The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena

The Reverend Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., *Pastor*
James D. Wetzel, *Director of Music and Organist*

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

First Mass of Christmas

Saturday, December 24, 2022

9:30 PM Procession and Solemn Mass During the Night

The setting of the Mass Ordinary is
Missa Brevis by Grayston Ives (b. 1948).

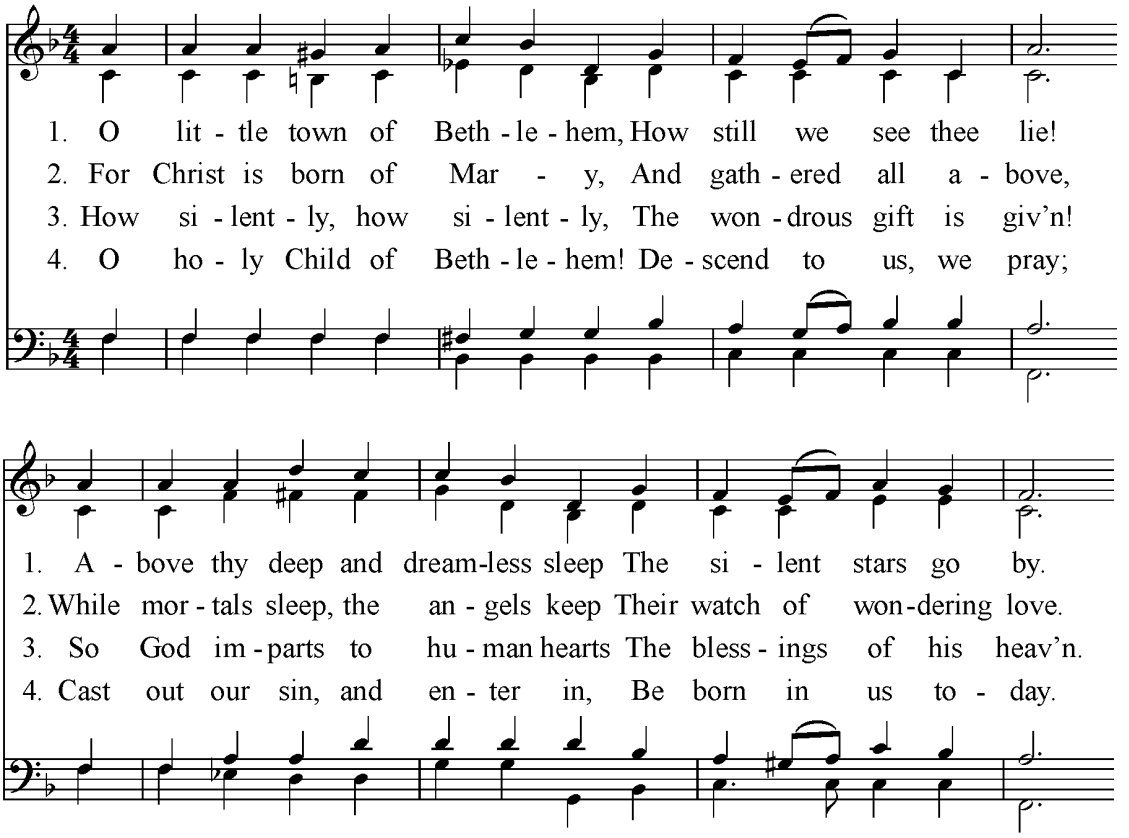
Mass is preceded by Matins at 8:45 PM.

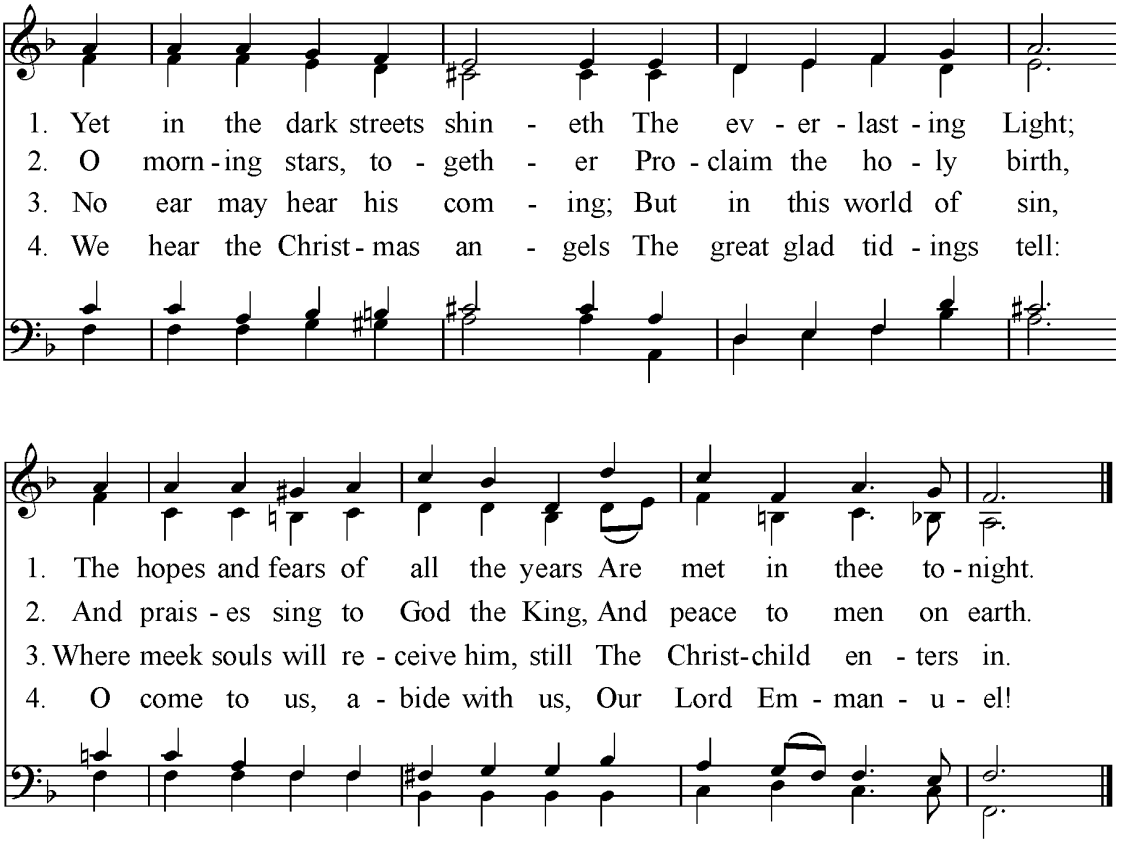
Confessions are heard from 9-9:30 PM.

Prelude music follows Matins at 9:10 PM.

VOLUNTARY Richard Purvis
Carol Rhapsody (1913-1994)

HYMN





Text: The Reverend Phillips Brooks (1835-1908)
Tune: ST. LOUIS; Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

CAROL Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Cantique de Noël (O Holy Night) arr. James D. Wetzel (b. 1987)

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees; Oh hear the angel voices.
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here come the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need; he guardeth us from danger,
Behold your King; before him lowly bend.
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~Placide Cappeau (1808-1877)
trans. John Sullivan Dwight (1813-1893)

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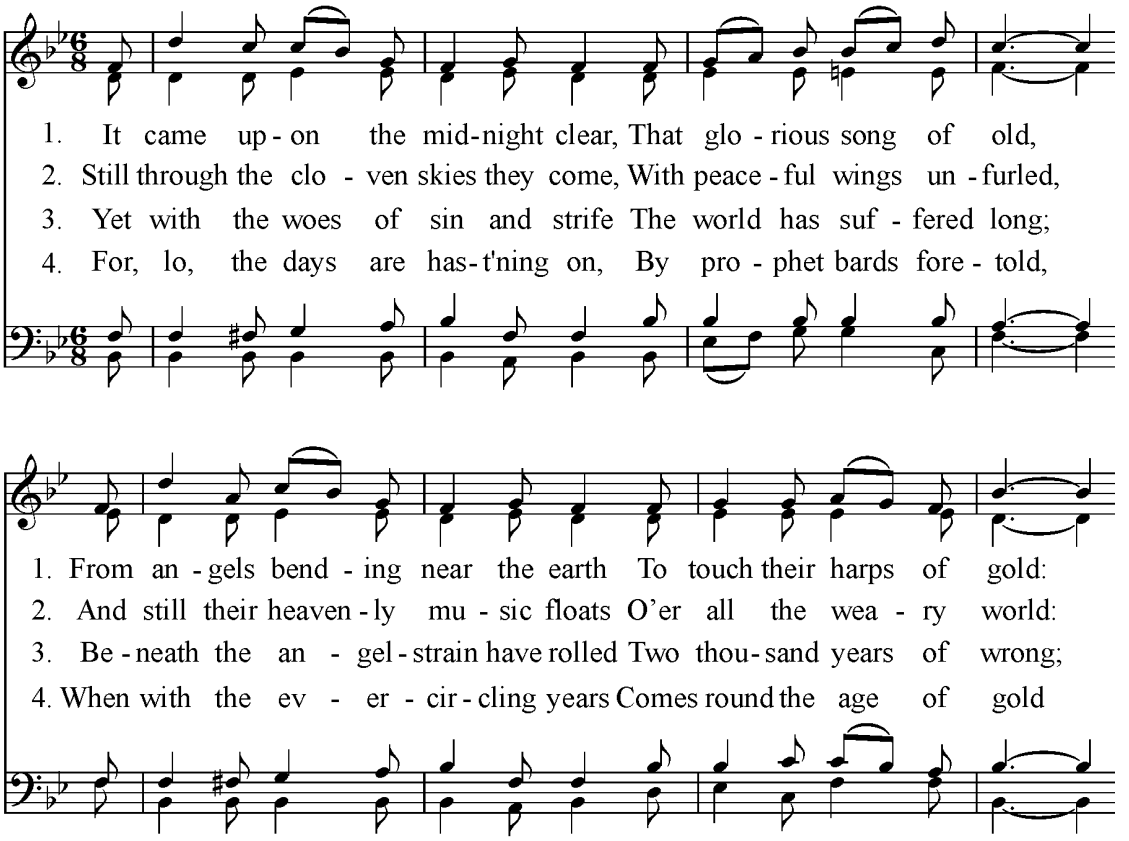
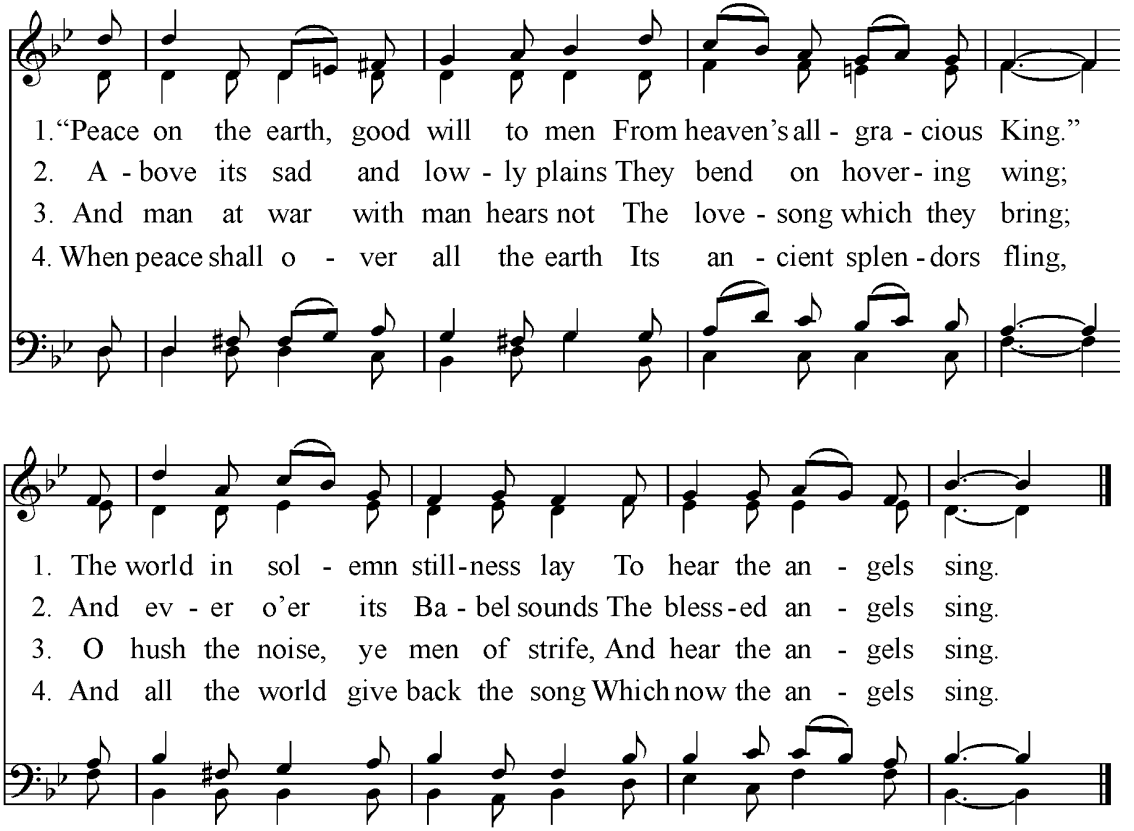




Text: The Reverend Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876)
Tune: CAROL; Richard S. Willis (1819-1900)

CAROL arr. Robert Lucas Pearsall
In dulci jubilo (1795-1856)

In dulci jubilo let us our homage show.	[In sweet rejoicing]
Our heart's joy *reclineth in praesipio*,	[in the manger]
And like a bright star shineth, *Matris in gremio.*	[the Mother's lap]
Alpha es et O, Alpha es et O.	[He is the beginning and the end.]
O Jesu parvule, I yearn for thee alway.	[tiny Jesus]
Hear me, I beseech thee, *O puer optime.*	[great child]
My prayer let it reach thee, *O Princeps gloriae.*	[Prince of glory]
Trahe me post te. Trahe me post te.	[Draw me unto you.]

O Patris caritas, O nati lenitas, [Love of the Father, gentleness of your birth]
Deeply were we stained *per nostra crimina*. [for our sin]
But thou hast for us gained *caelorum gaudia*. [joy of heaven]
O that we were there. O that we were there.

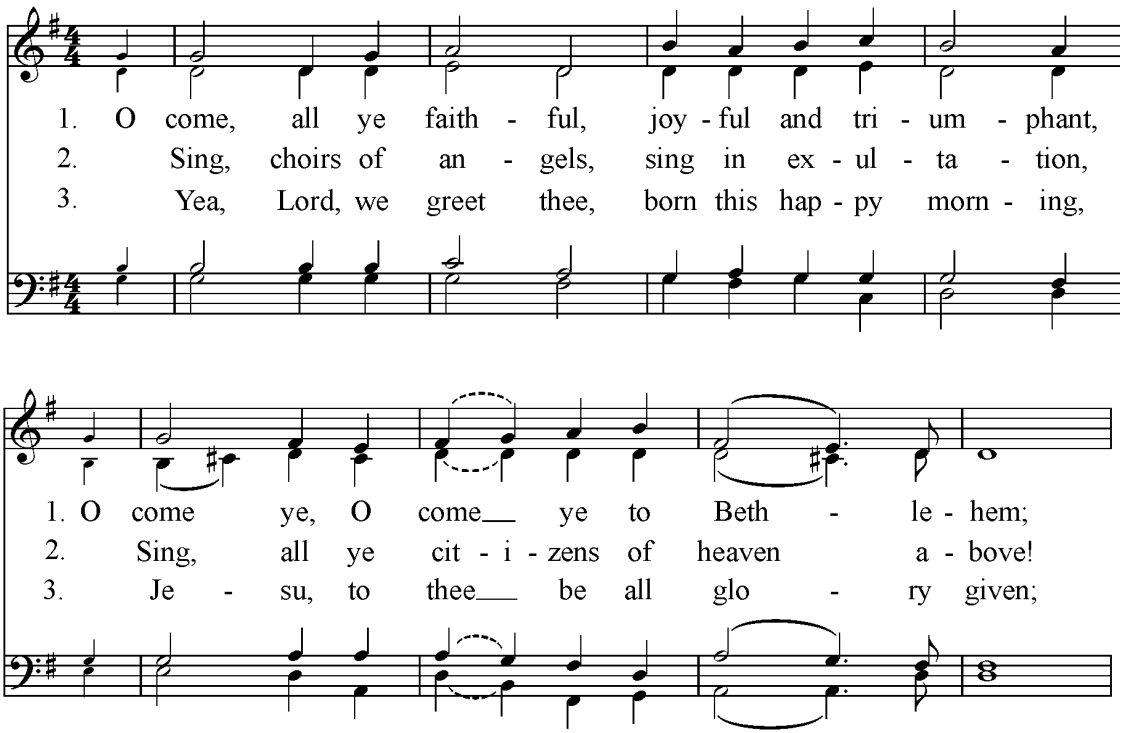
Ubi sunt gaudia, where, if that they be not there? [Where are the joys]
There are angels singing *nova cantica*. [a new song]
There the bells are ringing *in Regis curia*. [in the court of the King]
O that we were there. O that we were there.

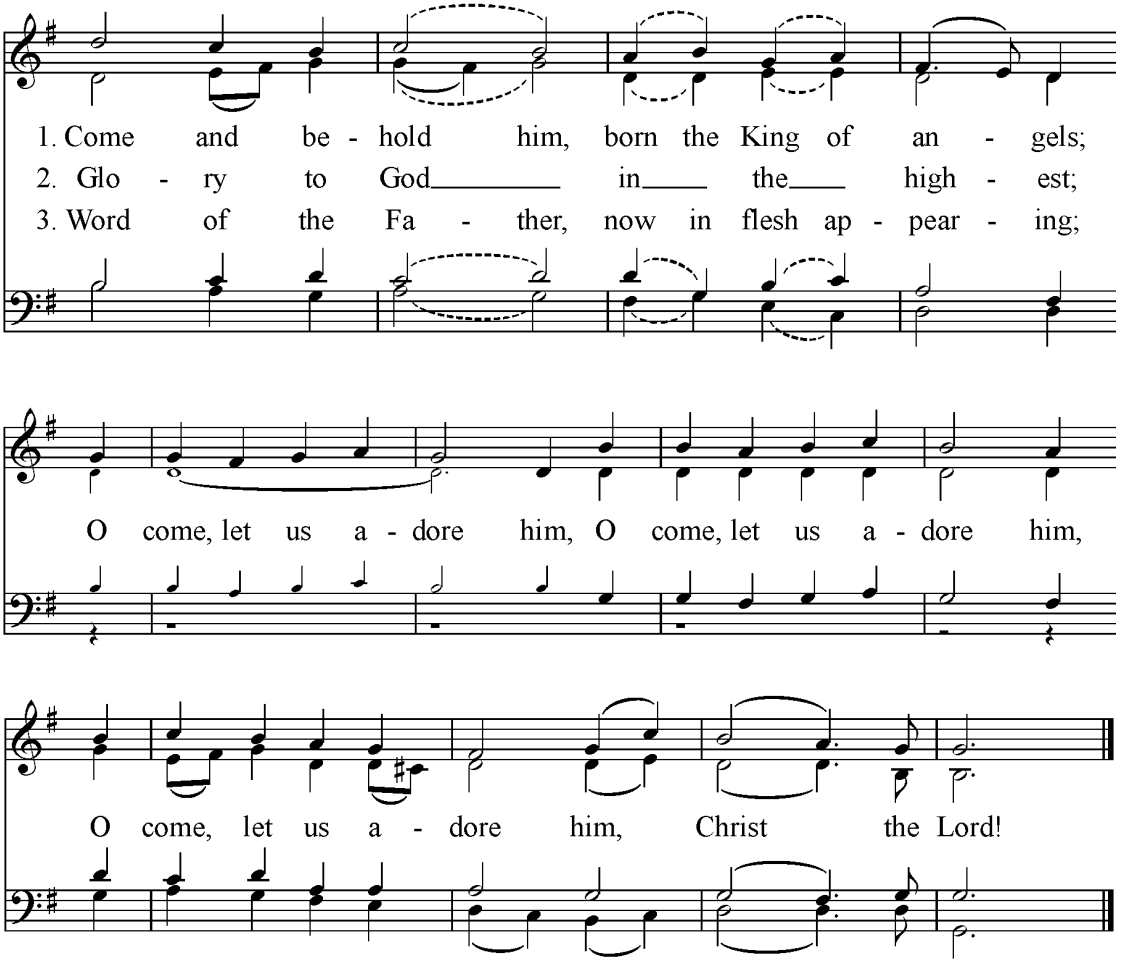
VOLUNTARY John Ireland
The Holy Boy (1879-1962)

SOLEMN PROCESSION

The People stand and remain in their pews while the Ministers process.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN





Text: John Francis Wade (c. 1717-1786); trans. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880)
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES; John Francis Wade

STATION AT THE CRÉCHE

When the Procession reaches the Station, the Versicle is said:

℣. The Lord said to me: you are my Son.

℟. **It is I who have begotten you this day.**

℣. The Word became flesh.

℟. **And dwelt among us.**

Prayer of Blessing

Pray now for God's blessing as we look on these figures.

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Solemn Proclamation of the Nativity from the Roman Martyrology

The Twenty-fifth Day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace,

Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

℣. Let us proceed in peace.

℟. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (OFFICIUM) *Psalm 2:7, 1, 2, 8* Chant, mode ii

Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te.	*The Lord said to me:* *You are my Son,* *today I have begotten you.*
V. Quare fremuerunt gentes: et populi meditate sunt inania?	V. *Why have the nations conspired,* *and the peoples plotted in vain?*
V. Astiterunt reges terrae, et principes convenerunt in unum adversus Dominum, et adversus Christum ejus.	V. *The kings of the earth stand up,* *and the princes come together as one* *against the Lord,* *and against his Christ.*
V. Postula a me, et dabo tibi gentes hereditatem tuam, et possessionem tuam terminos terrae.	V. *Ask of me,* *and I will give you the nations as your inheritance,* *and the ends of the earth as your possession.*
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.	*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,* *and to the Holy Spirit.* *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,* *and world without end. Amen.*

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison.	*Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison.	*Lord, have mercy.*

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo	*Glory be to God on high,*
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	*and on earth peace to men of good will.*
Laudamus te,	*We praise you,*
benedicimus te,	*we bless you,*
adoramus te,	*we adore you,*
glorificamus te,	*we glorify you,*
gratias agimus tibi	*we give you thanks*
propter magnam gloriam tuam,	*for you great glory,*
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,	*Lord God, heavenly King,*
Deus Pater omnipotens.	*God the Father almighty.*
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,	*Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son,*
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.	*Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	*who takes away the sins of the world,*
miserere nobis.	*have mercy on us;*
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	*who takes away the sins of the world,*
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	*receive our prayer;*
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	*who sits at the right hand of the Father,*
miserere nobis.	*have mercy on us.*
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,	*For only you are holy,*
tu solus Dominus,	*only you are the Lord,*
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,	*only you are the most high, Jesus Christ,*
cum Sancto Spiritu,	*with the Holy Spirit,*
in gloria Dei Patris.	*in the glory of God the Father.*
Amen.	*Amen.*

COLLECT

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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!

GRADUAL (RESPONSORIUM) *Psalm 109 (110):3, 1* Chant, mode ii

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuae: in splendoribus sanctorum, ex utero ante luciferum genui te.	*Yours shall be the dominion* *in the day of your power;* *in the brightness of the saints,* *from the womb before the day-star I begot you.*
V. Dixit Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis, donec ponam inimicos tuos, scabellum pedum tuorum.	V. *The Lord said to my Lord:* *Sit at my right hand,* *until I make your enemies* *your footstool.*

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.

ALLELUIA *Psalm 2:7* Chant, mode viii

Alleluia, alleluia.	*Alleluia, alleluia.*
V. Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te.	V. *The Lord said to me:* *You are my Son,* *today I have begotten you.*
Alleluia.	*Alleluia.*

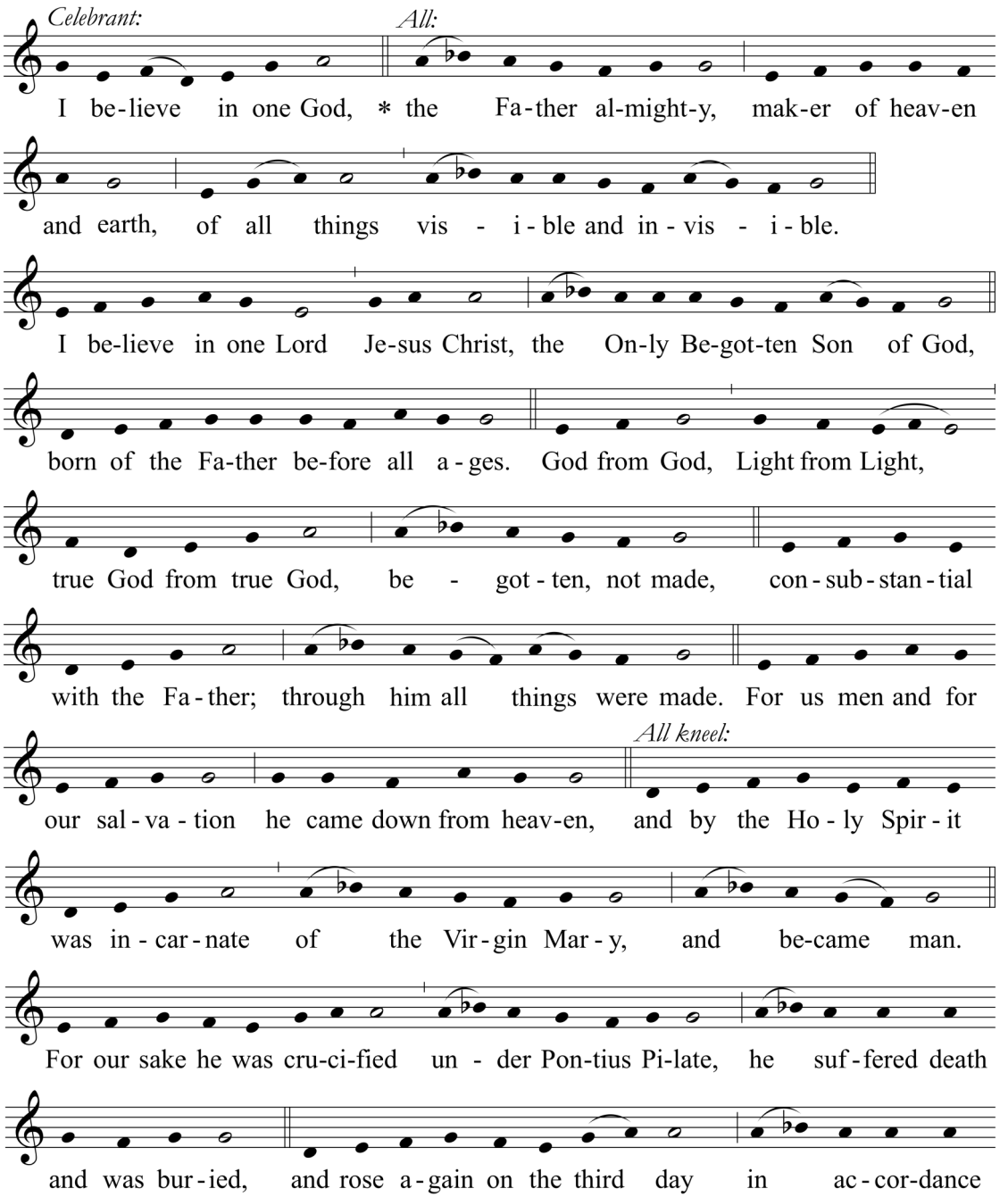
GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-14*

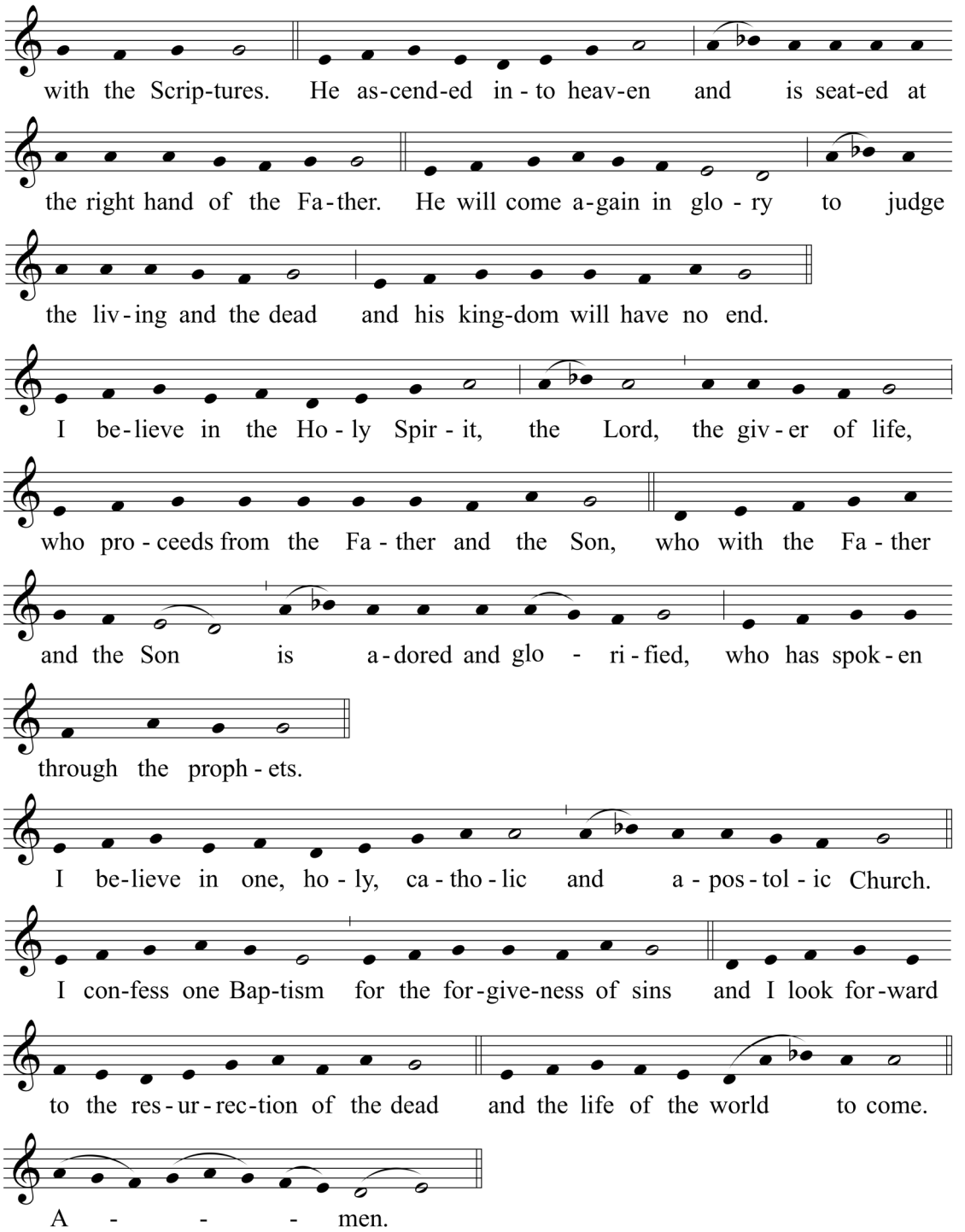
In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David 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

CREDO Chant, mode iv




with the Scrip-tures. He as-cend-ed in - to heav-en and is seat-ed at
the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge
the liv - ing and the dead and his king-dom will have no end.
I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it, the Lord, the giv - er of life,
who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son, who with the Fa - ther
and the Son is a - dored and glo - ri - fied, who has spok - en
through the proph - ets.
I be - lieve in one, ho - ly, ca - tho - lic and a - pos - tol - ic Church.
I con - fess one Bap - tism for the for - give - ness of sins and I look for - ward
to the res - ur - rec - tion of the dead and the life of the world to come.
A - - - men.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON *Psalm 95 (96):11, 13* Chant, mode iv

Laetentur caeli,	*Let the heavens rejoice,*
et exsultet terra	*and let the earth be glad*
ante faciem Domini	*before the face of the Lord,*
quoniam venit.	*for he comes.*

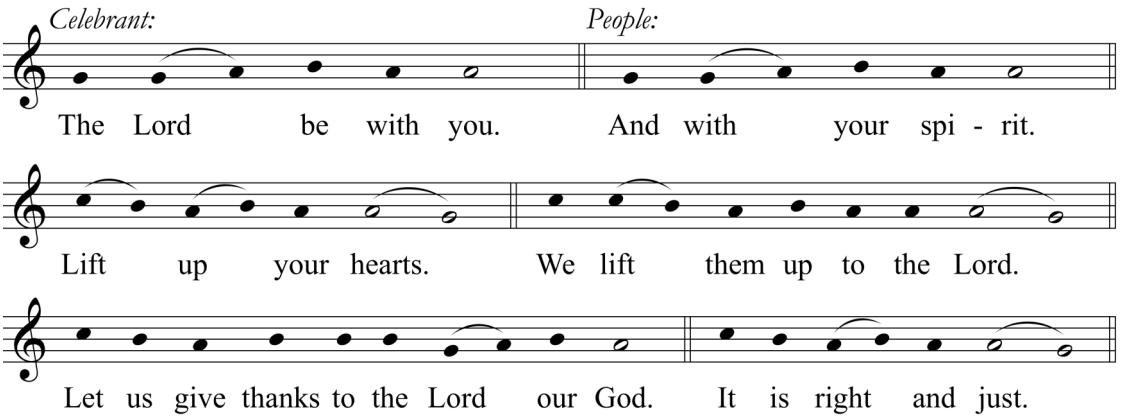
OFFERTORY MOTET Peter Warlock
Benedicamus Domino [Let us bless the Lord] (1894-1930)

Procedenti puero	*A boy comes forth,*
Eia, nobis annus est.	*Eia, this is our time,*
Virginis ex utero.	*from the virgin's womb.*
Gloria. Laudes.	*Glory. Praise.*
Deus homo factus est et immortalis.	*God is made man and immortal.*
Sine viri semine	*Without the seed of a man*
Eia, nobis annus est.	*Eia, this is our time,*
Natus est de virgine.	*he is born of a virgin.*
Gloria...	*Glory...*
Sine viri copia	*Without recourse to man,*
Eia, nobis annus est.	*Eia, this is our time,*
Natus est ex Maria.	*he is born of Mary.*
Gloria...	*Glory...*
In hoc festo determino	*On this appointed feastday,*
Eia, nobis annus est.	*Eia, this is our time,*
Benedicamus Domino.	*let us bless the Lord.*
Gloria...	*Glory...*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

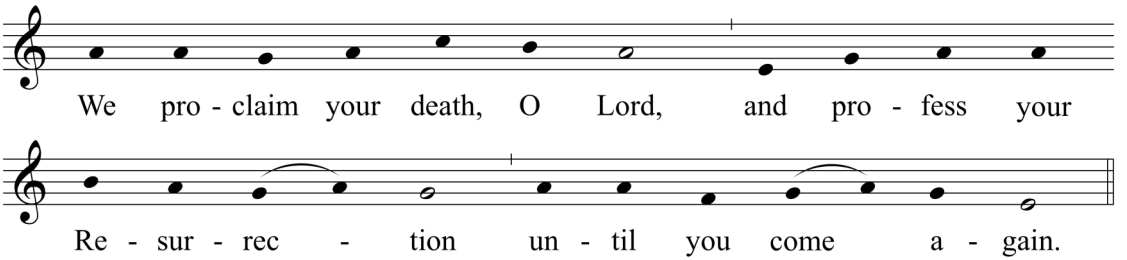
PREFACE



SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	*Holy, Holy, Holy*
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	*Lord God of hosts.*
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua:	*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*
Hosanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini:	*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*
Hosanna in excelsis.	*Hosanna in the highest.*

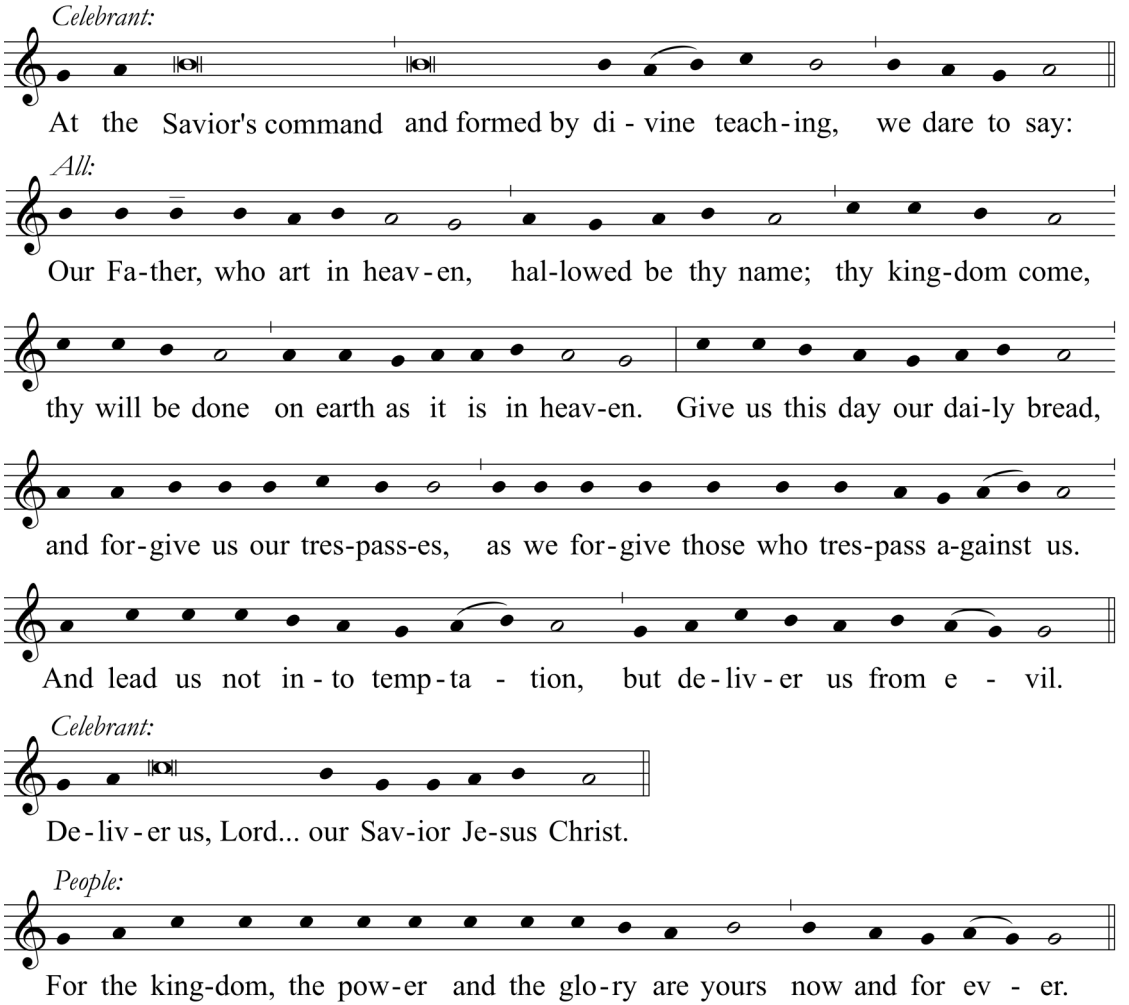
MYSTERY OF FAITH



PER IPSUM

Communion Rite

Pater Noster



To receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please use the Communion line at the altar rail.

To receive Holy Communion in the hand, please use the Communion line in the center aisle of the Nave.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins* *of the world, have mercy on us.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins* *of the world, have mercy on us.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins* *of the world, grant us peace.*

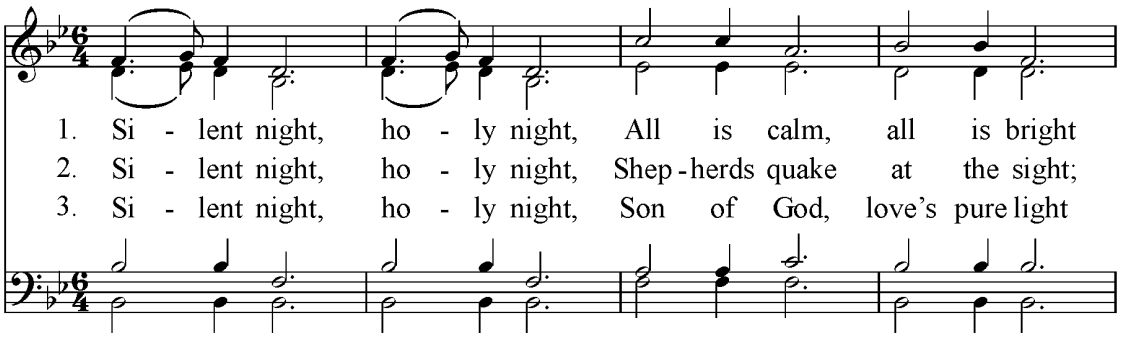
COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Psalm 109 (110):3* Chant, mode vi

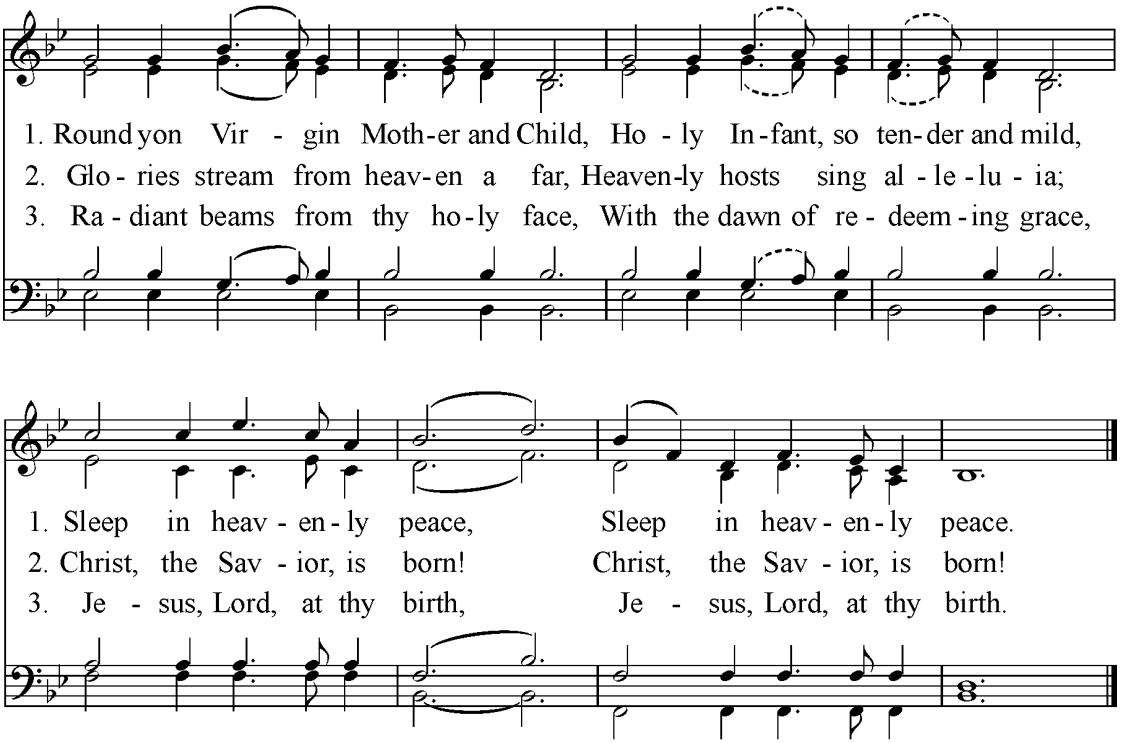
In splendoribus sanctorum, ex utero ante luciferum genui te.	*In the brightness of the saints,* *from the womb before the day-star I begot you.*

COMMUNION MOTET *Luke 1:28* Pierre Villette (1926-1998)

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepio.	*O great mystery* *and wonderful sacrament,* *that animals should see the new-born Lord* *lying in a manger.*
Beata Virgo Maria, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum.	*O blessed Virgin Mary, whose womb was worthy* *to bear the Lord Christ.*
Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.	*Hail Mary, full of grace,* *the Lord is with you.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN





Text: The Reverend Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); trans. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
Tune: STILLE NACHT; Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honorable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

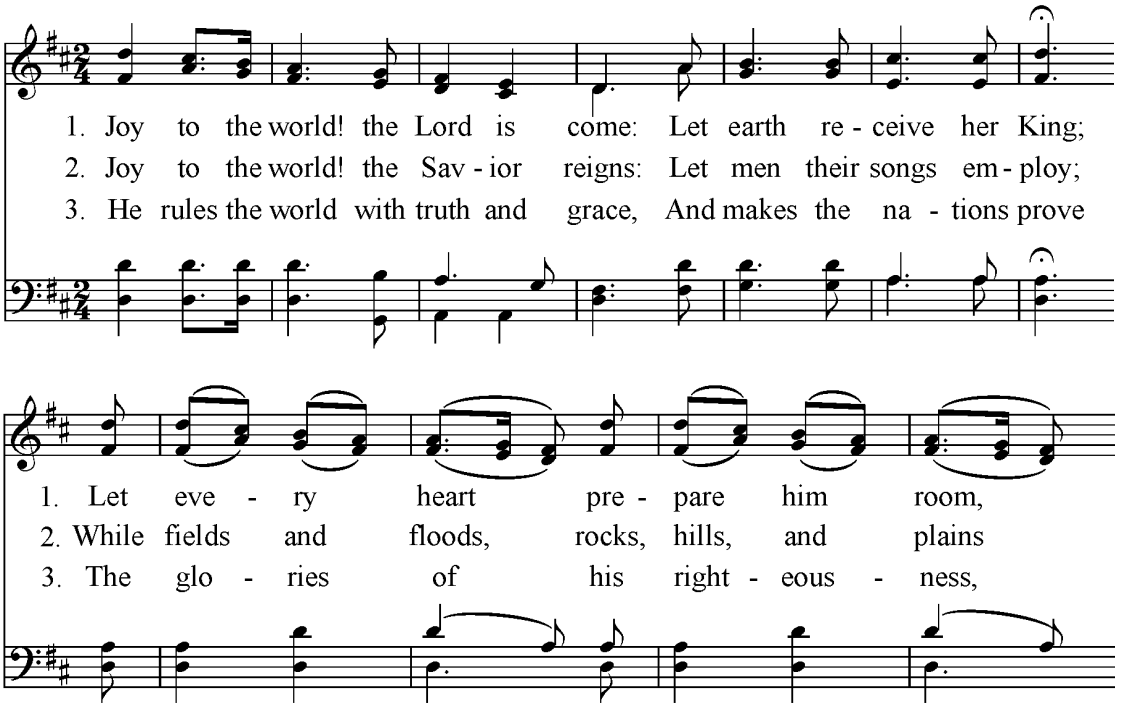
May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. *Amen.*

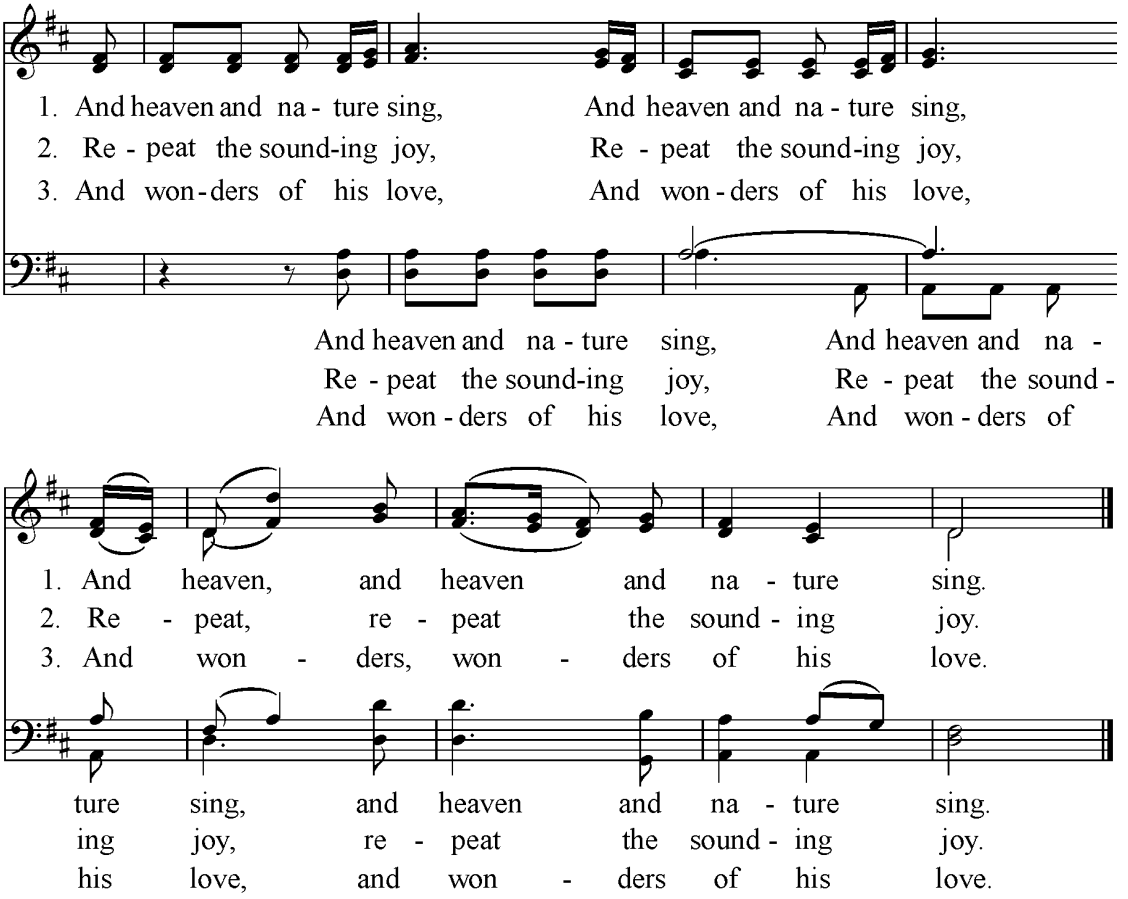
May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel. *Amen.*

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers with the Church in heaven. *Amen.*

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Final Hymn





Text: para. Psalm 97 (98); Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Tune: ANTIOCH; Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

POSTLUDE Johann Sebastian Bach
In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 [In sweet joy] (1685-1750)

Please return this leaflet to the basket after Mass or take with you.
Do not leave it in the pews.

Cover Image: The Nativity with St. George and St. Vincent Ferrer*, painted in 1455 by Filippo Lippi (1406-1469) and now held in the Museo Civico, Prato*

CHRISTMAS DAY VESPERS

Solemn Vespers of the Nativity of the Lord will be celebrated on Christmas afternoon at 3:15 PM, preceding the 4 PM Sung Mass. The Schola Cantorum will sing Tomás Luis de Victoria's *Magnificat Primi toni*. Please consider joining and making this a part of your Christmas observance.

FEASTS WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 26 (Second Day of Christmas) is the Feast of Saint Stephen, Protomartyr. Tuesday, December 27 (Third Day of Christmas) is the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Wednesday, December 28 (Fourth Day of Christmas) is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs. Friday, December 30 (Sixth Day of Christmas) is the Feast of the Holy Family. There will be a Sung Mass each of these days at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day, is the Octave Day of the Nativity: the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Parish will offer a regular weekend schedule of Masses and Confessions. The Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2. For the 12 NOON Solemn Mass on Sunday, January 1, the Schola will sing *Missa Alma Redemptoris Mater* by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina and *Pastores quidnam vidistis – Natum vidimus* by Jacobus Clemens non Papa.

The Octave Day of the Nativity celebrates the Circumcision of our Lord. In the Old Law, by the rite of Circumcision, every male Jew became a member and shared in the privileges and blessings of the chosen people of God. Our Lord, the sinless Son of God by nature who therefore did not need adoption into the membership of God's children, nevertheless submitted to the ancient Law. The Feast of the Holy Name follows on the heals of Octave Day to celebrate Jesus' name given at the Circumcision.

EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 8 is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. For the 12 NOON Solemn Mass, the Schola will sing *Missa Ecce nunc benedicite Dominum*; *Omnes de Saba venient*; and Cum *natus esset – At illi dixerunt – Et ecce stella* by Orlando di Lasso.

PARISH INFORMATION

Welcome to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, served by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph. The Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, dedicated on May 5, 1918, was built to the designs of renowned American architect Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue, who considered this his finest building. This National Historic Landmark is widely acclaimed as the foremost American example of French Gothic-style architecture and includes a complete set of Charles Connick stained glass windows, carvings by Lee Lawrie, and two instruments by the Schantz Organ Company.

For information about upcoming events, please take a weekly Parish Bulletin.

For general information about the Parish, its many organizations, an overview of the current year's schedule of events, how to become more involved in our common life, and how to register as a parishioner, please call the Parish Office or visit *svsc.info*. Follow us on facebook @StVincentandStCatherine and sign-up for email alerts by notifying parish@svsc.info.

The Parish's professional choir, the Schola Cantorum, sings every Sunday of the year at the 12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer as well as for numerous weekday feasts. The current Music List, *Music as Holy Preaching*, contains a list of this season's choral repertoire.

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