

Christmas Day Mass: December 25th, 12:30pm

St. Gregory the Great Parish, Williamsville NY, 14221 [In Church]

PRELUDES:

“Angels We Have Heard On High” Traditional French Carol

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains

Refrain

Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo

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Verse 2

Shepherds why this jubilee why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King

Verse 4

See Him in a manger laid whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid while our hearts in love we raise

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“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” Traditional English Carol

Verse 1

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray.

Refrain

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Verse 2

From God our heav’nly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

Verse 3

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of Virgin pure and bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan’s pow’r and might.”

Verse 4

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and charity each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas is filled with heav’nly grace.

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“A Christmas Medley” Piano arrangements by Michael Cygan

Christmas Eve Mass:

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" by John F. Wade

Verse 1

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, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Verse 2

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Verse 3

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

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A CHRISTMAS GLORIA

GLORIA

1. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Refrain: All

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, De - o.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament - Isaiah 52: 7-10 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 93: 1-2, 5 Music by Michael Cygan



All the ends of the earth_____ have seen the sav - ing pow'r of God.

V1 Sing to the LORD a new song,
For he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for
him,
His holy arm.

He has remembered his kindness and
his faithfulness
Toward the house of Israel.

V4 Sing praise to the LORD with the
harp,
With the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the
horn

V2 The LORD has made his salvation
known:
In the sight of the nations he has
revealed his justice.

V3 All the ends of the earth have seen
The salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you
lands;
Break into song; sing praise.

Sing joyfully before the King, the
LORD.

Old Testament - Hebrews 1: 1-6 Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: *You are my son; this day I have begotten you?* Or again: *I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?* And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Celtic Alleluia by Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.

For today a great light has come upon the earth.

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Gospel - John 1: 1-18 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, **Bow>>**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, << suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, **Bow>>**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. << For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn

Verse 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 angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Please as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Verse 3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light of life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

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Holy

Mass of Creation

by Marty Haugen

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Acclamation B*Mass of Creation*

by Marty Haugen



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -



claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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by Marty Haugen



A - men, a - men, a - men! A - men, a - men, a - men!

Music: *Mass of Creation* © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A-630734.***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. *Priest: Deliver us...* For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Agnus Dei: *Mass in C Minor* by Jim Cowan

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

“Away in a Manger” Mueller

Verse 1

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11 11; verses 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885; verse 3, John T. McFarland, 1851-1913; Gabriel's *Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: Attr. to James R. Murray, 1841-1905
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“Silent Night” Stille Nacht

Verse 1

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, sleep in heavenly peace.

Verse 2

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heav'nly hosts sing “Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”

Verse 3

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, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

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Prayer for Renewal

In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church.

In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people, closer to you.

Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care. Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Joy to the World” Antioch

Verse 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 3

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98: 4-9; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes’ *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759; adapt. By Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt. Published by OCP. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE A-730634.

After the closing song:

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle,
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God,
Cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.