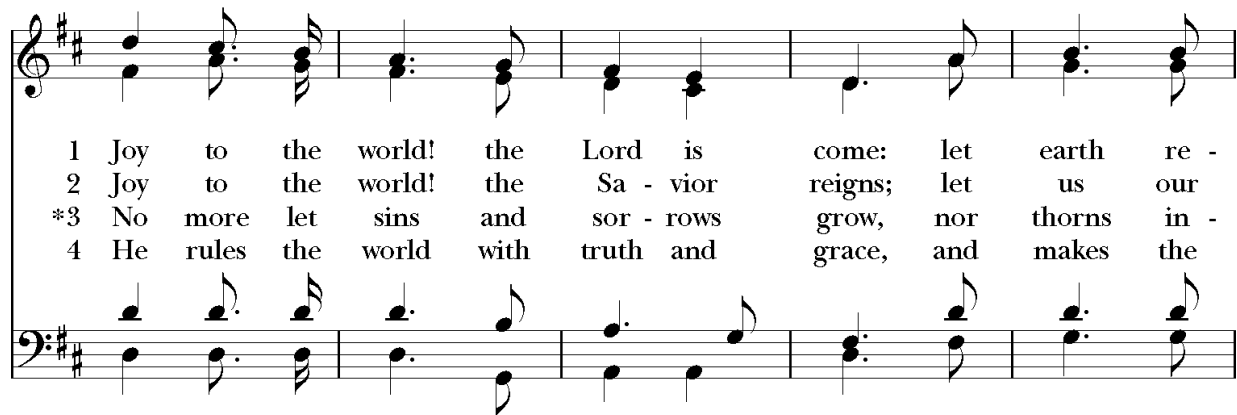
Setting: William Crotch

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

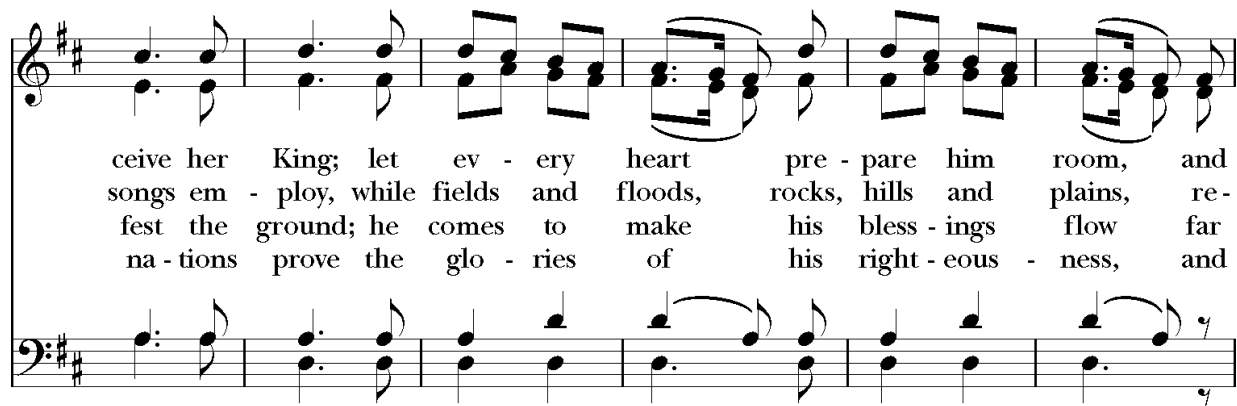
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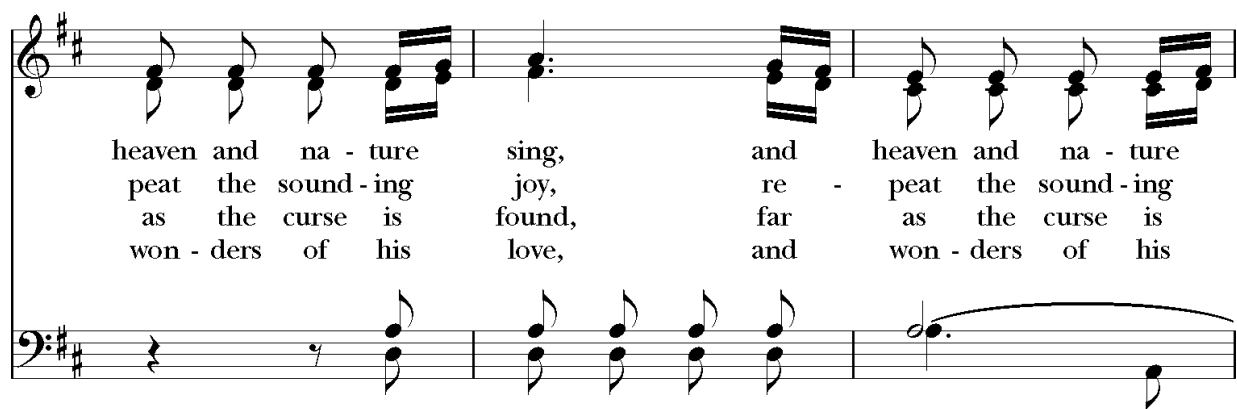
GOSPEL HYMN *standing*



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, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.  
 Music: Antioch, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## THE GOSPEL *The Deacon or Priest intones*

*John 1:1-14*

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

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 into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he 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 into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

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

God of wonder, on this holy day you become one of us. Startle us with your good news, and be born in our hearts, we pray.

Prince of Peace, you disarm the forces of violence. End all war and hatred, and unite every people and nation.

God of wonder,  
**be born in our hearts, we pray.**

Child of the stable, you appear among the poor and the excluded. Reveal yourself to us in the forgotten and the dismissed.

God of wonder,  
**be born in our hearts, we pray.**

Word made flesh, you sanctify our bodies with your presence. Teach us to treat the bodies of others and of ourselves with dignity and respect.

God of wonder,  
**be born in our hearts, we pray.**

Vulnerable Savior, you know what it is like to suffer and be in need. Attend to those who yearn for your healing, including those on our Prayer List and those we now name:

*(Please speak aloud or offer in silence the names of those for whom you are praying)*

God of wonder,  
**be born in our hearts, we pray.**

Delight of the angels, you travel the distance between heaven and earth. Bring all who have died to the glories of your eternal home.

*(Please speak aloud or offer in silence the names of those for whom you are praying)*

God of wonder,  
**be born in our hearts, we pray.**

God of wonder, you arrive in our lives in ways we neither anticipate nor comprehend may we so marvel at the mystery of your Love come among us, that our hearts are renewed and our lives are transformed as you are daily born within us. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

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### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

#### En Belén hai moita festa

*Galician Carol*  
*Xoán Montes Capon (1840-1899)*

*En Belén hai moita festa,  
Oyo pandeiros e gaitas,  
Vamos a Belén, pastores,  
Tocando nas nosas frautas.*

*Dicen que nacéu un neno  
garrido com' unha prata  
n'un pesebre de Belén  
d'unha Virxen a máis santa*

*Escoitade, meus amigos,  
que me parece que cantan;  
alí esta, vamos correndo;  
ai, que cousa tan galana!*

*Pero el chora, que terá?  
Cala, miña perla, cala;  
que che doi, meu queridinho?  
Hasta no chorar ten gracia.*

There is a great feast in Bethlehem,  
I hear tambourines and bagpipes,  
Let's go to Bethlehem, shepherds,  
Playing on our flutes.

They say a boy was born  
precious as silver  
in a Bethlehem manger  
of a most holy Virgin

Listen, my friends,  
what do I think they sing;  
there it is, let's run;  
oh, what a wonderful thing!

But he cries, what does he need?  
Calm, my pearl, be calm;  
What can I give you, my darling?  
Even your crying is graceful.

# HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

*Introduction*



1 On this day earth shall ring  
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth;  
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head,  
 4 On this day an - gels sing;



with the song child - ren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,  
 when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;  
 Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,  
 with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,



born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.  
 ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.  
 lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.  
 born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

*Refrain*



Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,



Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

*"Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"*

Words: Piaae Cantiones, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929)  
 Music: Personent hodie, melody from Piaae Cantiones, 1582

## 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 on this day 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 imprisoned go free. Therefore, we sing with the hosts of heaven, with the angels, and with all those who have loved you throughout the ages, and we praise your name, evermore singing:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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 in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

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, gathered his friends, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: “This is my body, given for you.” 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.”

Be among us now as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Setting: Jackson Hill (b. 1941)

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,



Music: McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)

# 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 grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther in hea-ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,'.

2  
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 bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: 'your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.'.

3  
And for-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: 'And for-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.'.

4  
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 bass line. The lyrics are: 'Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.'.

5  
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The fifth system of musical notation. It concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.'.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.



## 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.

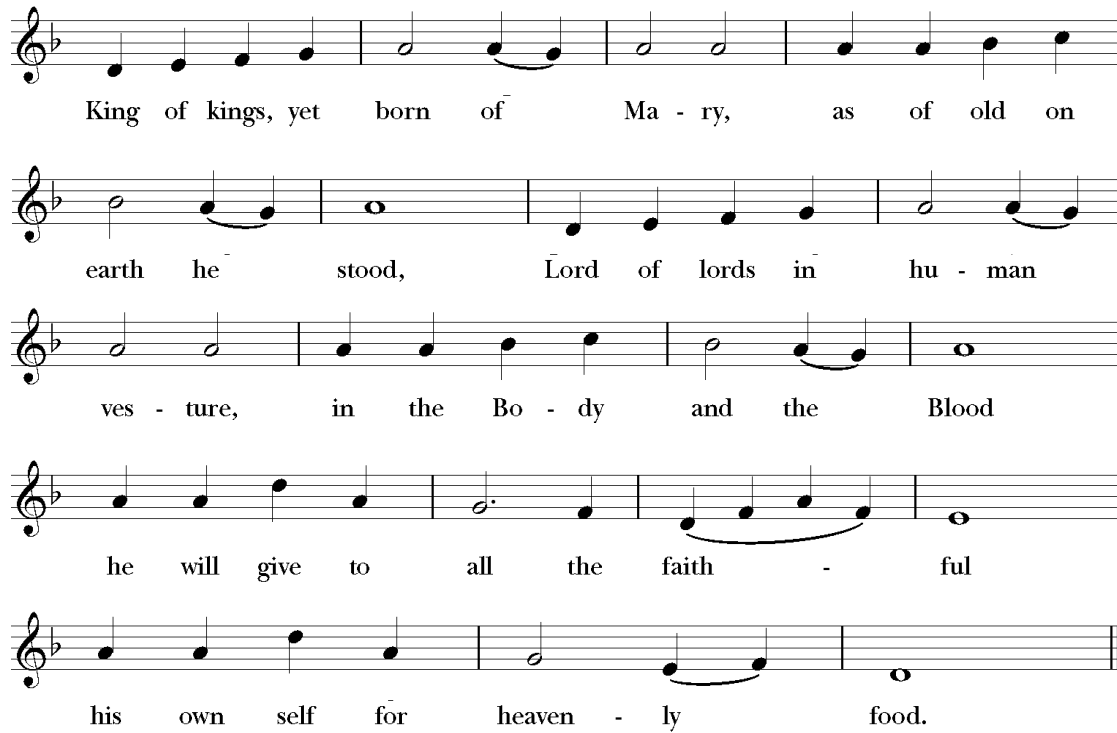
**Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

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

*Gluten-free hosts are available upon request, grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups.*

*Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.*

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



King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
he will give to all the faith - ful  
his own self for heaven - ly food.

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: Picardy, French Carol (17<sup>th</sup> cent.)

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

### *Table dressée sur nos chemins*

*Benoit Gschwind  
Text: Michel Wackenheim*

*Table dressée sur nos chemins,  
Pain partagé pour notre vie !  
Heureux les invités au repas du Seigneur !  
Heureux les invités au repas de l'amour !*

Table laid before us,  
Bread shared for our life!  
Happy are the guests at the Lord's Supper!  
Happy are the guests at the meal of love!

*Tu es le pain de tout espoir,  
Pain qui fait vivre tous les hommes !  
Tu es le pain de tout espoir,  
Christ, lumière dans nos nuits !*

You are the bread of all hope,  
Bread that makes all men live!  
You are the bread of all hope,  
Christ, light in our nights!

*Tu es le pain d'humanité,  
Pain qui relève tous les hommes !  
Tu es le pain d'humanité  
Christ, lumière pour nos pas !*

You are the bread of humanity,  
Bread that uplifts all people!  
You are the bread of humanity  
Christ, light for our steps!

*Tu es le pain de chaque jour,  
Pain qui rassemble tous les hommes!  
Tu es le pain de chaque jour,  
Christ, lumière dans nos vies !*

You are the daily bread,  
Bread that unites all people!  
You are the daily bread,  
Christ, light in our lives!


## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**


# HYMN IN PROCESSION



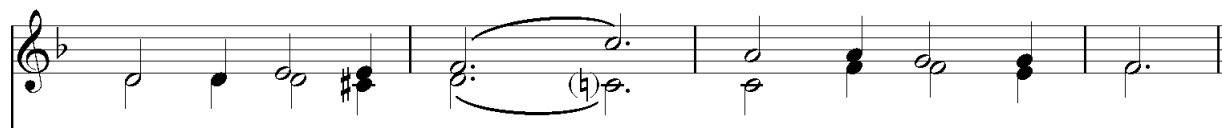
1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



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)

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go and tell the world that we have seen the glory of the Lord.  
**Glory to God in the highest!**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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

**Coming up at St. Paul's**  
**Burning Bowl – a year-end ritual**

December 31, 6:00pm

**Holy Eucharist**

January 1, 11:00am (one service only)

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## THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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