

# CHURCH OF THE *ASSUMPTION*

## ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR *The Nativity of the Lord*

December 24, 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

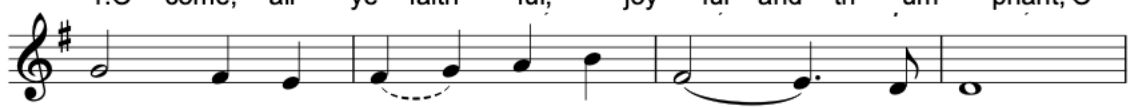
*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Traditional

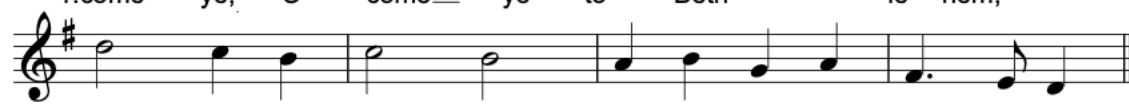
VERSES



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




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

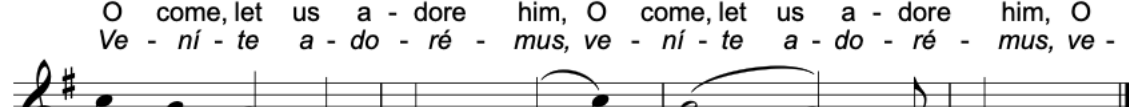


1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;

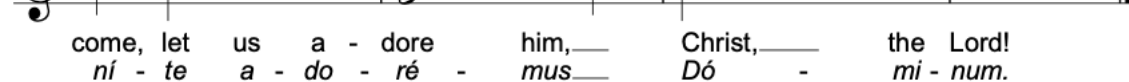
REFRAIN



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 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

## PSALM REFLECTION

The Friendly Beasts  
Graham

## SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,* which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

## *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

*O Come, Little Children*

1. O come, lit - tle chil - dren; come one and come  
1. all, O come to the man - ger in Beth - le - hem's  
1. stall, And see what our Fa - ther in heav - en a -  
1. bove Has sent to us all on this earth with his love.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "1. O come, lit - tle chil - dren; come one and come 1. all, O come to the man - ger in Beth - le - hem's 1. stall, And see what our Fa - ther in heav - en a - 1. bove Has sent to us all on this earth with his love."

Text Johann C. von Schmid, Translated by Melanie Schute, Music by Johann A. Schulz, Tune: IHR KINDERLEIN, KOMMET

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  
 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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