



# The Nativity of the Lord

December 24, 2025



## Opening Song

## O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL / VENID, FIELES TODOS

ADESTE FIDELES



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, — joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, — sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, †
3. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, — born this hap - py morn - ing, †
4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, — lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -
1. Ve - nid, fie - les to - dos, a Be - lén va - ya - mos go -
2. En po - bre pe - se - bre — ya - ce - él re - cli - na - do, al
3. Can - tad ju - bi - lo - sas, — ce - les - tes cria - tu - ras: re -
4. Je - sús, ce - le - bra - mos — tu ben - di - to nom - bre con



1. come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem; —
2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n — a - bove! —
3. Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n; —
4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem. —

1. zo - sos, triun - fan - tes y lle - nos de a - mor, y al
2. mun - do o - fre - cien - do e - ter - na sal - va - ción. ¡Al
3. sue - ñen los cie - los con vues - tra can - ción. ¡Al
4. him - nos so - lem - nes de gra - to lo - or. Por



1. Come and be - hold him, — born the King of an - gels;
2. Glo - ry to God, all — glo - ry in the high - est;
3. Word of the Fa - ther, — now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
4. Na - tum vi - dé - te — Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

1. rey de los cie - los hu - mil - de ve - re - mos.
2. san - to Me - sí - as, el Ver - bo hu - ma - na - do,
3. Dios bon - da - do - so — glo - ria en las al - tu - ras!
4. si - glos e - ter - nos la hu - ma - ñi - dad te hon - re.

## Greeting



Our God is with you.  
And also with you.

The grace of Jesus  
Christ, Emmanuel, the  
Love of God, and the  
Communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with all  
of you.

And also with you.

Welcome



- English O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
- Latin Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -
- Español Ve - nid, — a - do - re - mos, ve - nid, — a - do - re - mos, ve -



- come, let us a - dore him, — Christ, — the Lord!
- ní - te, a - do - ré - mus — Dó - mi - num.
- nid, — a - do - re - mos a Cris - to el Se - ñor.

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786; English tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880;  
Spanish tr. by Juan Bautista Cabrera, 1837-1916, alt. Music: John F. Wade.

## Opening Prayer

### Reconciliation with God and Each Other

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's birth, let us acknowledge our failures and ask God for mercy and strength.

Lord Jesus, you are God of vulnerability and power, and the bringer of peace. Kyrie Eleison. **Kyrie Eleison**

You are the first born of Mary and Son of God. Christe Eleison. **Christe Eleison.**

You are Word made flesh and splendor of all creation. Kyrie Eleison. **Kyrie Eleison**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Having reconciled ourselves to God and one another, let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

### Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the choirs of

### Gloria



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply  
strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be  
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee  
an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,



Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.  
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
While our hearts in love we raise.



Gló - - - - ri - a



in ex - cél - sis De - o. Gló - - -



- - - ri - a in ex - cél - sis De - o.

Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French carol, c. 18th C.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862  
Tune: GLORIA, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; French carol

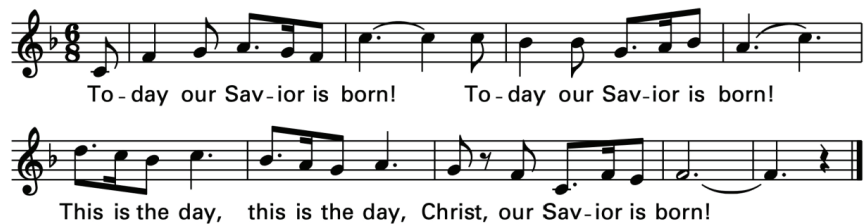
## Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9:  
1-6

**Psalm**

**PSALM 96: TODAY OUR SAVIOR IS BORN**

Jaime Cortez



**Second Reading:** Titus 2:11-14

**Gospel:** Luke 2:1-14

## Prayer of Belief

### A Christmas Creed from Latin America

**I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the Gospel  
which began in Bethlehem.**

**I believe in the One whose spirit glorified a small village,  
of whose coming the shepherds saw the sign,  
and for whom there was no room in the inn.**

**I believe in the One whose life changed the course of history,  
for whom the kings of the earth had no power,  
and who was not understood by the proud.**

**I believe in the One to whom the poor, the oppressed, the discouraged,  
the afflicted, the sick, the blind and the leprous gave welcome  
and accepted as Savior.**

**I believe in the One who, with love, changed the hearts of the proud,  
and with his life, showed that it is more important to serve than to be served,  
and that the greatest joy is in giving your life for others.**

**I believe in peace, which means justice among all peoples and nations  
and love among all.**

**I believe in reconciliation, forgiveness  
and the transforming power of the gospel.**

**I believe that Christmas is strength and power, and that this world can  
change if, with humility and faith, we kneel before the manger.**

**I believe that I must be the first one to do so. Amen.**

## Prayers of the Faithful

*Our response is "Hear Our Prayer."*

## Presentation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord,  
God of all creation.  
Through your goodness  
we have this bread to  
offer, which earth has  
given and human hands  
have made. It will be-  
come for us the bread of  
life.

## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath  
2. I - sa - iah 'twas for - told it, The Rose I have in  
3. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the



sprung! Of Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing, As seers of old have  
mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er  
air, Dis - pels with glo-rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry -

## Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord,  
God of all creation.  
Through your goodness  
we have this wine to of-  
fer, fruit of the vine and  
work of human hands. It  
will become our spiritu-  
al drink.



sung. It came, a blos - som bright, A -  
kind. To show God's love a - right, She  
where. True man, yet ver - y God, From



mid the cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.  
bore to us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.  
sin and death he saves us, And light - ens ev - 'ry load.

## Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my family in

Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty and Holy One. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all the Church.**

Text: Isaiah 11:1; *Es ist ein 'Ros' entsprungen*; *Speier Gesangbuch*, 1599; tr. sts. 1–2 by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.; st. 3, Friedrich Layritz, 1808–1859; tr. by Harriet Reynolds Krauth, 1845–1925, alt.  
Tune: ES IST EIN 'ROS' ENSTSPRUNGEN, 7 6 7 6 6 7 6; *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, Cologne, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

Self-emptying and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the wonder of the incarnation your eternal Word has brought to the eyes of faith a new and radiant vision of your glory. In him we see your love made visible and through our participation in his reign the world is lifted out of darkness and into your glorious light. And so, with all the choirs of angels in heaven we proclaim your glory and join in their unending hymn of praise: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord...**



## Prayer of Thanksgiving (cont.)

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body + and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Blessed are you O God, and forever blessed are the people of this world since you chose to break into our history in the person of Jesus Christ. He made your extravagant love visible in and through all he said and did, especially on the night when he washed his disciples' feet. When he sat down to share the meal with them...

**He took bread and gave you thanks and praise; he broke the bread, gave it to those gathered around him, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body, which will be given up for you.**

**When supper was ended, he took the cup; again he gave you thanks and praise, he gave the cup to his disciples, and said: Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.**

**Concelebrant** In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, holy God, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit. Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with Rafe our bishop and all your faithful people who love and serve you. Remember our loved ones who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the Mother of God, Joseph her husband, the apostles, and all the saints and ancestors who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your son Jesus Christ. For we believe that it is: **Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, forever and ever.**

**Presider** Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: **Our Father...**

Lord, in the power of your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.


This is the table not of the Church but of the Christ, and all are welcome.... We come, because it is Christ's will that we meet him here. **For this is the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and we, though many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

## Communion Song


## The First Nowell




1. The first No - well the an - gel did say Was to  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing  
 3. And by the light of that same star Three  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er  
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full  
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In  
 in the east be - yond them far; And  
 wise men came from coun - try far; To  
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And  
 rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, And  
 prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord, Who



fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a  
 to seek for a king it gave great light, And  
 there it did both stop and stay Right  
 of - fered there in his pres - ence Their  
 made the heav'ns and earth of naught, And



cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
 o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.  
 with his blood our life has bought.



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well!



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

**Prayer after  
Communion**

**Community  
Life**

Gratitude to all  
who contribut-  
ed to our won-  
derful Christ-  
mas Celebra-  
tions this year.

Please take your  
worship aid  
home and use it  
during the week  
or give it away!

Text: English Carol, 17th C.  
Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL, Irregular; English Melody; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

## CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Celtic Mass*  
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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

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

The first system of musical notation for 'Celtic Alleluia' consists of two staves. The first staff is in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff is also in treble clef, key of D major, and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below each staff.

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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.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The second system of musical notation for 'Celtic Alleluia' consists of five staves. The first staff is in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and'. The second staff is also in treble clef, key of D major, and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for 'earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The third staff is also in treble clef, key of D major, and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the'. The fourth staff is also in treble clef, key of D major, and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for 'name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -'. The fifth staff is also in treble clef, key of D major, and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The lyrics are written below each staff.

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IN DULCI JUBILO  
Arr. by Kevin Keil © 2016, WLP

A - men. A - men. A - men.

The third system of musical notation for 'Celtic Alleluia' consists of one staff. The staff is in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 6/8 time. It contains the melody for 'A - men. A - men. A - men.' The lyrics are written below the staff.

IN DULCI JUBILO  
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When we eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un -  
til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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IN DULCI JUBILO  
Arr. by Kevin Keil © 2016, WLP

*Cantor*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*All*  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
*Cantor*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*All*  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

RESONET IN LAUDIBUS  
Arr. by Kevin Keil © 2016, WLP

## ✠ Final Blessing and Closing Song

Our God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us...to love and serve  
the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let  
2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let  
3. No more let sin and sor - row grow, Nor  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And



earth re - ceive her king; Let ev - 'ry  
us our songs em - ploy; While fields and  
thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to  
makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room And heav'n and na - ture  
floods, rocks, hills and plains Re - peat the sound - ing  
make his bless - ings flow Far as the curse is  
of his right - eous - ness, And won - ders of his



sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -  
found, Far as the curse is found, Far  
love, And won - ders of his love, And



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
as, far as the curse is found.  
won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Tune: ANTIOCH, CM; arr. from George F. Handel, 1685–1759, in T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833

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