Christmas Services

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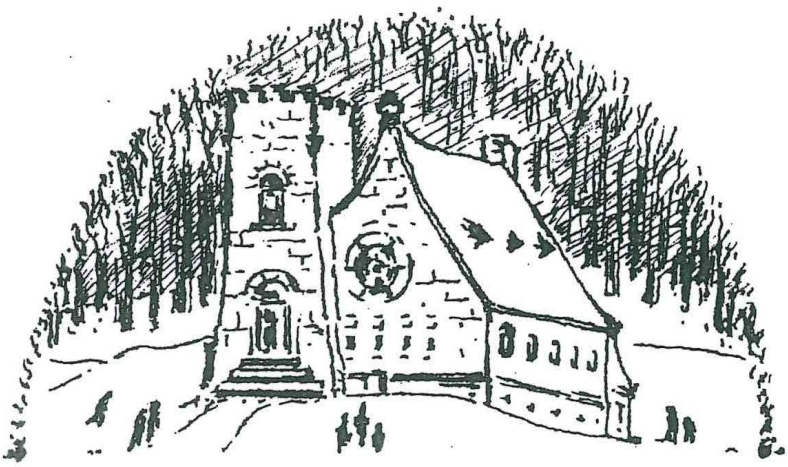


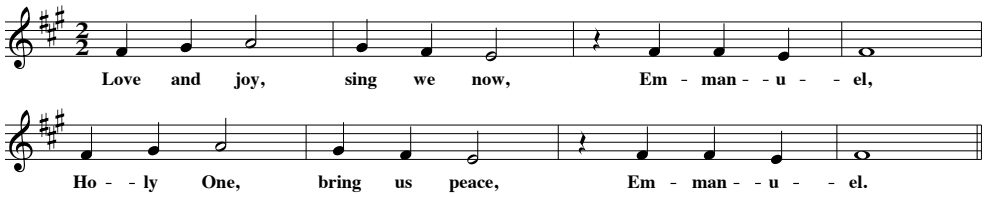
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BERKELEY, CA
The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve: Holy Eucharist
December 24th, 2020; 10:30PM – Facebook Livestream

Welcome to St. Mark's!

This Christmastide, we invite you to share in our joy at the dawn of salvation, the invitation to a new start for the whole world in the birth of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Wherever you may find yourself this Christmas, whether at peace or in need of peace, healthy or in need of healing, clear of conscience or in need of forgiveness, know that this holiday is for you; this Child, and the light which shines from his face, is for you. As we receive him afresh, let our joy be a sign to the world that the Light still "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - *(John 1:5)*

MUSIC IN CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE INCARNATION

Carol What is this stupendous stranger *Ann McChesney-Young, soloist*
Refrain (sung by all)

Verse text by Christopher Smart (1722-1771)
Refrain and music by Ann McChesney-Young

Where is this stupendous stranger? Prophets, shepherds, kings, advise.
Lead me to my Master's manger, show me where my Savior lies.
Refrain

O Most Mighty, O Most Holy: Far beyond the seraph's thought:
Art thou then so weak and lowly as unheeded prophets taught?
Refrain

O the magnitude of meekness! Worth from worth immortal sprung;
O the strength of infant weakness, if eternal is so young!
Refrain

God all-bounteous, all creative, whom no ills from good dissuade,
Is incarnate, and a native of the very world he made.
-text Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt.

Organ Carol From heaven above to earth I come Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Setting: *New Plainsong* by David Hurd (b. 1950)

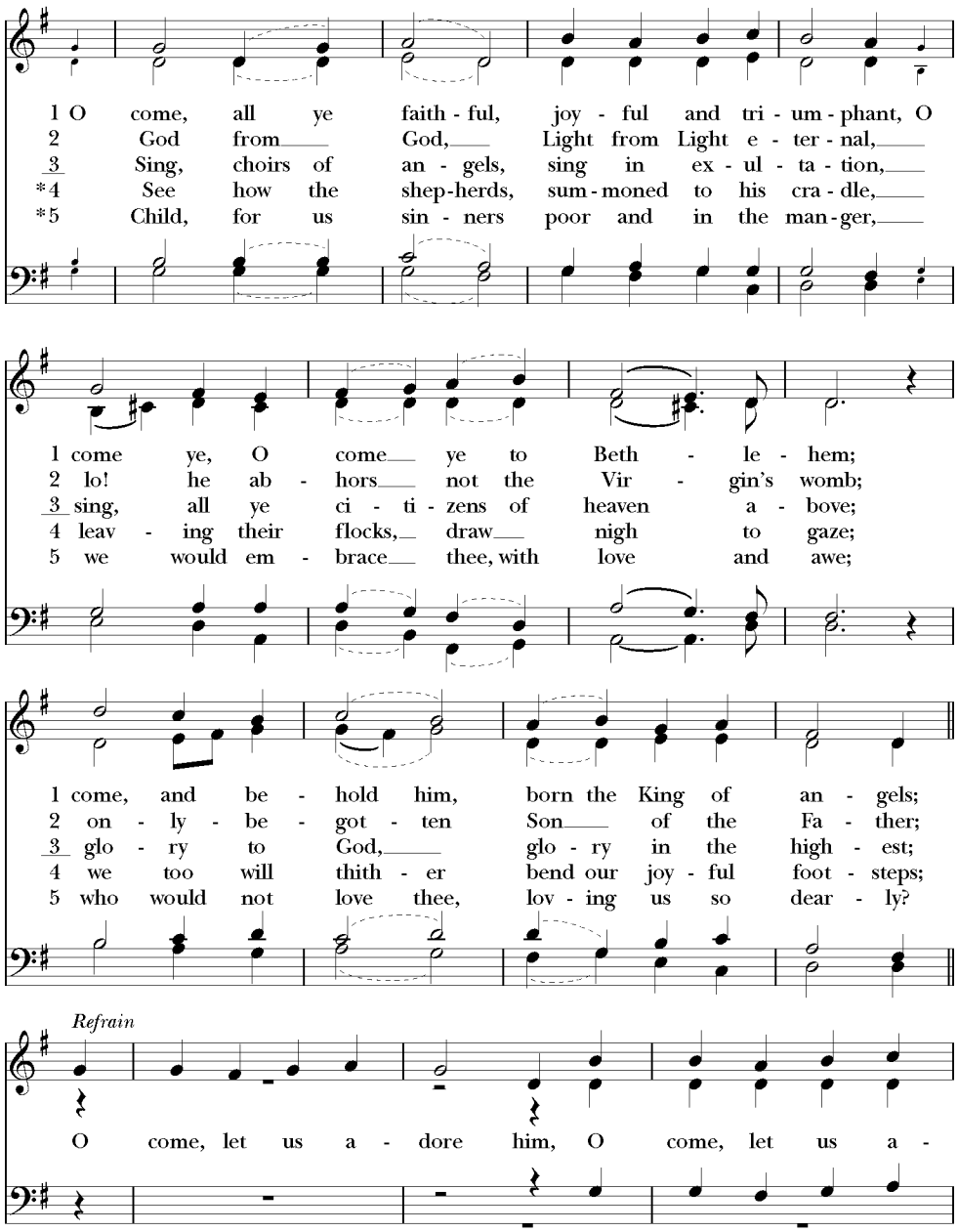
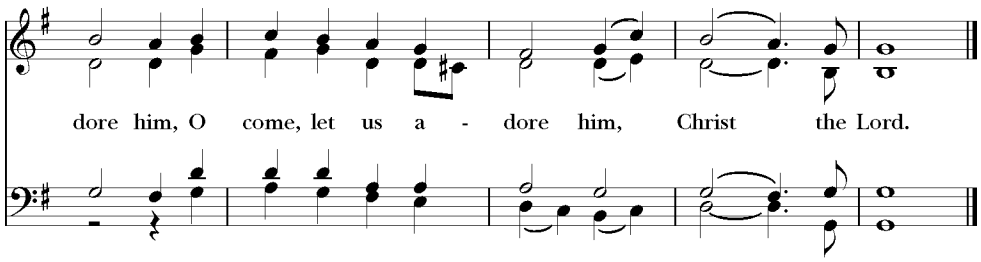
Entrance Hymn 83 O come, all ye faithful *Adeste fideles*
¶The first stanza is sung in Latin as noted below followed by stanzas 1 and 2 sung in English. During the hymn the procession moves to the crèche where the figure of the Christ Child is placed in the manger.

1. ***Adeste fideles laeti triumphantes,***
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte Regem angelorum.
Venite adoremus, Venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum

¶At the arrival to the Crèche, the following versicle and response is offered and the Crèche is blessed.

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
People: And we beheld his glory.
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Most merciful and loving God, you have made this night holy by the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ: Bless this Crèche that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this festival, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶The procession continues.

Hymn 83 *(stanzas 3-6)* O come, all ye faithful *Adeste fideles*

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

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others
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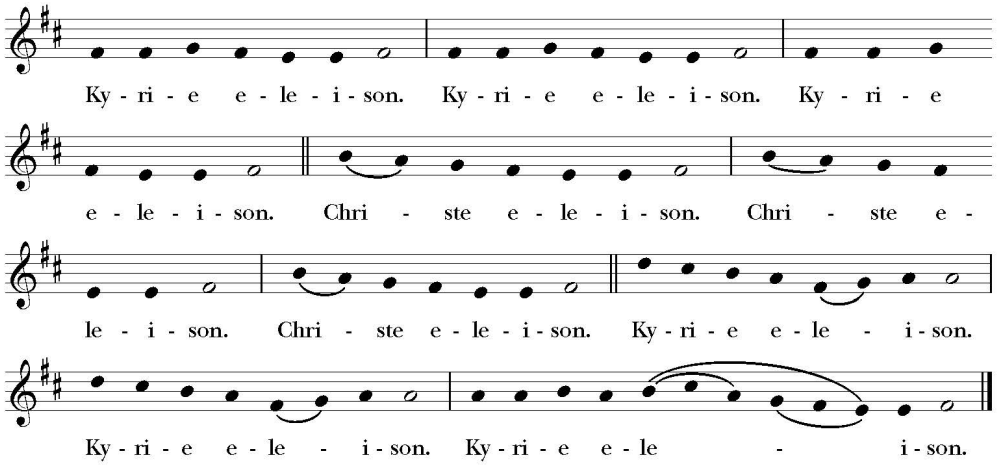
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect for Purity
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. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison S-86



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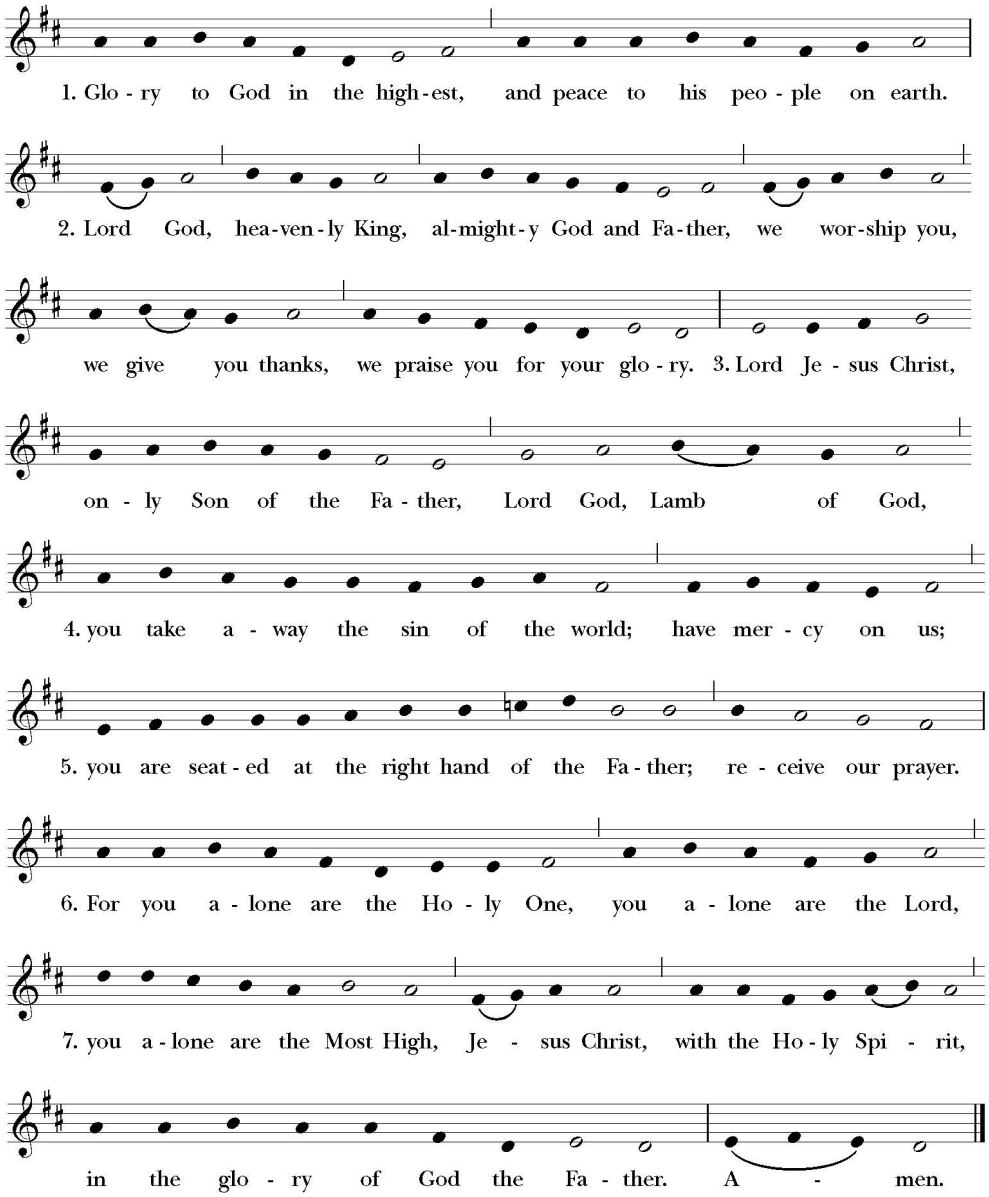
Gloria in Excelsis S-277



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The Collect of the Day

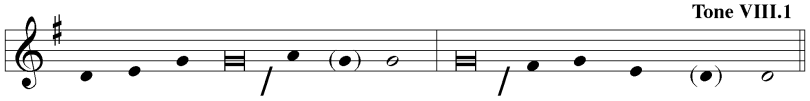
O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Word of God

First Lesson Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Psalm 97 *Dominus regnavit*



1 The LORD is King; let the / earth rejoice;*
let the multitude / of the / isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round a/bout him,*
righteousness and justice are the foun/dations /of his throne.

3 A fire goes be/fore him*
and burns up his ene/mies on / every side.

4 His lightnings light / up the world;*
the earth / sees it and / is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the / LORD,*
at the presence of the / Lord of the / whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his / righteousness,*
and all the peoples / see his / glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in / false gods!*
Bow down be/fore him, / all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah re/joice,*
because of your / judgments, / O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD, most high over / all the earth;*
you are exalted / far a/bove all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate / evil;*
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the / hand of the / wicked.

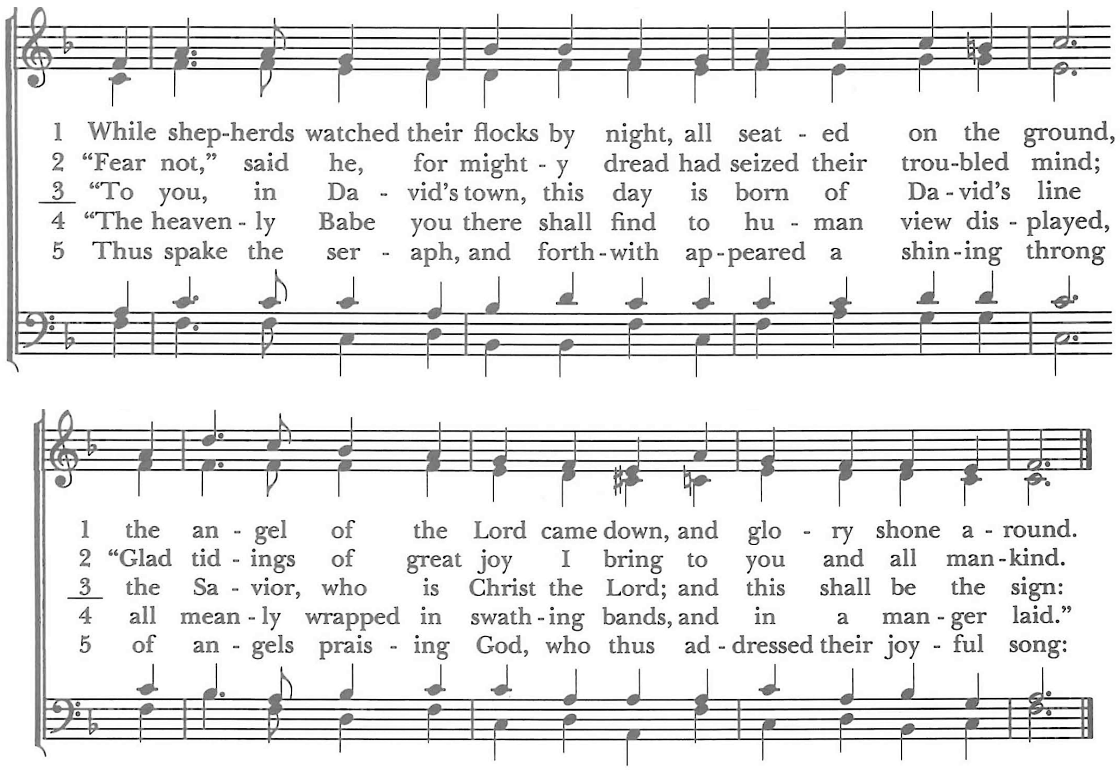
11 Light has sprung up for the / righteous,*
and joyful gladness for those who / are true/hearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you / righteous,*
and give thanks / to his / holy Name.

Second Lesson Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Sequence Hymn 94



6 "All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease."

Words: Nahum Tate (1625-1715)
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Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20

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.

The Sermon The Rev'd Blake Sawicky

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:
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,
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.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.

Leader: Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship and to serve you. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

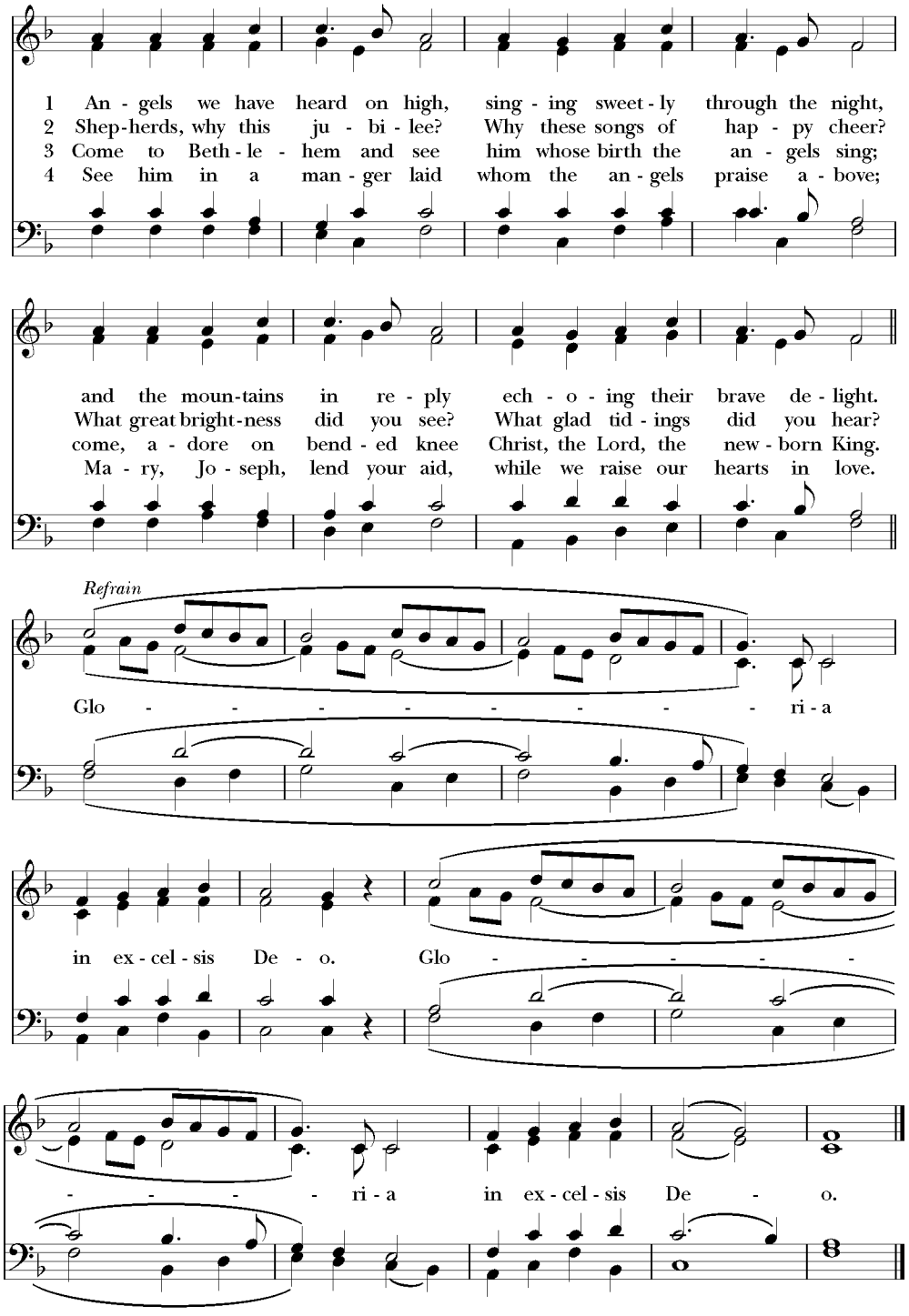
Leader: Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families, renew our communities and keep our departed loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
[The People are invited to offer their own petitions]
Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit, hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. **Amen**.

The Peace
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Hymn 96 Angels we have heard on high *Gloria*

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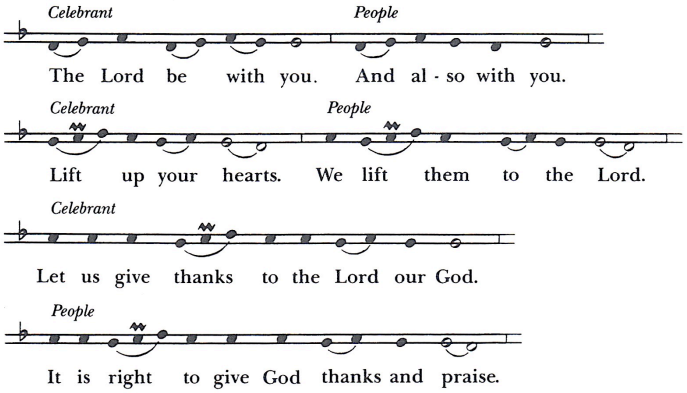
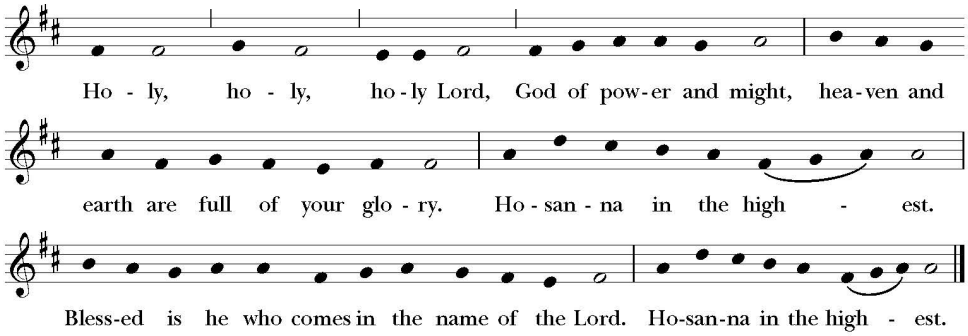
Sursum Corda S-120

Celebrant: [...] 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:

Sanctus S-124



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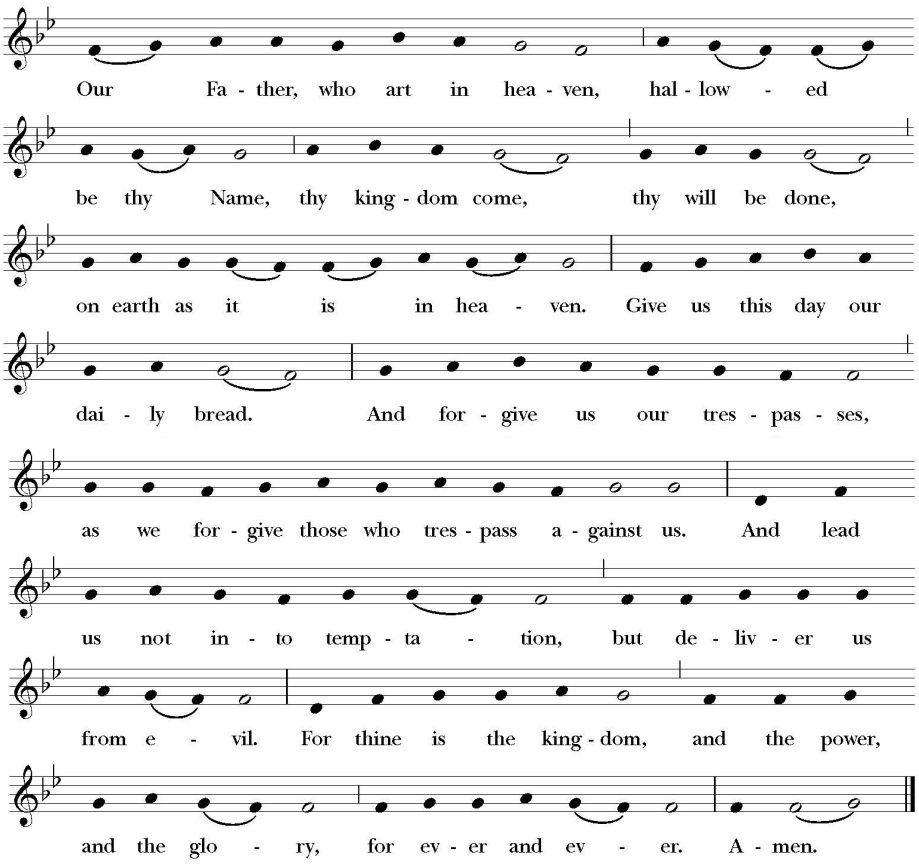
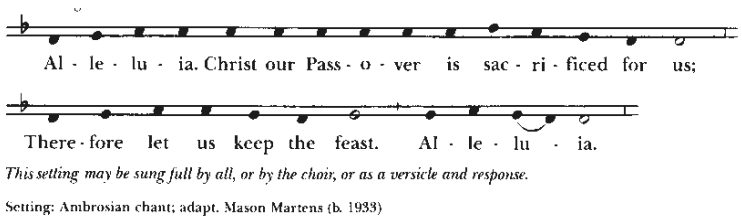
Celebrant: […] Therefore according to his command, O Father,
People: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues [...] 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 S-119

The Breaking of the Bread

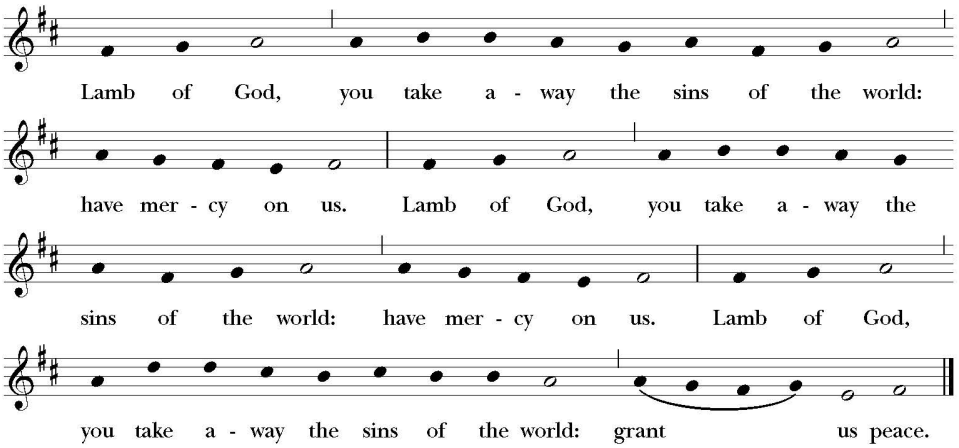
Fraction Anthem



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Agnus Dei S-161



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Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.
But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

A Form for Spiritual Communion

In times like these where it is imprudent or impossible for all to receive Holy Communion, it is still possible to make an act of spiritual communion. The following devotion can be made at any time when you are prevented from being present at the Eucharist, but we encourage you to use it during these weeks of live-streamed services especially, at the time while communion is being administered and the ablutions performed. This form comes from a book of devotion, "The Habit of Holiness," by Martin Warner.

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion to unite your intention with that of the whole Church:

Lord Jesus Christ, saving Victim, Priest divine,
in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church
where your body and blood are offered to the Father,
I make an oblation of praise and thanksgiving.
I believe that you are truly present in the Eucharist.
To you I offer my soul, my body, and my life.
Come to my heart, embrace me with your love.
Conform my will to the pattern of your perfect obedience,
so that loving all that you love, I may never be separated from you,
but live to the glory of God. Amen.

Pray 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.

Meditate on the soul's mystical union with Christ; 14th c. poem, 'Anima Christi' is a good place to start:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever.

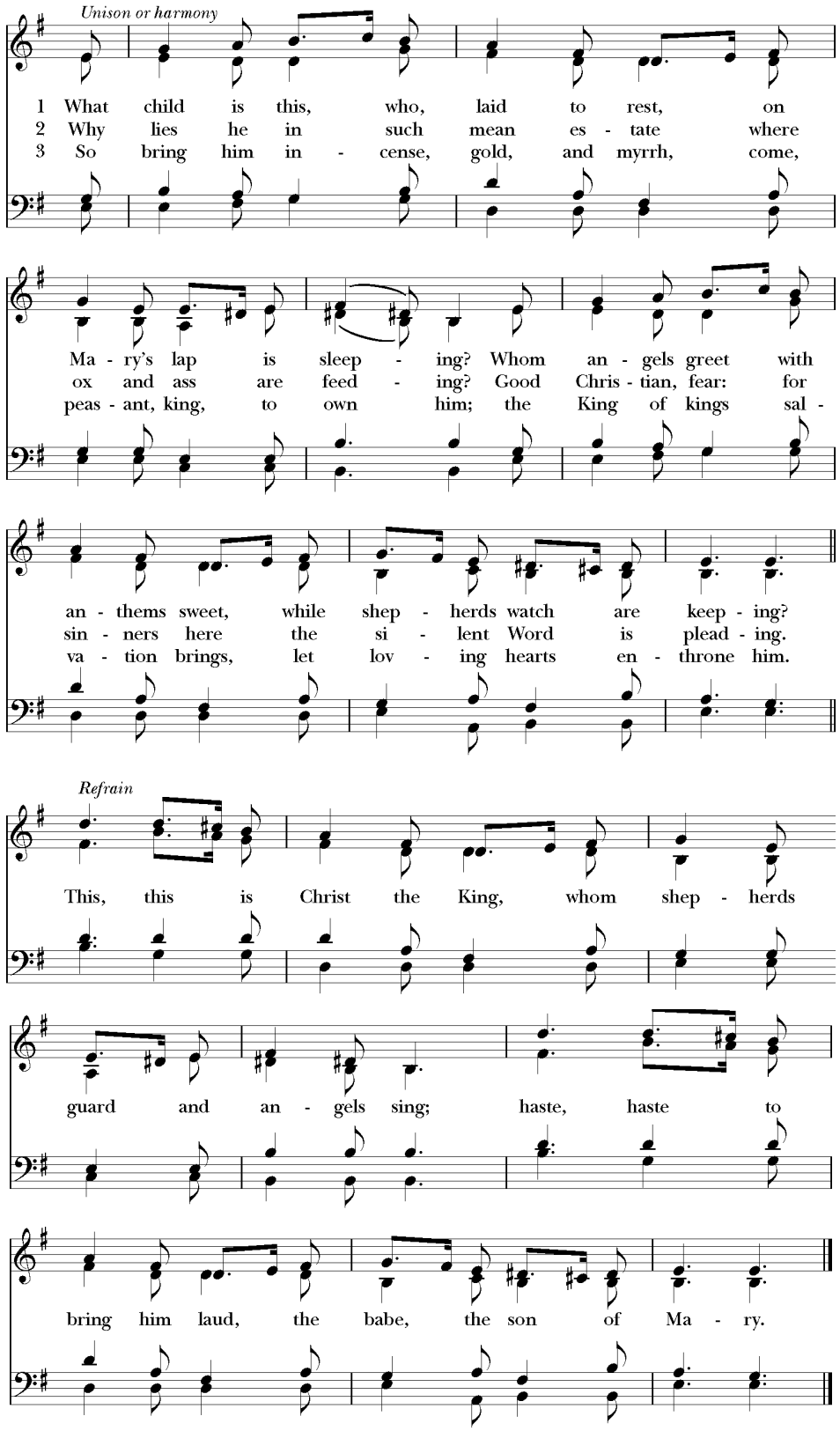
Offer a prayer of thanksgiving; this is one by St. Richard of Chichester:

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast won for me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Grace

+The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. Amen.

Communion Music

Communion Hymn 115 What child is this? *Greensleeves*

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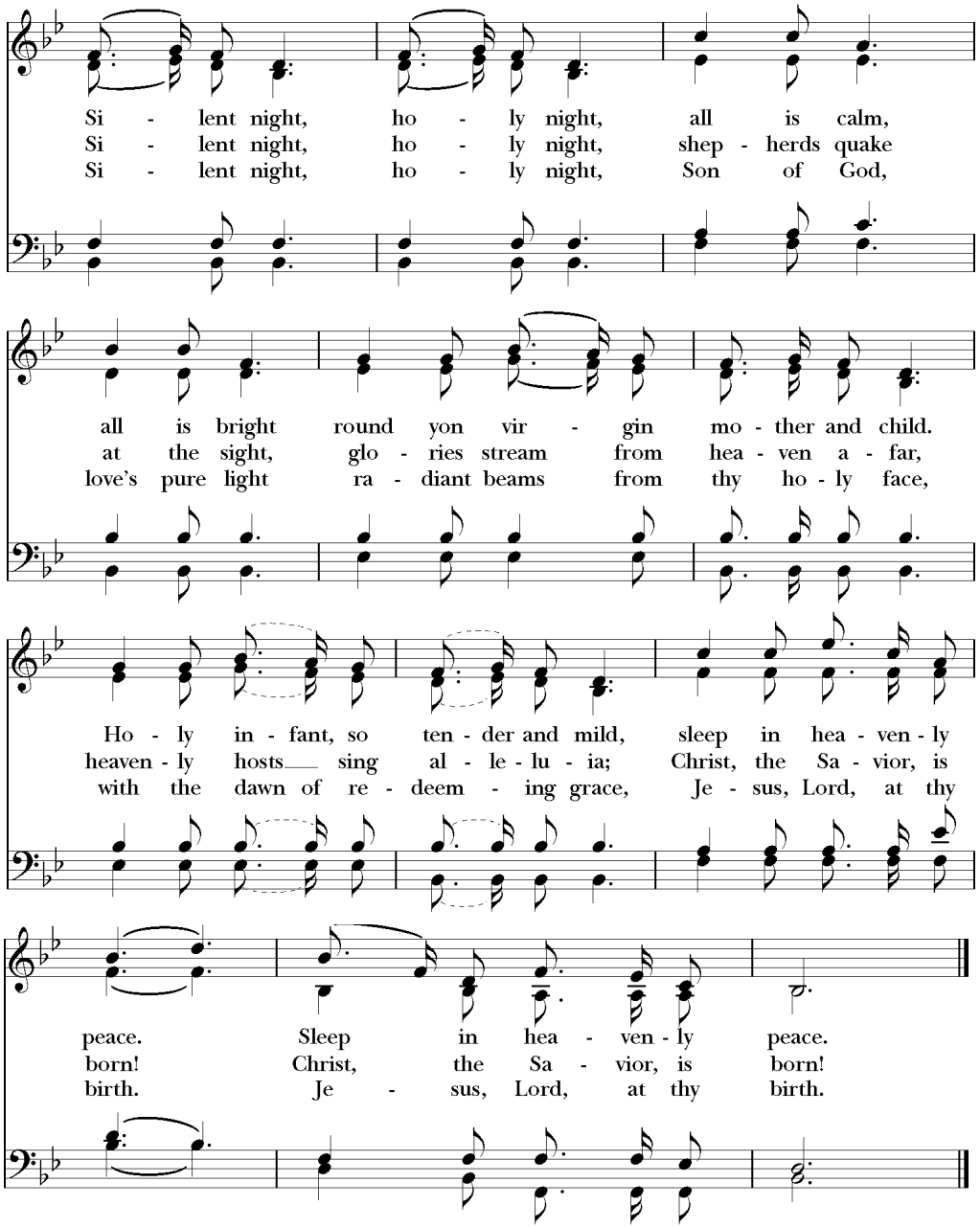
Post-Communion Prayer

All: **Almighty and everliving God,**
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 111 Silent Night, Holy Night *Stille Nacht*



Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
Music: *Stille Nacht,* melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)
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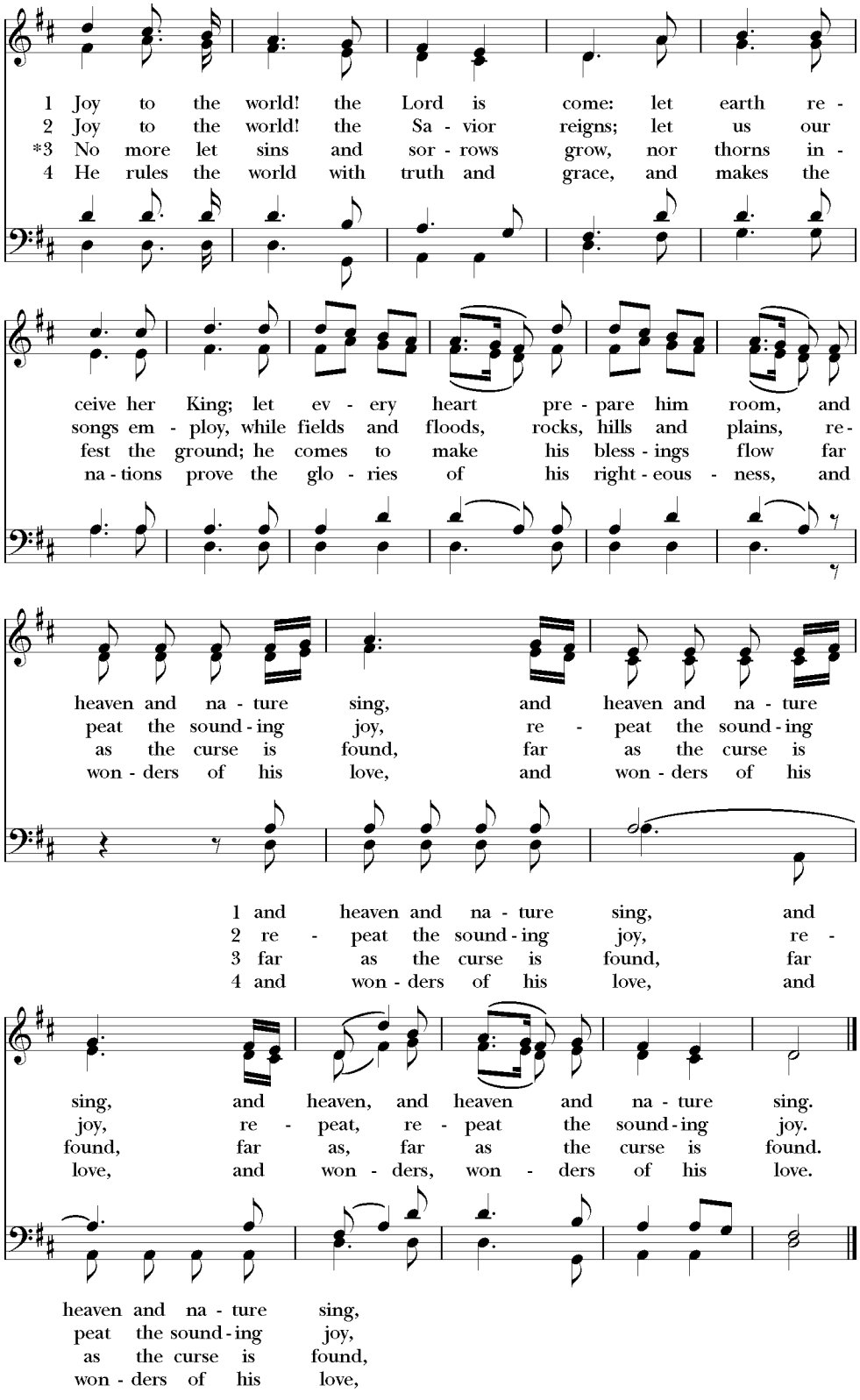
Christmas Blessing
May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen**.

May God, who sent his 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 his peace and favor. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**.

The Dismissal
Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 100 Joy to the World *Antioch*

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Postlude Vom Himmel Hoch (Hymn 80) Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Christmastide at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

Friday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist (Zoom)
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Sunday, December 27, 10:00 a.m.
The First Sunday after Christmas: Morning Prayer (Livestream)

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Christmas

John Betjeman (1906-1984)

The bells of waiting Advent ring,
The Tortoise stove is lit again
And lamp-oil light across the night
Has caught the streaks of winter rain
In many a stained-glass window sheen
From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

The holly in the windy hedge
And round the Manor House the yew
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,
The altar, font and arch and pew,
So that the villagers can say
'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

Provincial Public Houses blaze,
Corporation tramcars clang,
On lighted tenements I gaze,
Where paper decorations hang,
And bunting in the red Town Hall
Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.

And London shops on Christmas Eve
Are strung with silver bells and flowers
As hurrying clerks the City leave
To pigeon-haunted classic towers,
And marbled clouds go scudding by
The many-steepled London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad,
And oafish louts remember Mum,
And sleepless children's hearts are glad.
And Christmas-morning bells say 'Come!'
Even to shining ones who dwell
Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissued fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare -
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.