

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 2020



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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

PRELUDES

Prelude On "In Dulci Jubilo"

Johann Michael Bach
(1648-94)

Christ Was Born on Christmas Day
The Holly and the Ivy
Gene Clark, *trumpet*

Arr. by Carol Comune
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

Solo: Nicolette Norris

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

All

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When, like stars his children crown'd
All in white shall wait around.

Words: C. F. Alexander
Music: H. J. Gauntlett
Descant: Richard Lloyd

PRAYER AT THE CRECHE

Holy Jesus, to deliver us from the power of darkness you humbled yourself to be born among us and laid in a manger. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, and bring us at last to the joyful vision of your beauty, for you are now alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Read by Kit Slaugh

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shone. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Read by Kit Slaugh

Titus 2:11-14

A reading from Paul's Letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

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.

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 tiding tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherd said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. David W. Peck
Rector

THE COLLECT

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven: where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

THE PEACE

Celebrant Unto us a child is born,

People Unto us a son is given.

Celebrant His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God

People The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest.

People And peace to God's people on earth.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds, giving thanks to God for creation before inviting the people to say:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant recounts the story of the Last Supper, until saying:

“Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith”

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues as the bread and wine are consecrated, ending with:

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION & INVITATION

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and lived among us,
People and we have seen His glory.

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

The celebrant receives communion in both bread and wine on behalf of the whole congregation, online and in person. Those at home may make their “agapé communion” with bread and wine.

HYMN OF ADORATION

Silent Night

1. 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.

2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born!
Christ, the Savior is born!

Celebrant says

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Christ
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**

May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ Jesus. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN

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!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of
Heav'n above;
Glory to God
In the highest;
[Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be
Glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
[Refrain]

Postlude

O Come, Divine Messiah

César Franck
(1848-90)



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