

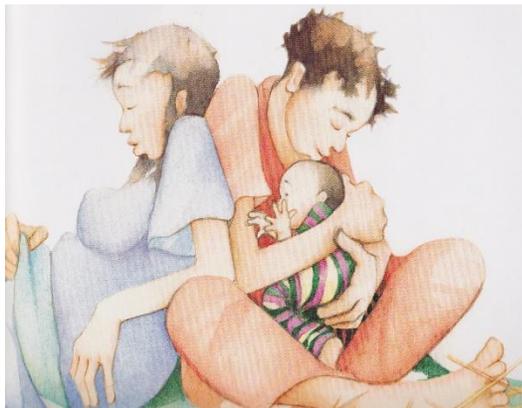


Christmas Eve 2023

Family Mass

The Church of St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, December 24th, 2023



Caroling 3:15 PM

Mass 4:00 PM

Carols and Vignettes

(Please Stand)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

All Sing

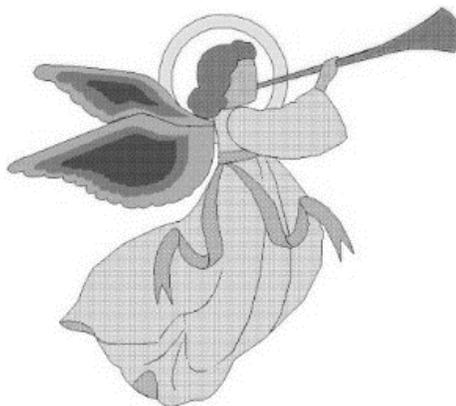
Text: Tr. By John M. Neal 1818-1866

Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO; arr. adapt. fr. John Stainer, 1840-1901

Good Christian Friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
O give heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now you hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice
Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



(Please Sit)

In the Bleak Midwinter

Ignatian Schola

Text: Christina Rossetti

Tune: Gustav Holst

I Wonder as I Wander

Aedan Alexander-Mullen

By John Jacob Niles

Piano Arrangement by Jim Gray

(Please Stand)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

All Sing

Text: Phillips C. Brooks Tune: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner

*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.*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.*

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

*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;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

(Please Sit)

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
with the Ignatian Schola

Julianna & Chris Calabria

Text: German Carol Translated by Neville Stuart Talbot
Tune: Resonet in Laudibus

Still, Still, Still

Ignatian Schola

Text and Arr. Rory Cooney
Tune: Austrian Melody

(Please Stand)

Away In a Manger

All Sing

Text: vss.1,2 Little Children's Book for Schools and Families vs. 3 John T. McFarland Music: MUELLER; attr. to James R. Murray

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;
I love You, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in the tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

(Please Sit)

Precious Child (Nino Precioso)

Julianna & Chris Calabria

Nicaragua English Version by Cynthia Vaughn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Ignatian Schola

*Trans. Edith M. Reed
Polish Carol arr. by David Willcocks*

(Please Stand)

What Child Is This

All Sing

*Text: William C. Dix
Tune: GREENSLEEVES*

Verse 1

Cynthia Teramura

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to
own him; the King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Refrain

(Please Sit)

Some Children See Him

Ignatian Schola

*Words: Wihla Hutson
Music: Alfred Burt, Arr. by Joseph M. Martin*

Jesus the Light of the World

Ignatian Schola

*Words: George D. Elderkin & Charles Wesley
Music: George D. Elderkin, Choral Setting: Lloyd Larson*

(Please Stand)

Angels We Have Heard on High

All Sing

*Text: French Carol tran. Crown of Jesus Music
Music: Traditional French Carol*

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore, on bended knee,
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise. *Refrain*

(Please Sit)

Call to Worship

Rise Up

Traditional Spiritual

Arranged by Mark Hill

Ignatian Schola

Christmas Eve Mass

Hymn in Procession: (Please Stand)

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade, 1711-86; trans. by Frederick Oakeley

Adeste fidelis, laeti triumphantes,

Venite, venite in Bethlehem;

Natum videte, Regem angelorum:

Refrain: Veníte adoremus,

Veníte adoremus, adoremus Dóminum.

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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.

Glory to God, glory in the highest! **Refrain**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;

Jesus, to Thee be the glory giv'n;

God the Creator, Now in flesh appearing. **Refrain**

Blessing of the Christmas Crèche



Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Presider: Praised be Jesus Christ, who dwells among us, now and forever.

All: Amen

Presider:

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.

God, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen

GLORY TO GOD

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano and
Thomas N. Tomaszek

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to

peo-ple of good will. (1. We) A - men.

Verse 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri - fy you,

1. we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God,

1. heav - en - ly King, O God, al-might - y Fa - ther.

Verse 2

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of

2. God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the

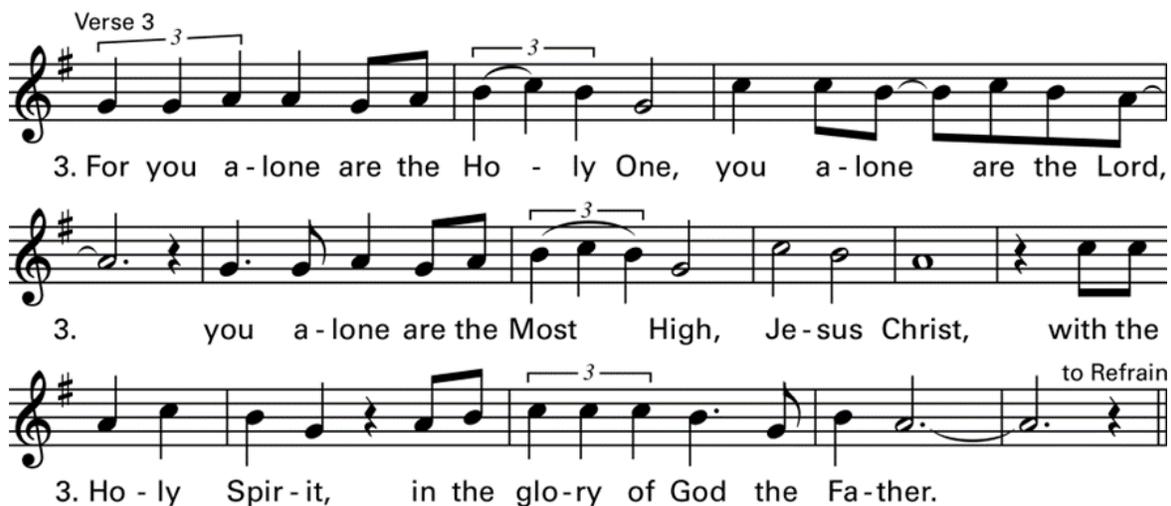
2. sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the

2. sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right

2. hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD (CONT. 2)

Verse 3



3. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
3. Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. to Refrain

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-6

Today Is Born Our Savior

Psalm 96

Joseph B. Sullivan

REFRAIN



To - day is born_ our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord,
Christ_ the Lord, Christ the Lord._____

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Second Reading

Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Prepare the Way of the Lord

TAIZE

Alleluia ~ Prepare ~ TAIZÉ

Jacques Berthier ~ TAIZÉ

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born
for us, Christ the Lord

Gospel - The Birth of Jesus According to Luke and Matthew
presented by Xavier Family Faith

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;
on the third day
he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful:



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Table and Gifts

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Author: Charles Wesley (1739), Tune: MENDELSSOHN (51171)

Hark! the herald angels sing,

Glory to the newborn King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconcile.
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.

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 to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
 Glory to the newborn King.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
 Hail the Son 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly — Lord God of hosts. —

5 Heav-en and earth are full — of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

9 Bless-ed is he — who comes — in the name — of the Lord, in the name — of the Lord. Ho-

13 san - na in — the high - est, ho - san - na in — the high - est. —

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SAVE US, SAVIOR

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Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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AMEN

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Two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains two measures of music with lyrics 'A - men.' under each. The second staff contains three measures of music with lyrics 'A - men. A - men. A - men.' under each. The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes.

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Lord's Prayer

The Sign of Peace

LAMB OF GOD

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Three staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the' with notes for 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.' with notes for 'sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.' and includes a first ending bracket with '1,2' and a '3' below it. The third staff contains the lyrics 'sins of the world: grant us peace.' with notes for 'sins of the world: grant us peace.' and includes a 'Final' bracket with a '3' below it.

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Communion Music:

The First Noel

Anonymous/Unknown

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far,
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **Refrain**

Communion Meditation (Please Remain Seated)

Silent Night

Text: Josef Mohr, 1792-1848; Music: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787-1863

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,

Shepherds quake at the sight;

Glories stream from Heaven afar,

Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ the Savior is born,

Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,

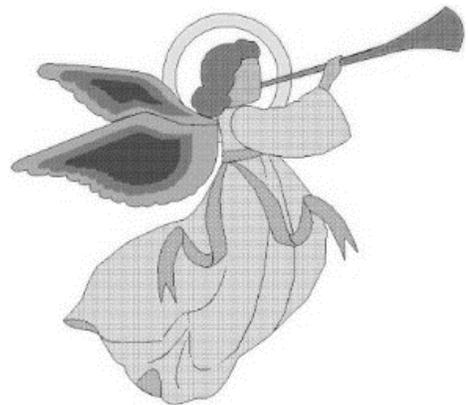
Son of God, love's pure Light;

Radiant beams from Thy holy face.

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.



Concluding Rites

Hymn of Sending Forth (Please Stand)

Joy to the World!

Isaac Watts

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Presider: Father Kenneth Boller, S.J.

Family Faith Music Ministers

Director: Jacqueline C. Perez
Guest Organist: Jerry Steichen
Cantor: Marissa Hernandez-Souminen

Family Faith Choir Aedan Alexander-Mullen, Chris Calabia,
Julianna Calabia, Gina Martinez, Oscar Martinez,
Sophia Martinez, Cynthia Teramura, Shaya Zaman

Ignatian Schola Chris Derby, SJ, Barry Gilman, Glen Heiss,
Ann Harris-Jacob, Marissa Hernandez-Souminen,
Wendell Laurent, Margaret Monahan,
Jacqueline C. Perez (Director), Boreta Singleton

Christmas Pageant

Director: Elda Luisi
Assistant Director: Luz Marina Díaz
Stage Manager: Grace Foley-Murphy
Prop Designer and Maker: Sarah Arzt
Narrator1: Hugh Murphy
Narrator 2: Emma Fritz
Joseph: Horatio Dennis
Mary: Isabella Djuravcevic
Elizabeth: Gaelle Gouny
Angel Gabriel: Plum Garvey
Herald Angel: Sally Michael
Star: Gaelle Gouney
Camel: Mark and Erin Dennis
Shepherds: Julian Berger, Celeste Gouney, Jack Foley-Murphy,

- Marjory Ihrig, Harrison Michael and Macallister Simpson
- Sheep:** Zachary Berger, Elena Cavalleri, Lucia Cavalleri, Alix Gouney, Laure Gouney, Lucky (dog) and Newsy (dog)
- Angels:** Isabelle Carucci, Ariana Elezaj, Abigail Hallowell, Sienna McCaffrey, Matilda Simpson, Grace Tang-Wymer, Mia Tang-Wagner, and Skylar Williamson
- Innkeepers:** Sally Michael, Jillian Simpson and Sim Zaman
- Wise People:** Kieran McCaffrey, Mercer Simpson and Musa Zaman
- Ave Maria Dance:** Dancers from the Isadora Duncan Dance Company, under the direction of Lori Belilove: Emily D' Angelo, Samantha Mercado and Caroline Yamada. Original choreography by: Isadora Duncan. Premiered: Dec 3, 1914, at Carnegie Hall.

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The Family Faith Program

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Family Faith Liturgical Dance: Luz Marina Díaz
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2nd grade: Diana Braganza Assistant: Owen Barbagallo
3rd grade: Norma Varela Assistant: Cynthia Teramura
4th grade: Jillian Fata and Sophia Ciatto
5th grade: Sabrina Pérez and Alex Zambito Assistant: Julianna Calabia
6th grade: Deirdre Metcalf and Dominic Longo
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Special Education: Lori Legano

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2024!