

CHURCH OF THE *ASSUMPTION*

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR *The Nativity of the Lord*

December 25, 2020

*If you are worshipping with us from home, you are invited to sing the hymns. If you are with us at church, please refrain from singing out loud for everyone's safety.


The Introductory Rites

OPENING HYMN

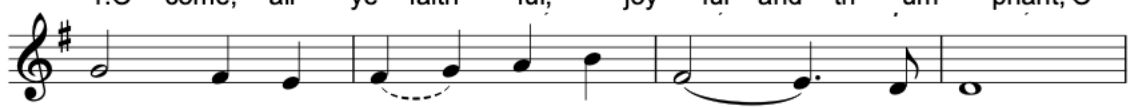
O Come All Ye Faithful

Traditional

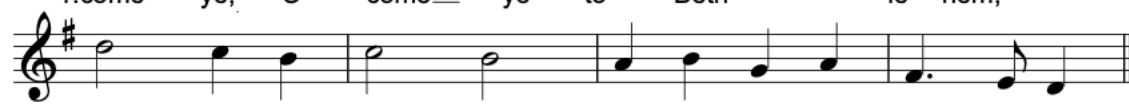
VERSES



1. O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O




1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;

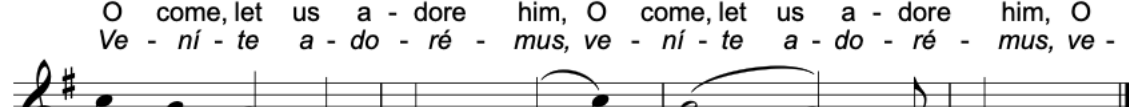


1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;

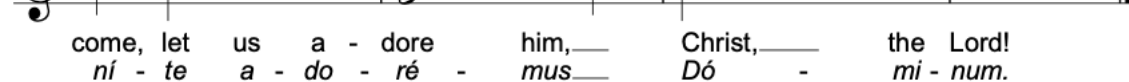
REFRAIN



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



Ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus, ve -



come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
ní - te a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

Text: English by Frederick Oakeley, Music by John F. Wade, Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

GLORIA FOR CHRISTMAS

Angels We Have Heard on High
GLORIA

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

PSALM REFLECTION

Psalm 96
Chepponis

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Away in a Manger

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Away in a Manger'. It consists of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: '1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,'. The second staff continues: 'The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.' The third staff continues: 'The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,'. The fourth staff concludes: 'The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.' The music ends with a double bar line.

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Text Anonymous, Music by William J Kirkpatrick, Tune: CRADLE SONG

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those worshipping with us at home)

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Concluding Rites

DISMISSAL

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

The First Nowell

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw a star
3. And by the light of that same star

1. Was to cer - tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;
3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;

1. In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the earth it gave great light,
3. To seek for a king was their in - tent,

1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text and Music: Traditional English Carol, Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL

All: 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
 Choir: 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let
 Choir: 3. No more let sin and sor - row grow, nor
 All: 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and

earth re - ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 us our songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks,
 thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to make his
 makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of his

pare him room and heav'n and na - ture
 hills and plains re - peat the sound - ing
 bless - ings flow far as the curse is
 right - eous - ness, and won - ders of his

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

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

Text: Isaac Watts, Music attributed to G.F. Handel, Tune: ANTIOCH

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