



## The Feast of the Holy Family

December 28, 2025



## Welcome All!

**Our Mass begins with a welcome to all, online and in person, by one of our Members.**

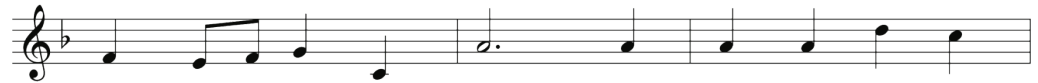
**For our Virtual Guests and Members:** We encourage you to have bread and wine for communion wherever you are!

## Opening Song

### O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How  
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y And,  
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The  
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



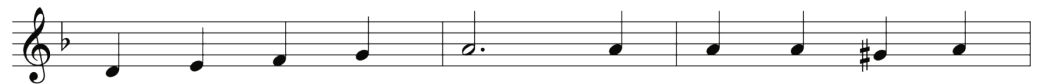
still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and  
gath - ered all a - bove While mor - tals sleep, the  
won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to  
scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.  
en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in the dark streets shin - eth The  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -  
No ear may hear his com - ing, But  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The



ev - er - last - ing Light. The hopes and fears of  
claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing to  
in this world of sin, Where meek souls will re -  
great glad tid - ings tell; O come to us, a -



all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
God the King, And peace to all on earth!  
ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893  
Tune: ST. LOUIS, 8 6 8 6 7 6 8 6; Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

## 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.**

## Reconciliation with God and Each Other

As we 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.**

## Gloria


### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA

Verses




1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;




1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.  
3. Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.  
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De-o!



Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God of endless ages with the birth of your Son, your glory breaks forth upon the world. We welcome Christ as the wonder counselor, the true light of the world. Bring us to eternal joy in the kingdom of heaven, where your Son reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading:

Sirach 3:2 - 6, 12

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### Psalm

Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain



Blest are those who love you, hap - py those who  
fol - low you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

## 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 "O Come Emmanuel."*

## Presentation of the Gifts

**Presider:** 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 become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

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

## 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**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Mother and Father of all life. From the beginning of time your Spirit breathed light over darkness. You scattered stars in the heavens and raised up the mountains. You poured out great rivers and blessed the earth with life. You made men and women in your image, and loved us in our weakness, promising to stay with us wherever we go..

In the winter of our longing, you came to Mary offering your Spirit to make creation whole. You gave her a child, Jesus, your beloved son. Jesus stayed with us, healing the sick and feeding the hungry, unbinding prisoners and raising the dead. He ate with strangers, showed mercy to sinners, and taught us to follow him in love without fear.

Now he comes among us again and abides with us that we may be the body of Christ for the world you love. Give us such joy and peace in your company that our hearts join the angels in the Christmas sky and around your eternal throne singing their hymn of unending praise: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord...**

**Concelebrant:** Lord, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. From age to age you gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.

And so, on this day of glory and peace, we celebrate the birth of your incarnate Word; and, rejoicing that your loving kindness has appeared among us, we pray: by the power of your Spirit sanctify these gifts we have brought before you, that they may become the body + and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.



## Prayer of Thanksgiving (cont.)

On the night before he died, he gathered with his friends for a last meal. *Please extend your right hand in blessing.*

**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.**

Give us new ears to hear the Word that announces peace. Give us new eyes to see the divine in every person. Give us new hands made empty of pride to receive the joy of your coming. Give us new voices that we might announce the promise One. May all of who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.  
**Christ has died, Christ, is Risen, Christ Will Come Again**

**Presider:** Desire of Nations, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with Francis the Bishop of Rome, Francis our presiding bishop, and all people of good will who serve you. Remember our brothers and sisters 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 virgin Mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints 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 it is Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is your almighty God, Forever and ever Amen.**

Let us pray for the coming of the fullness of God's reign on earth, as Jesus taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever, Amen.**

Bless those today who persevere in faith and hope, and reveal to each of us our purpose in the fulfillment of your kingdom. **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

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 in the one cup. Amen.**

## Communion Song

### What Child Is This



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come,



Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing, Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for  
peas - ant, king, to own him. The King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an-gels sing;



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Tune: GREENSLEEVES, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; English melody, 16th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840–1901

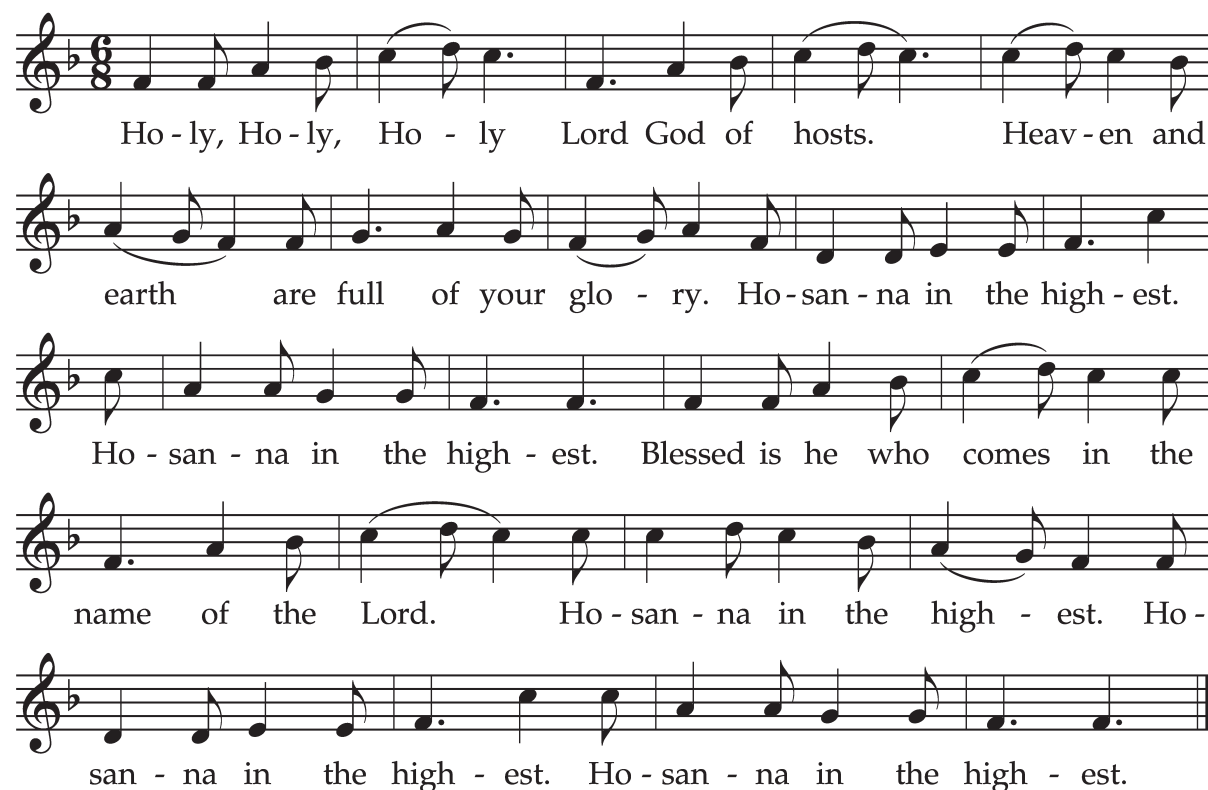
## Prayer after Communion

## CELTIC ALLELUIA

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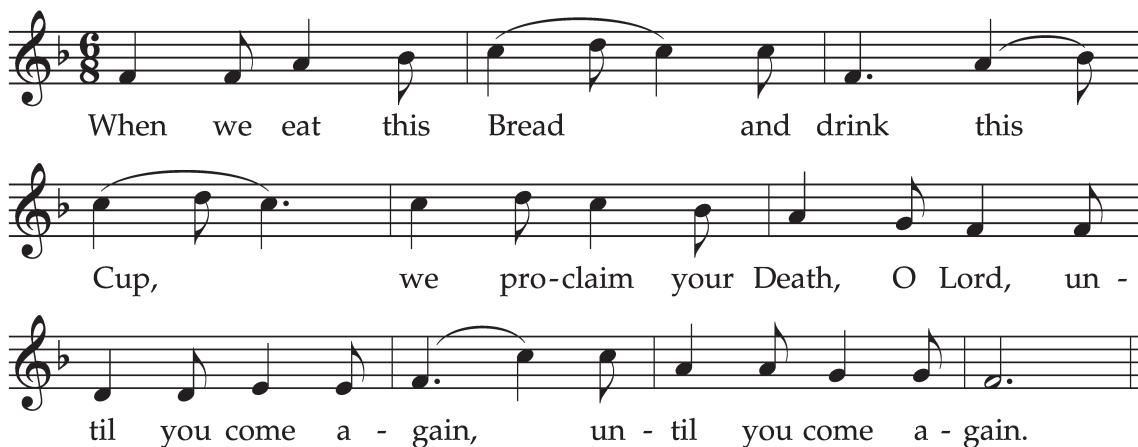
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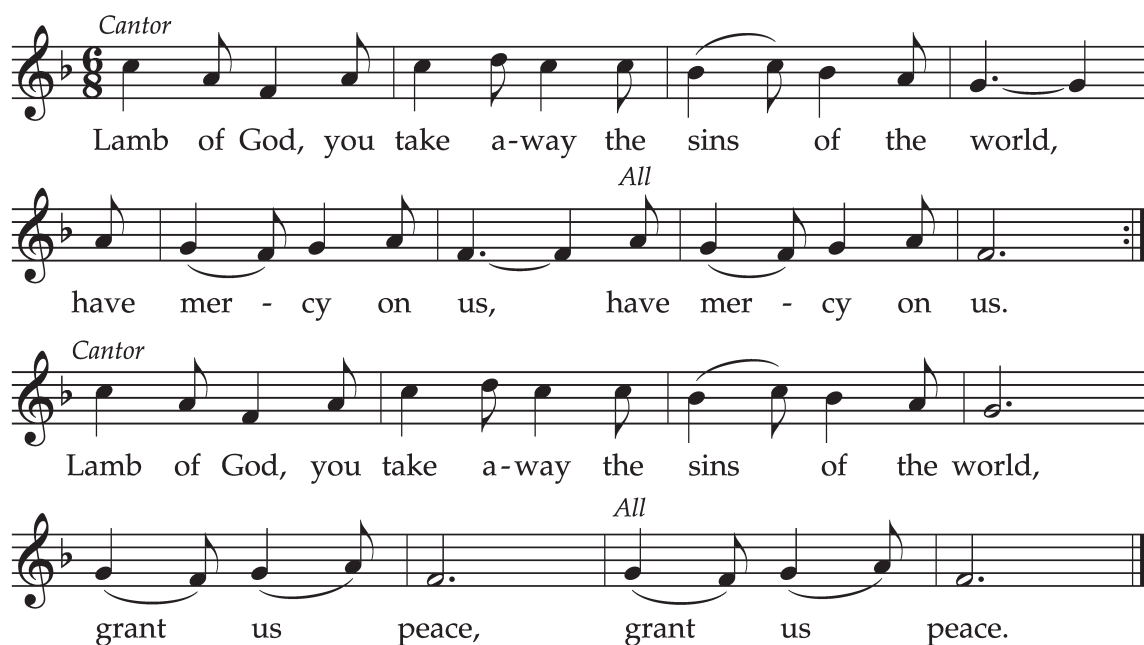


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## ✠ Final Blessing and Closing Song

Our God is with you.

And also with you.

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

Thanks be to God.

### Once in Royal David's City



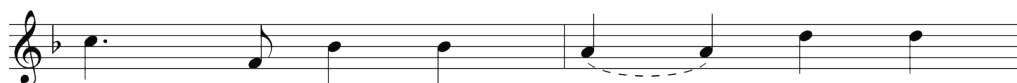
1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a  
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is  
3. And, through all his won - drous child - hood, He would  
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by  
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her  
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a  
hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly  
day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and  
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y  
sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall. With the  
maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian  
help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew. And he  
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove. And he



was that moth - er mild; Je - sus  
poor and meek and low - ly Lived on  
chil - dren all should be Kind, o -  
feels for all our sad - ness, And he  
leads his chil - dren on To the

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Christ, her lit - tle child.  
earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
be - dient, good as he.  
shares in all our glad - ness.  
place where he is gone.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.  
Tune: IRBY, 8 7 8 7 77; Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876; harm. by Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929