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THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COOKIE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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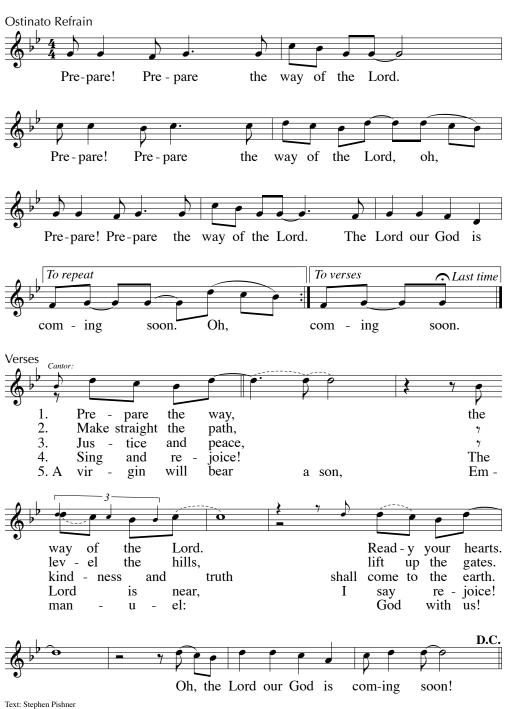
GATHERING RITE

People Look East ~ Besancon

with The Xavier Players and the Xavier Dancers Elizabeth Jones and Rolando Guzman, narrators

Sam Scheidt, tenor

Prepare! Prepare!



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E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come by Paul Manz John Uehlein, conductor The Xavier Choir

Text from Revelation 22

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy Lord.
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

First Reading:

I Saw the Angels Dance Today by John Leroy Maxwell Proclaimed by John Divney

Gloria from "Missa cum jubilo" (Gregorian chant) John Divney, tapper ~ Joe Palarca, tenor

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people 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, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Second Reading:

The Gospel according to Luke 2:8-12

Proclaimed by Declan Amendolia

Please stand

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

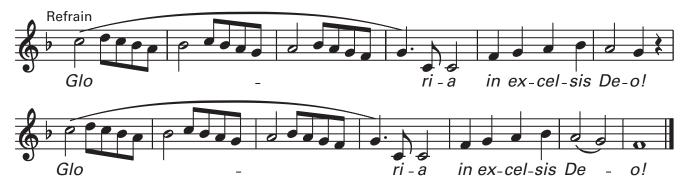
GLORIA



- 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.



Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II,* London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.

Please sit

Go Tell it on the Mountain folk

Based on the Negro Christmas carol of the same name Arranged by Simon and Garfunkel Sam Scheidt and Chris Swope, vocalists John Uehlein, guitar

Third Reading:

On Winter's Eve by Paul Bibbo

Proclaimed by Elizabeth Jones

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear arranged by Joel Raney

Jacqueline C. Perez, conductor Jerry Steichen, piano

The Xavier Choir and The Xavier Dancers





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

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



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



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.

 $Text: William\ C.\ Dix, 1827-1898$ $Tune: GREENSLEEVES, 8\ 7\ 8\ 7\ with\ refrain; English\ melody, 16th\ C.; harm.\ by\ John\ Stainer, 1840-1901$

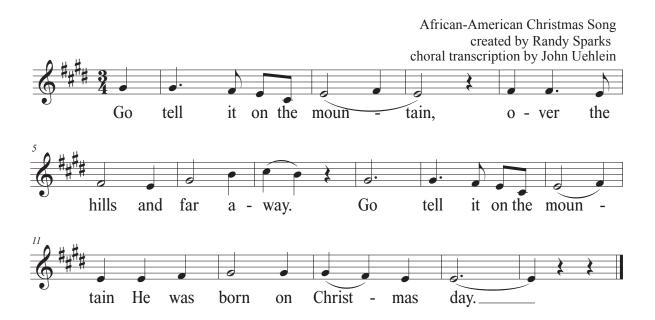
O JESULEIN SüSS Geistliche Kindengesang 1623

Arranged for bells by Sharon Elery Rogers The Xavier Campanologist Cassandra Agredo and Luz Marina Diaz, Dancers

Fourth Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5 Proclaimed by Roxanne de la Torre

Go Tell it On the Mountain bluegrass by Randy Sparks Based on the Negro Christmas carol of the same name Arranged for choir by John Uehlein The Xavier Choir and Rhythm section The Xavier Dancers



One of the reasons Randy Sparks founded/created the New Christie Minstrels was to abrogate the effect "choirs" like the Norman Luboff Choir was having on the folk music revival of the 1960's by singing folk music "arrangements." . So it is with, hopefully some subtlety and humility, that I have transcribed what I've heard from The New Christie Minstrels recording of Randy Sparks arrangement of "Go Tell it on the Mountain." Have we eliminated the choir and become the "folk music" group of the 1960's? Probably not, but we have had lots of fun trying!!......John Uehlein

Please stand

The Isaiah Song



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Fifth Reading:

from the homily that St. Oscar Romero preached on 12/24/1978: Proclaimed by Rolando Guzman

No one can celebrate a genuine Christmas without being truly poor.

The self-sufficient, the proud, those who, because they have everything, look down on others, those who have no need of God - for them there will be no Christmas.

Only the poor, the hungry, those who need someone to come on their behalf, will have that someone. That someone is God, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Without poverty of spirit there can be no abundance of God.

+Archbishop Oscar Romero Homily on Christmas Eve, 1978

This is the original quote from the homily that St. Oscar Romero preached on 12/24/1978:

Nadie podrá celebrar la Navidad auténtica si no es pobre de verdad. Los autosuficientes, los orgullosos, los que desprecian a los demás porque todo lo tienen, los que no necesitan ni de Dios, para esos no habrá Navidad. Sólo los pobres, los hambrientos, los que tienen necesidad de que alguien venga por ellos tendrán a ese alguien, y ese alguien es Dios, Emmanuel, Dios con Nosotros. Sin pobreza de Espíritu no puede haber llenura de Dios.

La Virgen lava pañales trad. Spanish Carol Arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw Cecilia Viana, soprano Joel Dabu, Joe Palarca, John Divney and Darren Lougée (male chorus)

The Virgin washes swaddling clothes, while the Child is sleeping. And the little bird sings, and the brook is sighing.

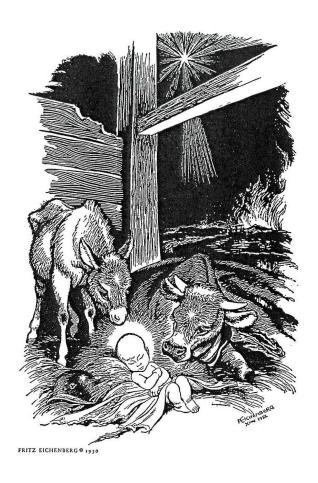
Shepherds, come, shepherds arrive to worship the infant who has just been born.

The Child of God is missing and everyone sought Him – Only to find the Child by the waters ~ fishing.

Shepherds, come, shepherds arrive to worship the infant who has just been born.

Still, still, still ~ Austrian Christmas Carol

Arranged by Jason W. Krug for handbells and oboe The Xavier Campanologists with John Frisch on oboe The Xavier Dancers



Sixth Reading;

The Gospel of John 1:1-5, 9, 15 Proclaimed by Christina Amendolia

The Word Was God by Rosephanye Powell
John Uehlein, conductor
the Xavier Choir and the Xavier Dancer

Please stand

Good King Wenceslaus ~ Piae Cantiones arr. By Reginald Jacques

With the Xavier players

All: Good King Wenceslaus look'd out on the Feast of Stephen, When the snow lay round about, deep, and crisp and even: Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel, when a poor man came in sight, gath'ring winter fuel.

Low voices: "Hither, page, and stand by me, If thou know'st it, telling, Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"

Treble voices: "Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain, Right against the forest fence, by St. Agnes fountain."

Low voices: "Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, Bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither."
All: Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.

Treble Voices: "Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer."

Low Voices: "Mark my footsteps, good my page; tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly."

All: In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted; heat was in the very sod which the Saint had printed.

Therefore, Christians, all be sure, wealth or rank possessing, Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

Please sit

"Good King Wenceslas" (Roud number 24754) is a Christmas carol that tells a story of a Bohemian king (modern-day Czech Republic) who goes on a journey, braving harsh winter weather, to give alms to a poor peasant on the Feast of Stephen (December 26, the Second Day of Christmas). During the journey, his page is about to give up the struggle against the cold weather, but is enabled to continue by following the king's footprints, step for step, through the deep snow. The legend is based on the life of the Saint Wenceslaus I, Duke of Bohemia(907–935), who was not a king but a duke. In 1853, English hymnwriter John Mason Neale translated the lyric from a Czech poem by Václav Alois Svoboda, [1] in collaboration with his music editor Thomas Helmore, and the carol first appeared in *Carols for Christmas-Tide*, published by Novello & Co the same year. [2][3] Neale's lyric was set to the melody of the 13th-century springcarol "Tempus adest floridum" ("Eastertime Is Come") first published in the 1582 Finnish song collection *Piae Cantiones*.

The Seventh Reading:

The Burning Babe by Robert Southwell, S.J.

Proclaimed by Eileen Gatza

I Wonder as I Wander Appalachian Carol

Arranged by John Uehlein Sydney Jo Schneider, soprano ~ Suzanne Saturday, flute The Xavier Campanologists and Makiko Sato, dancer

Please Stand

The First Noel English Carol ~ Arranged by David Willcocks

Vs.1: The first Nowell the angels 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.

REF: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

Vs.2: 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: **REF**:

Vs.3: 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. **REF:**

Vs.6: Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with our creator we adore
and Spirit blest forevermore. REF:

Please sit

Eighth Reading:

Excerpts from the final speech Martin Luther King (1929-1968) "I've been to the mountain"

Proclaimed by Ken Boller, SJ

Go tell it on the Mountain Gospel

Based on the Negro Christmas carol of the same name
Arranged by Dan Galbraith
Joel Dabu, vocalist
Xavier Choir

In dulce jubilo arranged by Sharon Elery Rogers
The Xavier Campanologists (bell choir)

Carol of the Bells TRADITIONAL UKRANIAN CAROL
Arranged by M. Leontovich
The Xavier Choir

Star of Wonder by Terre Roche Sung by Marissa Hernandez-Suominen, Jacqueline C. Perez And Maggie Greene-Freeman

I wrote Star of Wonder

In the Middle of the Night.

Woke up from a Sound Sleep,

Heard the Words

and Played the Notes into a tape recorder.

Listening back,

I Realized it was the Song

I'd been trying to write to Honor my friend,

Joanna Walton

blown up over Scotland

At Christmastime.

Every year I get several requests

from Choirs who would like to sing

Star of Wonder.

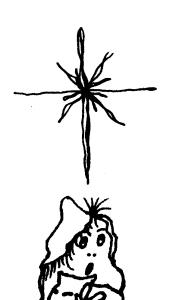
It's the little Magic song

which has travelled all over the World

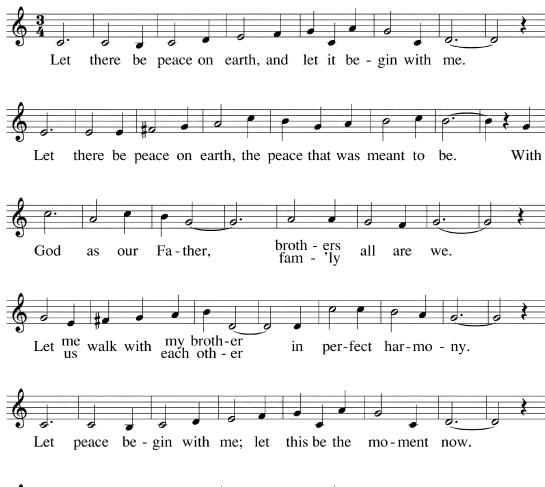
Peacefully.

Please feel Free

to Sing it with your Friends.



Let There Be Peace on Earth







take each mo-ment, and live each mo-ment in peace e - ter-nal - ly!



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Thank You's John Uehlein

Go Tell It on the Mountain 473



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THE XAVIER PLAYERS (from right to left)

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Christmas Season Liturgical Schedule

Reconciliation Monday Monday, December 18 Confessions available: 2-4 PM & 6-8 PM Main Church

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24 Masses 9:00 AM 11:30 AM | In-Person & Online

Family Mass | 4:00 PM carols begin 3:15 PM In-Person & Online

Mass at the Night 11:00 PM carols begin 10 PM In-Person & Online

Christmas Day Monday, December 25 Masses: 9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

New Years Eve Sunday, December 31 Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM 11:30 AM | In-Person & Online NO 5 PM MASS

New Years Day Monday, January 1 Mass: 11:30 AM

Epiphany Saturday and Sunday 5; Sunday 9, Jan 6 & 7 Sunday, January 7 at 11:30, Carols with brass begin at 11AM

