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



Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:30 PM Procession and Solemn Mass During the Night

The setting of the Mass Ordinary is *Missa Alma Redemptoris Mater* by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594). Mass is preceded by Matins at 8:45 PM. Confessions are heard from 9-9:30 PM. Prelude music following Matins begins at 9:10 PM.

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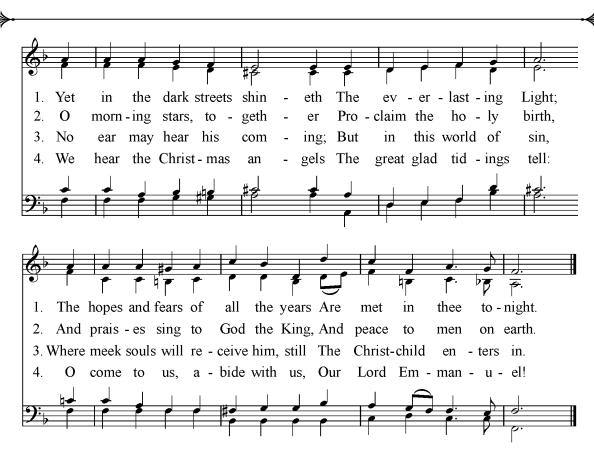
Carol Rhapsody

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

Hymn

þ lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie! 1. For Christ is born of - y, And gath - ered Mar all 2. a bove, si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift 3. How is giv'n! ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend 4. 0 to us, we pray; A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent 1. stars go by. 2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-dering love. 3. So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n. out our sin, and in, to - day. Be born 4. Cast en - ter in us . • .

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

CAROL

The Fairest Flower

Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

There is a flower sprung of a tree, The root thereof is called Jesse, A flower of price; There is none such in paradise.

This flower is fair, and fresh of hue,	The seed hereof was Goddes sand,
It fadeth never, but ever is new;	That God himself sowed with his hand,
The blessed branch this flow'r on grew	In Nazareth that holy land,
Was Mary mild that bare Jesu;	Amidst her arbor a maiden found;
A flower of grace;	This blessed flower
Against all sorrow it is solace.	Sprang never but in Mary's bower.

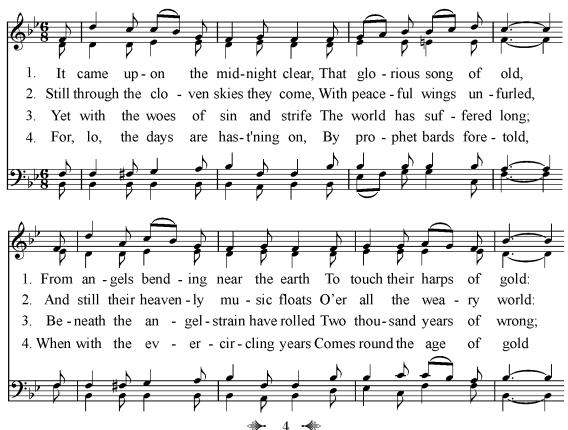
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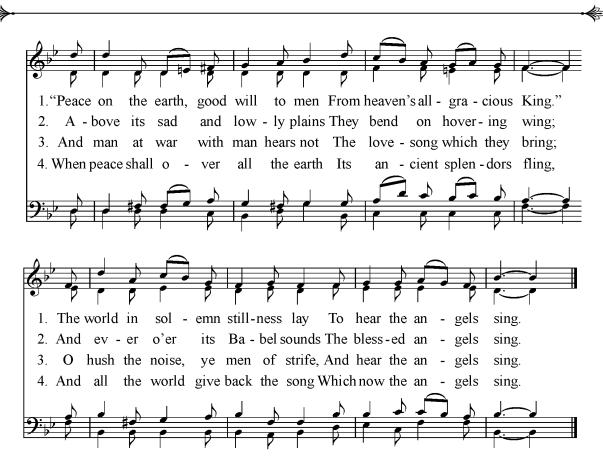
When Gabriel this maid did meet, With 'Ave Maria' he did her greet; Between them two this flower was set And safe was kept, no man should wit, Till on a day In Bethlehem it could spread and spray. When that fair flower began to spread And his sweet blossom began to bed, Then rich and poor of every land They marveled how this flower might spread, Till kinges three That blessed flower came to see.

Angels there came from heaven's tower To look up on this freshele flower, How fair he was in his color And how sweet in his savor; And to behold How such a flower might spring in gold.

~John Audelay (fl. 1426-1426)

Hymn





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

CAROL

Richard Lloyd

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine, Love was born at Christmas. Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine, Worship we our Jesus, But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine, Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

~Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)



John Ireland (1879-1962)

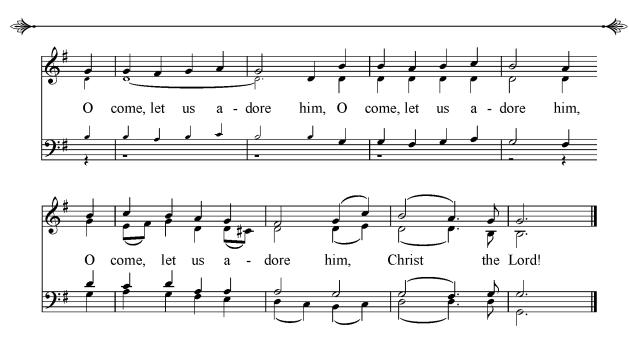
SOLEMN PROCESSION

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



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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:

- \cancel{k} The Lord said to me: you are my Son.
- R? It is I who have begotten you this day.
- \cancel{K} The Word became flesh.
- R^{r} 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. In your goodness, O Lord, \mathbf{H} bless 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.

 \cancel{X} Let us proceed in peace.

R? In the name of Christ. Amen.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (OFFICIUM) Psalm 2:7, 1, 2, 8

Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te.

V. Quare fremuerunt gentes: et populi meditate sunt inania?

V. Astiterunt reges terrae, et principes convenerunt in unum adversus Dominum, et adversus Christum ejus.

V. Postula a me, et dabo tibi gentes hereditatem tuam, et possessionem tuam terminos terrae.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. The Lord said to me: You are my Son, today I have begotten you.

V. Why have the nations conspired, and the peoples plotted in vain?

V. The kings of the earth stand up, and the princes come together as one against the Lord, and against his Christ.

V. Ask of me, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, and the ends of the earth as your possession.

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. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Chant, mode ii

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, 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 to men 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, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; who takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For only you are holy, only you are the Lord, only you are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. 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	Yours shall be the dominion
in die virtutis tuae:	in the day of your power;
in splendoribus sanctorum,	in the brightness of the saints,
ex utero ante luciferum genui te.	from the womb before the day-star I begot you.
V. Dixit Dominus Domino meo:	V. The Lord said to my Lord:
V. Dixit Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis,	V. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand,
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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.

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Chant, mode viii

ALLELUIA Psalm 2:7

The Cantor sings the Alleluia; then all repeat it. The Schola continues through the jubilus (tail) of the Alleluia and sings the Verse, after which the Alleluia is repeated by all.



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.

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."

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CREDO Chant, mode iv Celebrant: All: Fa-ther al-might-y, mak-er of heav-en I be-lieve in one God, * the 0 things vis - i - ble and in - vis - i - ble. and earth, of all • • I be-lieve in one Lord Je-sus Christ, the On-ly Be-got-ten Son of God. born of the Fa-ther be-fore all a-ges. God from God, Light from Light, 0 true God from true God, be - got - ten, not made, con-sub-stan-tial • . 0 . things were made. For us men and for with the Fa-ther; through him all All kneel: . . • • • 0 our sal-va-tion he came down from heav-en, and by the Ho-ly Spir-it **>**• • • • • • 0 the Vir-gin Mar-y, was in - car - nate of and be-came man. • 0 For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un - der Pon-tius Pi-late, he suf-fered death . >. • 0 and was bur-ied, and rose a-gain on the third day in ac - cor-dance

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. >. • 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 ••••• 0 the liv-ing and the dead and his king-dom will have no end. . >-0 0 • • • • • • I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spir-it, Lord, the giv-er of life, the • 0 . who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther and the Son, who with the Fa-ther • a-dored and glo - ri-fied, who has spok-en and the Son is • • • through the proph-ets. . . • • 0 0 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. , , , , , А men. 14 🔶

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

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

OFFERTORY MOTET Luke 2:10, 11

Angelus ad pastores ait: Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: quia natus est vobis hodie ex Maria Virgine Salvator mundi, alleluia. The Angel said to the shepherds: I bring you tidings of great joy; for unto you is born today of the Virgin Mary the Savior of the world, alleluia Jacobus Vaet (c. 1529-1567)

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

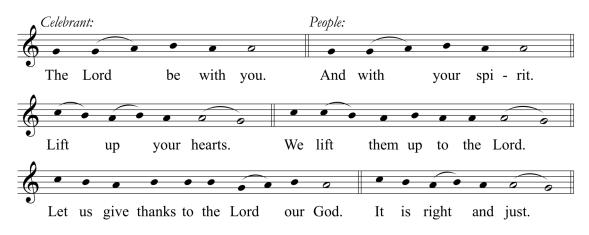
May the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Chant, mode iv

PREFACE

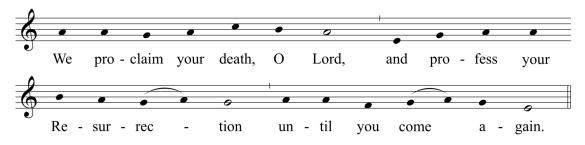


SANCTUS

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 your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini: Hosanna in excelsis. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

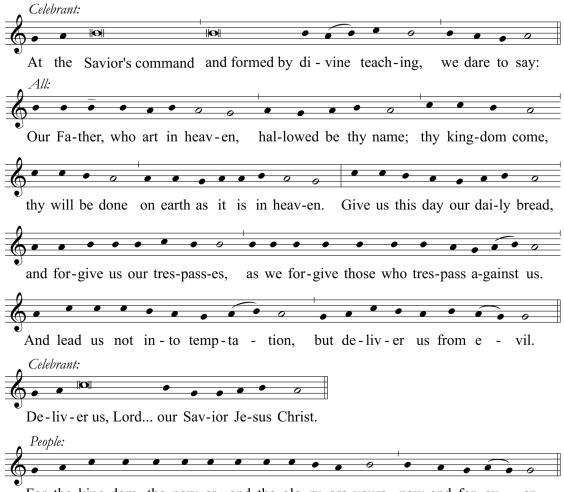
MYSTERY OF FAITH



PER IPSUM

COMMUNION RITE

PATER NOSTER



For the king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev - er.

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.

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AGNUS DEI

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Psalm 109 (110):3*

In splendoribus sanctorum, ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

COMMUNION MOTET

Alma Redemptoris Mater á 5

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti surgere qui curat populo. Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem: Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Chant, mode vi

In the brightness of the saints, from the womb before the day-star I begot you.

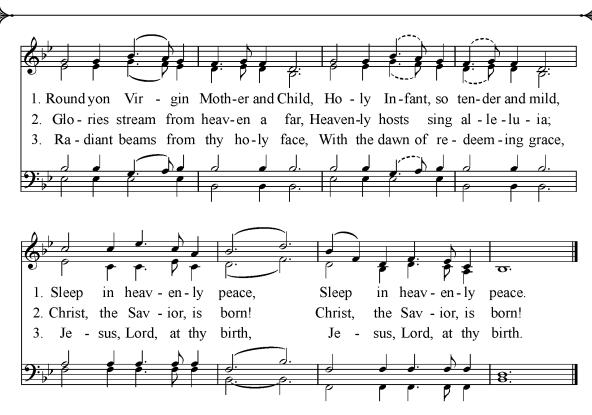
> Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the accessible gate of heaven and star of the sea, give aid to a falling people that strives to rise. You who begot, with nature marveling, your holy Creator. Virgin before and after, from the mouth of Gabriel receiving that Ave, have mercy on sinners.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN



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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

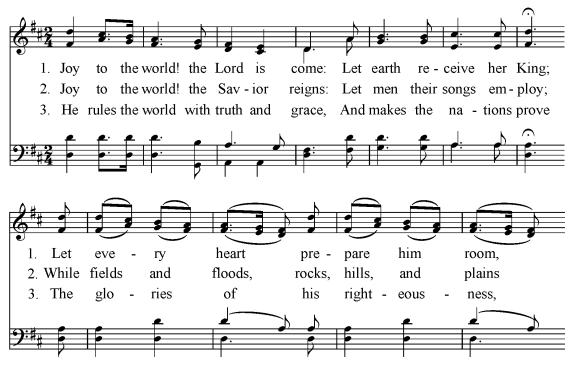
May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue. *Amen.*

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



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

POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 [In sweet joy]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

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CHORAL SERVICES OF CHRISTMASTIDE

All of these are at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

CHRISTMAS DAY – Monday, December 25 12 MIDNIGHT Solemn Mass in the Dominican Rite (*in Latin*) *Mass in F* – Charles Wood (1866-1926)

12 NOON Solemn Mass During the Day Missa Brevis in B Flat Major, K. 275 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) Angelus ad pastores ait – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621) Quaeramus cum pastoribus – Ubi pascas – Giovanni Croce (c. 1557-1609) with orchestra

> 5 PM Solemn Vespers Magnificat Primi Toni (1576) – Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594) Alma Redemptoris Mater á 5 – Orlando di Lasso

HOLY FAMILY – Sunday, December 31

12 NOON Solemn Mass Missa Brevis in D Major, K. 194 – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) Parvulus hodie natus est – Girolamo Giacobbi (1567-1629) O admirabile commercium – Melchior Franck (1580-1639)

OCTAVE DAY - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - Monday, January 1

6 PM Solemn Mass Missa Princeps pacis – William Lloyd Webber (1914-1982) Hodie Christus natus est – Francis Poulenc (1899-1963) Quem pastores laudavere – James Bassi (b. 1961)

EPIPHANY (Traditional) – Saturday, January 6

9:30 AM Solemn Mass in the Dominican Rite (*in Latin*) Peterhouse Mass – Christopher Tye (c. 1500-1573)

EPIPHANY – Sunday, January 7 12 NOON Solemn Mass Music of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594) Missa Hodie Christus natus est; Videntes stellam; and Tribus miraculis

The Parish's full Christmastide of Masses and Confessions is available on our website *svsc.info*, in this week's bulletin, and on flyers at the back of both churches.

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FEASTS WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

There will be a Sung Mass Tuesday through Friday this week at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. Tuesday, December 26 (Second Day of Christmas) is the Feast of Saint Stephen, Protomartyr. Wednesday, December 27 (Third Day of Christmas) is the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Thursday, December 28 (Fourth Day of Christmas) is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs.

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.

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





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