

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Christmas Carol Medley

Once in Royal David's City

Jacob McCall, soloist

Opening Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymnal #83

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, Christ the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only-begotten Son of God the Father; (refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; (refrain)

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps; (refrain)

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee, with love and awe; who would not
love thee, loving us so dearly? (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)

John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high (vs. 1, 2)

Hymnal #96

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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.**

The Lessons

The Epistle – 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.

The Psalm – Psalm 96 Cantate Domino

- 1 **Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**
- 2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 **Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.**
- 4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 **As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the Lord who made the heavens.**
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 **Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.**
- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 **Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 **He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.**

Gospel Hymn

Hark! The herald, angels sing (vs. 1)

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn 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 newborn King!

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

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.]

Gospel Response

Hark! The herald angels sing (vs. 2)

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

pg. 360 in BCP

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Ding Dong, Merrily on High

French carol

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
 Lord, God of pow - er and might.
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .
 . . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .

. . . 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

***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

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Joshua and Barbara McCall, soloists

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Silent Night

Hymnal #111

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.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

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.

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World!

Hymnal #100

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

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow 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.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Dismissal

Postlude

Antioch

George F. Handel

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