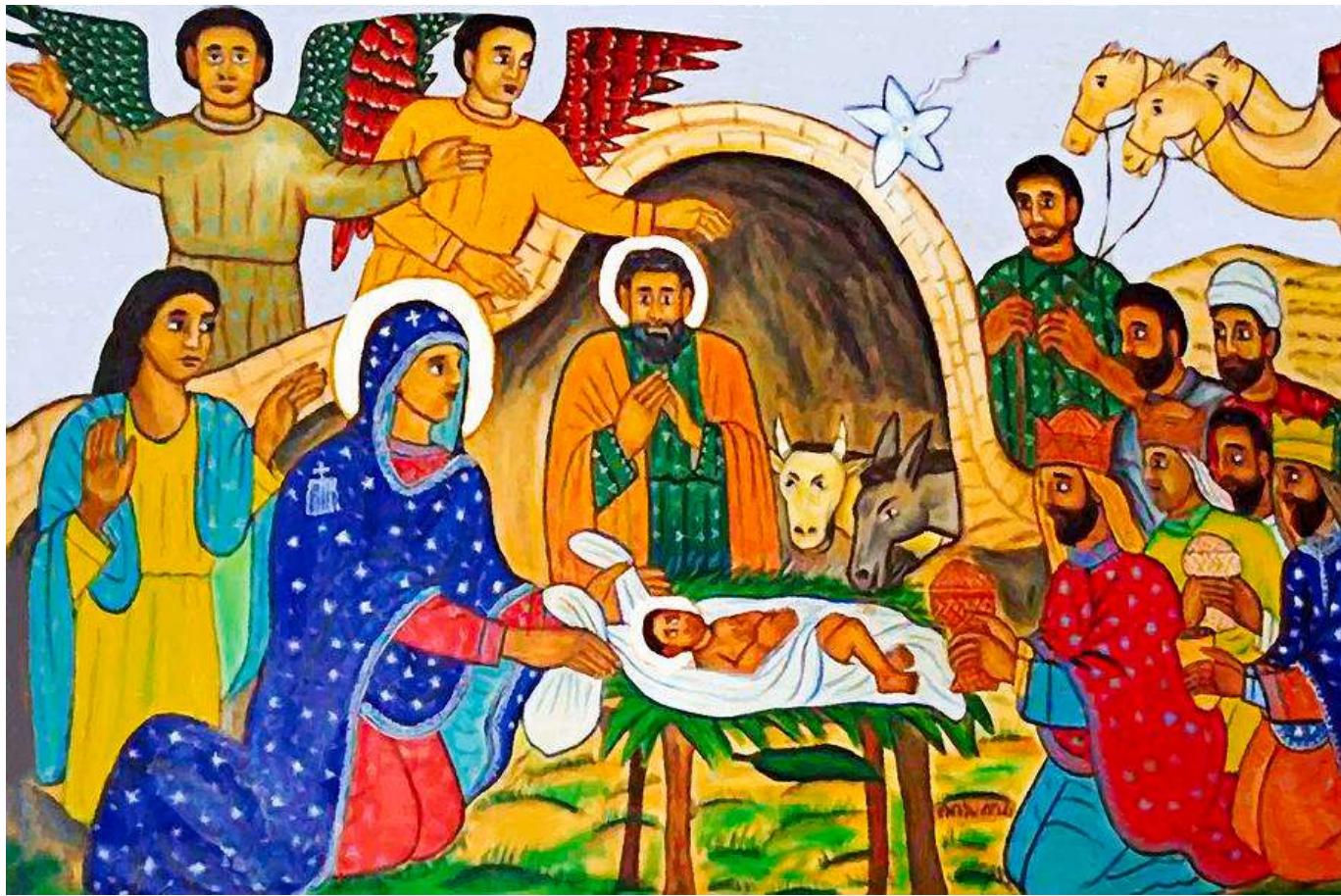


ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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† CHRISTMAS EVE †

December 24, 2021

10:00pm Pre-Service Music including *The Christ Child* by C. B. Hawley

11:00pm Holy Eucharist

Welcoming All in Community; Joyfully Doing God's Work in
the World: Welcoming Our Neighbors Near and Far!

Form the Faithful • Grow the Church • Change the World

*St. Matthew's is a safe and caring community
where acceptance and our journey of faith bring us together.
We welcome all and our commitment to others inspires us to reach out,
take action, and make a difference.*



WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith,
you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

THE PRELUDE

*Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich
Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen
Gesù bambino*
James Janssen, organ/piano

Johann Pachelbel
Johannes Brahms
Pietro Yon/arr. Mark Hayes

~ The Christ Child ~

By C. B. Hawley

The Choir of St. Matthew's Church
James Janssen, Organist
Mark Crayton, Conductor

PART I

ORGAN PRELUDE (James Janssen)

THE VOICE OF HIM THAT CRIETH IN THE WILDERNESS (Karlos Piñero-Mercado, tenor)

*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness.
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert
A highway for our God.*

*Every valley shall be exalted
And every mountain and hill made low,
The crooked shall be made straight
And the rough places plain,*

*And the glory of the Lord
Shall be revealed
And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

THE PEOPLE THAT WALKED IN DARKNESS (Jeremiah Strickler, baritone)

*The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light
And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death:
Upon them hath the light shined.*

ARISE, SHINE! (Chorus)

*Arise, shine, for thy light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people,
And his glory shall be seen upon thee.*

BEHOLD, A KING SHALL REIGN (Terry Bucher, bass)

*Behold, a King shall reign in righteousness
And his name shall be called
Wonderful; Counselor; The Mighty God; The everlasting Father;
The Prince of Peace.*

HE SHALL FEED HIS FLOCK

(Trio: Megan Cook, Alannah Spencer, soprano; Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, mezzo-soprano)

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
He shall gather the lambs with His arm
And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those that are with young.*

THE ANGEL GABRIEL WAS SENT FROM GOD (Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, mezzo-soprano)

*The Angel Gabriel was sent from God
Unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth
To a virgin espoused to a man
Whose name was Joseph,
And the Virgin's name was Mary,
And the Angel said unto her*

HAIL! HAIL! THOU THAT ARE HIGHLY FAVORED (Jonathan Weyant, tenor)

*Hail! Hail! Thou that are highly favored
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
Fear not, for thou has found favor with God.
Behold, thou shalt bring forth a son
And shall call his name Jesus;
He shall be great
And shall be called the Son of the highest.
And over the house of Jacob
He shall reign forever.*

HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

(Quartet: Alannah Spencer, soprano; Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, mezzo-soprano; Karlos Piñero-Mercado, tenor; Nikolas Arden, bass; Chorus)

*How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of Him,
That bringeth good tidings.
That publisheth peace.*

*Break forth into singing!
Sing! Sing together, Ye waste places of Jerusalem.
For the Lord hath comforted His people,
He hath redeemed Jerusalem.*

MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD (Megan Cook, soprano)

*My soul doth magnify the Lord,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath magnified me,
And holy is His name.*

SING, O HEAVENS, AND BE JOYFUL, O EARTH. (Chorus)

*Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth,
Break forth into singing,
Ye mountains,
Say unto the daughters of Zion,
Behold Thy salvation cometh.
And Thou, Bethlehem in the land of Judea
Art not the least among the princes of Judah.
For out of Thee shall come a Governor
Who shall rule my people Israel.*

BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH

(Quartet: Megan Cook, soprano; Scott Bass, countertenor;
Jonathan Weyant, tenor; Jeremiah Strickler, baritone; Chorus;
Solo: Alannah Spencer, soprano)

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!*

PART II (THE PLAINS OF BETHLEHEM)

ORGAN PASTORALE (James Janssen)

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (Alannah Spencer, soprano)

*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.*

*And there were in the same country
Shepherds abiding in the fields
Keeping watch over their flocks by night.*

AND LO! THE ANGEL OF THE LORD (Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, mezzo-soprano)

*And lo! the Angel of the Lord came upon them,
And the glory of the Lord shone round about them,
And they were sore afraid.
And the Angel said unto them:*

FEAR NOT, FOR BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS (Nikolas Arden, bass)

*Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy
Which shall be to all people,
For unto you is born this day in the city of David,
A Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGELS (Megan Cook, soprano)

*And suddenly there was with the Angels
A multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:*

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST (Chorus)

*Glory to God in the highest,
And peace on earth, good will to men.*

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR (Ensemble, Soli and Chorus)

*It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From Angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold.
Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heavens all gracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the Angels sing.
Peace on the earth, good will to men,*

*Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world.
Peace on the earth, good will to men,
Above its sad and lonely plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds,
The blessed angels sing.
Peace on the earth, good will to men,*

*And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the weary way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.*

*For lo! the days are hastening on
By prophets seen of old
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold:
When the new heaven and earth
Shall own the Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.*

Peace on the earth, good will to men,

AND IT CAME TO PASS (Alto recitative and Men's Chorus, Allyn Rawling, mezzo-soprano)

And it came to pass,
As the angels were gone away from them into heaven:
The shepherds said one to another,

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem,
And see this thing which has come to pass,
Which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph,
And the babe lying in a manger.

HOLY NIGHT! PEACEFUL NIGHT! (Chorus and Soli)

Holy night! Peaceful night!
Through the darkness beams the light,
Yonder where they sweet vigil keep
Over the Babe who in silent sleep
Rests in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holiest night!
Darkness flies, and all in light!
Shepherds hear the angels sing,
Hallelujah! Hail the King!
Jesus the Savior is here.

Holiest night! Peaceful night!
Child of Heaven! O how bright!
Thou didst smile when Thou wast born!
Blessed was the happy morn
Full of heavenly joy.

Silent night! Holiest night!
Guiding star O lend Thy light!
See the eastern wise men bring
Gifts and homage to our King
Jesus the Savior is here.

Silent night! Holiest night!
Wondrous star; O lend thy light,
With the angels let us sing,
Hallelujah to our King.
Jesus our Savior is here.

Holy night! Peaceful night!
And the shepherds, when they had seen it,
Made known abroad the saying
Which was told them concerning the child,
And they, that heard it, wondered.

But Mary kept all these things,
And pondered them in her heart.
And the shepherds returned,
Glorifying and praising God.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations,
Praise Him all ye people!

For his loving kindness is great towards us.
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

His Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom,
And his dominion endureth through-out all generations.

Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,
Praise Him, Angels, in the height;
Sun and moon rejoice before Him,
Praise Him all ye stars of light,

Praise the God of our salvation,
Hosts on high His power proclaim.
Heaven and earth and all creation
Laud and magnify His name.

Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him!

ABOUT THE COMPOSER: American composer C. B. (Charles Beach) Hawley (1858-1915) was born in Brookfield, Connecticut, and grew up in a farmer's household that surprisingly included both a grand piano and a pipe organ. The availability of these instruments and the influence of his mother, a fine singer, played an important role in his development as a musician. By the age of thirteen, Hawley was a church organist and conductor at the Cheshire Military Academy, from which he graduated. At seventeen, he went to New York to study voice with a number of important teachers; he also studied composition with Dudley Buck and others. A year later he became a bass soloist at Calvary Episcopal Church and was later named assistant organist at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. His career in New York as a musician included work as a vocal instructor in private studios, positions as choir director and organist at a number of churches, and ten years as director of the Metropolitan College of Music. Primarily a composer of finely crafted miniatures, Hawley wrote more than a hundred art songs and solo settings of religious texts, as well as several larger scale choral works such as this cantata, the text of which is drawn from Biblical sources and familiar Christmas hymns (in original settings by Hawley). A composer who has almost completely vanished from twenty-first-century awareness, Hawley deserves to be better known. Sheet Music Back in Print is proud to have prepared new editions of this and several other works by Hawley.

Francis Lynch

THE CHOIR OF ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mark Crayton, Choir Director

James Janssen, Organist and Associate Choir Director
Amy Shuldiner, Choral Assistant and Organ Registrant

Soprano 1

Monique Austin
Megan Cook*
Alice Dolan
(not singing tonight)

Soprano 2

Charlotte Bishop
Ginger Carr
Tamara Fusselman
(not singing tonight)
Alannah Spencer*

Alto 1

Allyn Rawling
Scott Bass*

Alto 2

Nancy Churchill
(not singing tonight)
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*

Tenor 1

Jerry Fusselman
(not singing tonight)
Jonathan Weyant*

Tenor 2

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*
Francis Lynch

Bass 1

Stephen Carr
Jeremiah Strickler*

Bass 2

Nikolas Arden**
Terry Bucher*

*Staff Singer/Section Leader

**Staff Singer

The Holy Eucharist of Christmas

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN

Once in royal David's city
Monique Austin, soprano

Irby

Soloist Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

All He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high!
Where like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

† THE WORD OF GOD †

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be our God.
People For ever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People Amen.

THE SONG OF PRAISE, HYMN 96 Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King,
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

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

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray, saying together:

All God of David's fragile house of hope and expectation:
in the time of empires,
your word is born to those who have no place
and sung to those who watch in the wild;
may his birth unsettle our world
with hidden glory and untold peace;
through Jesus Christ, the Child of Promise. Amen.

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH (9:2-7).

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness~
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

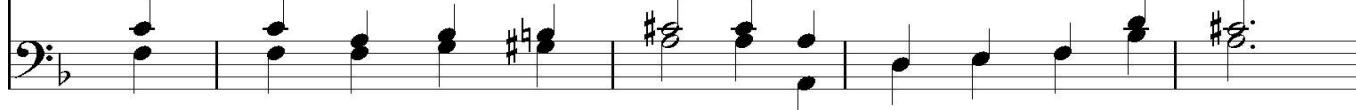
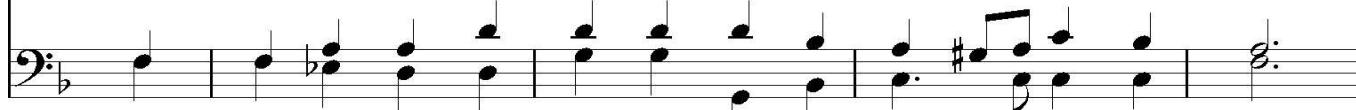
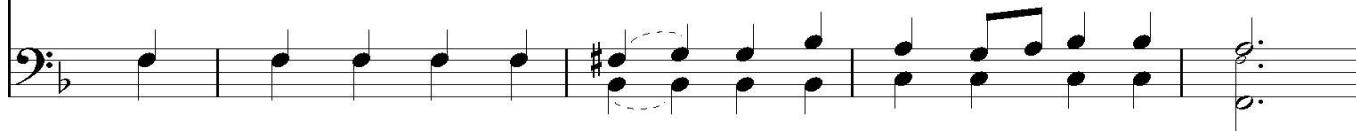
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able, and sing:

THE RESPONSE HYMN 79 O little town of Bethlehem

St. Louis



The people sit.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO TITUS (2:11-14).

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

During the introduction to the hymn candles will be lit. The people kneel for the hymn and the Gospel, as able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 111 Silent night Stille Nacht

Kneeling, all sing verses 1-2 before the Gospel, and then sing verse 3 after the Gospel is read.

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

 peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, in the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je sus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (2:1-20).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

Christina Padilla

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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. (Continued)

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Leader* Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray: "Glorious Lord, grant us your peace."
Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: Make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with
humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil.
Glorious Lord,
- People* **Grant us your peace.**
Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your
light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation.
Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.
Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May
all the works of your hand glorify you. Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.
Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all of
the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence. Glorious
Lord,
Grant us your peace.
Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to all,
especially the poor and those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely.
Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.
Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly
bodies with your birth and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection.
Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.
- Presider* 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.
- People* **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Alleluia

Fredrick Sixten

All stand as able, and sing:

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 83

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, featuring soprano, alto, and bass voices. The lyrics are provided in five-line notation below each staff. The first section of the hymn is as follows:

1 O come, all ye faithful
2 God from_____
3 Sing, choirs of_____
*4 See how the_____
*5 Child, for us_____
 faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 God,____ Light from Light e - ter - nal,____
 an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,____
 shep-herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,____
 sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,____

The second section continues:

1 come ye, O come_____
2 lo! he ab - hors____ not the Vir - le - hem;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw____ nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace____ thee, with love and awe;

The third section concludes:

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son____ of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God,____ glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

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.

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

Refrain

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in G major (two sharps) and the bottom staff is in C major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full____ of thy glo - ry. Glo - -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Matthew and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The People join in singing the Fraction Anthem.

The musical notation consists of eight staves of music in G major, common time, featuring a soprano vocal line. The lyrics are as follows:

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith,
you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honor to this day,
That sees December turned to May.
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,

Thus, on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and luster, public mirth,
To heaven, and the under-earth.

What sweeter music

John Rutter

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. To welcome him.
The nobler part Of all the house here,
is the heart.

Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour, who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 104

A stable lamp is lighted

Andújar



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky;	The stars shall bend their voic - es,
ride in tri - umph by;	The palm shall strew its branch - es,
yield - ed up to die;	The sky shall groan and dark - en,
low is lift - ed high;	The stars shall bend their voic - es,



And ev - ery stone shall cry._____	And ev - ery stone shall cry,
And ev - ery stone shall cry._____	And ev - ery stone shall cry;
And ev - ery stone shall cry._____	And ev - ery stone shall cry,
And ev - ery stone shall cry._____	And ev - ery stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine;	A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb,	And lie with - in the road - way
For ston - y hearts of men:	God's blood up - on the spear - head,
In prais - es of the Child	By whose de - scent a - mong us

A stall be-come a shrine. _____
 To pave his king-dom come. _____
 God's love re-fused a - gain. _____
 The worlds are rec : on - ciled. _____

2 This
 3 Yet
 4 But

Final Ending

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All 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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who sent Jesus to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of Christ.

People Amen.

May God, who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you the Almighty's peace and favor.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN 87

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin

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Deacon: The Rev. Terri Morrissey

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- By Terri Morrissey in memory of Margaret and Joseph Morrissey and in Thanksgiving for the Choir at St. Matthew's.
- By Nancy and Don Churchill in Memory of our parents, grandparents, and cousins and in Thanksgiving for our grandchildren; Nolan, Sienna, and James.
- By Charlie de Kay in thanksgiving for his family.
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