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in the
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 AT 10:30 P.M.

PROCESSION AND
SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE NATIVITY –
MIDNIGHT MASS

in the presence of

The Right Reverend Matthew Heyd, Bishop Coadjutor of New York

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS



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*Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.*

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR ORGAN AND BRASS

Variations sur un Noël, Op. 20

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

Joseph, Lieber Joseph mein

Hieronymus Praetorius
(1560-1629)

Quem vidistis pastores?

Johann Hermann Schein
(1586-1630)

In dulci Jubilo

Michael Praetorius
(1571-1621)

Puer natus in Bethlehem, BuxWV 217

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Charles Johnson, *Trumpet*
Robert Patrick, *Trumpet*
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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa ad Praesepe

George Malcolm
(1917-1997)

The People stand at the entry of the Ministers.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

<i>Bishop</i>	Do I not fill heaven and earth? Saith the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Now he is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.
<i>Bishop</i>	From eternity to eternity thou art God,
<i>People</i>	And now we see thee as a new-born child.
<i>Bishop</i>	Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.
<i>People</i>	O come let us adore him. Alleluia.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ADESTE FIDELES

arr. David Willocks


(1919-2015)


- 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;
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
2. God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
3. See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
4. Lo! star-led chieftains
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
5. Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
6. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
7. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

18th-century Latin



THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant 
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People 
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

The Celebrant says

CHRISt the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

MOST merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Bishop says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The People sit.

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung by the Choir

KYRIE eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The People stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light:
Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth,
so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit
he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 96

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Hancock/Andrew)

CANTATE DOMINO

O SING unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name : be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his honour unto the heathen : and his wonders unto all people.
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised : he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols : but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
Glory and worship are before him : power and honour are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name : bring presents, and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King : and that it is he who hath made the round
world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad : let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it :
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth :
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The People stand

HYMN

FOREST GREEN

O LITTLE town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

Choir Only:

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)
arr. Colin Mawby
(1936-2019)

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading. The Choir sings the Alleluia and all repeat



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Cantor The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

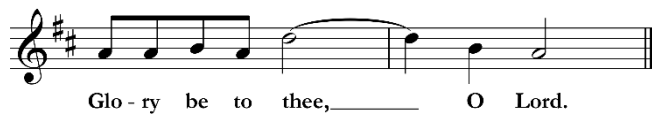
Choir Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

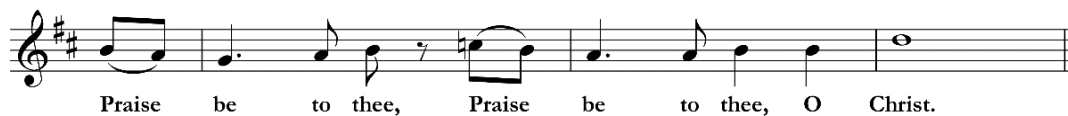
People



After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd
Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of New York

A period of silent reflection may follow the sermon.



THE NICENE CREED

The People stand. At Christmas, it is customary to kneel at the underlined words, otherwise to bow.

I BELIEVE in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Celebrant says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The People kneel.

ALmighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael the Presiding Bishop, Andrew our Bishop, Allen his Suffragan, Mary his Assistant, and Matthew the Bishop Coadjutor Elect, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New York, and the Mayor of the City of New York, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity (*specific petitions may be added here*).

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially our own loved and those whom we wish to remember on this holy night (*silence is kept*) beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Thomas our patron, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The People stand.



THE PEACE

The Bishop says

UNTO us a child is born. Unto us a son is given.
And his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And with thy spirit.

The Bishop says the Offertory Sentence, and the People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Philip Moore
(b. 1943)

THE angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
'Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said.
'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.'
Most highly favoured lady,' Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout all the world will ever say:
'Most highly favoured lady,' Gloria!

Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

The People stand.



HYMN

GLORIA

ANGELS we have heard on high
singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. 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.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the new born King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4. See Him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Traditional French Carol

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

IT is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of
the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother;
that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify
thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The People kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.



AND here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

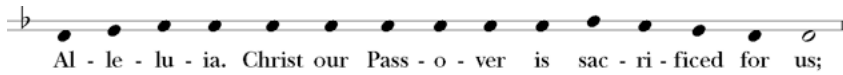
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said





CAROLS

Sung by the Choir

Welcome all wonders

Jay Wilcox
(b. 1954)

WELCOME all wonders in one sight!
Eternity shut in a span.
Summer in winter, day in night,
Heaven in earth, and God in man.
Great little one! Whose all-embracing birth
Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.
Welcome all wonders in one sight!
To thee, meek majesty!
Each of us his lamb will bring,
Each his pair of silver doves;
Till burnt at last in fire of thy fair eyes,
Ourselves become our own best sacrifice.
Welcome all wonders in one sight!

Richard Crashaw (1613-1649)

Sans Day Carol

arr. John Rutter
(b. 1945)

NOW the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:
Refrain: And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross.
Refrain

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all.
Refrain

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,
Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead.
Refrain

Traditional Cornish Carol



Shepherd's Cradle Song

Karl Lenner
arr. Charles McPherson
(1870-1927)

O SLEEP thou heavenborn treasure, thou,
Sleep sound, thou dearest child;
White angel wings shall fan thy brow
With breezes soft and mild.
We shepherds poor are here to sing
A simple lullay to our King.
Lullaby, sleep, sleep softly, lullaby.

See, Mary has with mother's love
A bed for thee outspread,
While Joseph stoops him from above,
And watches at thy head,
The lambkins in the stall so nigh,
That thou may'st sleep, have hushed their cry.
Lullaby, sleep, sleep softly, lullaby.

And when thou art big and art a man
Full woe's in store for thee;
For cruel men thy death will plan,
And hang thee on a tree.
So sleep, my baby, whilst thou may,
'Twill give thee rest against that day.
Lullaby, sleep, sleep softly, lullaby.

Arthur Foxton Ferguson (1866-1920)

THE PLACING OF THE CHRIST CHILD IN THE CRÈCHE

The People kneel. As the Bishop places the image of the Christ Child in the Crèche, the Choir sings this carol.

CAROL

Silent Night

Franz Gruber
(1787-1863)
arr. Jeremy Filsell
(b. 1964)

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.

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.

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)



THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People remain kneeling and silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory,
world without end. Amen.

THE SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



HYMN

MENDELSSOHN

arr. David Willcocks

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.

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a 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.

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

VOLUNTARY

Sortie sur 'Venez, divin Messie', (1968)

Pierre Cochereau

(1924-1984)

trans. François Lombard



PILGRIMS' COURSE 2024



Want to know more about the Christian Faith? Want to be baptized or confirmed? Want to become a member of Saint Thomas Church?
The Pilgrims' Course explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community. The first class will commence on Wednesday, January 17. A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm. Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join us on-line.

To register please email: pilgrims@saintthomaschurch.org

CHRISTMAS DAY

The 11 am service will be video livestreamed, and, thereafter, available on-demand

✠ MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

9 a.m. Said Mass at the Christmas Crèche

11 a.m. Procession and Solemn Eucharist of the Nativity
sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys
Music of Walton, Martin, Wilcox, and Rutter
Sermon by The Rector

SERVICES NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

The Church is open for Private Prayer and Visits to the Christmas Crèche
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Shrine Prayers (Intercessions)

Tuesday – Saturday at 12 p.m. *Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

Please send your requests for prayers via the website [click here](#) or emailed to: prayer@saintthomaschurch.org

The Daily Eucharist

Tuesday – Saturday at 12:05 p.m. *Live audio stream and then on-demand.*

Tuesday: Saint Stephen

Wednesday: Saint John

Thursday: Holy Innocents

Friday: St. Thomas of Canterbury

Confessions, Spiritual Advice, and Healing Ministry

Saturday, December 30, 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Confessor: Fr. Mark Schultz

Sunday, December 31, 2023 ~ FESTAL EUCHARIST

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9:00 a.m. Said Mass

11:00 a.m. Festal Eucharist
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir
Sermon by Fr. Gioia

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