# Christmas Eve Mass



#### **Prelude**

# I Wonder as I Wander arr. Viktor Andersson

John Jacob Niles Sanctuary Choir

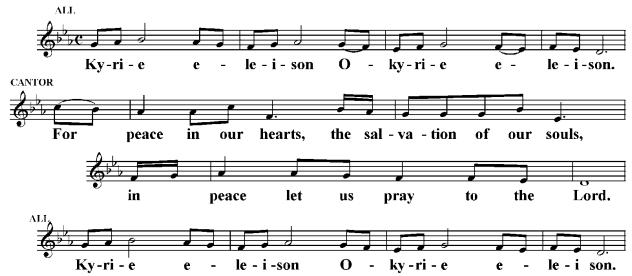
#### Processional Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful (#283)

- Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the king of angels:
  - **Refrain** Oh, come, let us adore him! Oh, come, let us adore him! Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven 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**

#### **Apostolic Greeting**

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, № the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

#### **Kyrie Eleison** [Greek Lord Have Mercy]





"Kyrie" from Wondrous Feast © 1999 Viktor Andersson

#### Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plain, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strain.

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome 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

#### **Prayer of the Day**



P Let us pray...

C Amen

Please sit for the readings

#### First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. 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.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

#### In the Bleak Mid-Winter Harold Darke Sanctuary Choir

#### Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14

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 Savior, 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.

#### L The Word of the Lord

#### C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Holy Gospel

#### **Alleluia Verse/Gospel Acclamations**



#### **VERSE (Sung by Choir)**

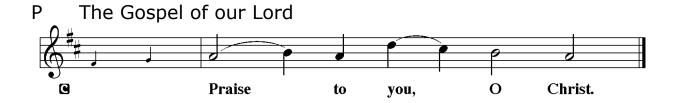
All people, hear the good news of great joy:
Unto you is born this day in the city of David
a savior who is Christ the Lord! Alleluia!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke



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 shepherds 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.



#### **Homily** Pastor Phil

#### What Child Is This? (#296)

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? 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. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
- So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

#### Creed

- A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God
- C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

A Pondering the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us bring before the throne of God our prayers on behalf of the church, the world, and all people in need.

after each petition

A Lord in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

concluding with

P Confident that you establish righteousness and justice in the world, we commend to you all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

#### **Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Born in the Night. Mary's Child

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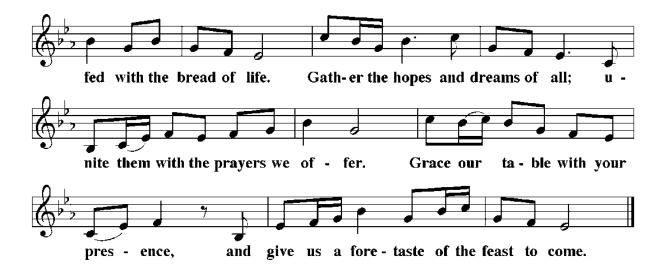
**Goeffrey Ainger Sanctuary Choir** 



#### Please stand and sing

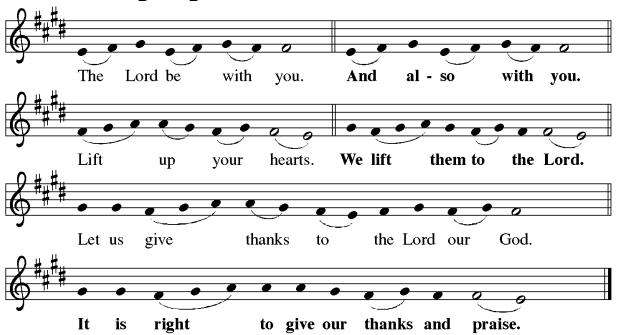


bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

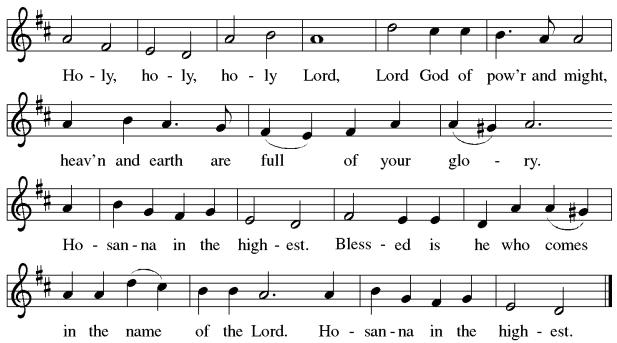


P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father through Christ our Lord.

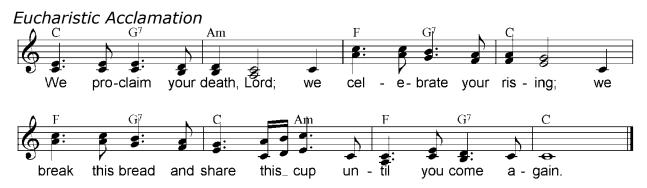
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### Sanctus & Benedictus [Latin, Holy & Blessed]



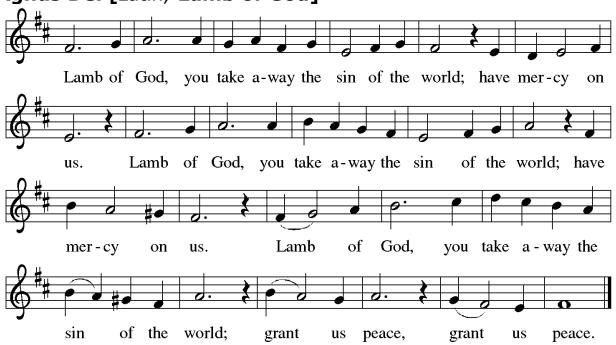
#### **Eucharistic Prayer**



"Eucharistic Acclamation" from SANTO, A Bilingual Mass music adapted from an Argentinian folk melody by Marty Haugen © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc.

- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- C 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, forever and ever. Amen

#### **Agnus Dei** [Latin, Lamb of God]



#### **Holy Communion**

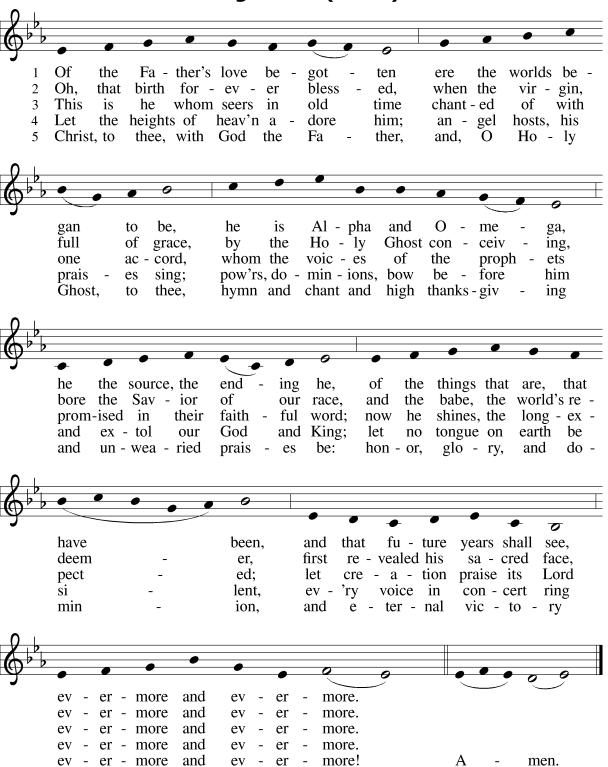
**In-Person:** We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide.

**Online at Home:** If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time.

We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam
Ave Maria Franz Schubert

#### Of the Father's Love Begotten (#295)



Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

#### **Lighting of Candles**

Pastors light the ushers' candles. They light the candle of the first person in each row, who then shares their light with the one seated next to them.

<u>Tip</u> the <u>unlighted</u> candle to the lit one; please do not tip the <u>lighted</u> candle.

#### Hymn Silent Night (#281)

- 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, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

#### Benediction

#### **Recessional** *Joy to the World* (#267)

- Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
- Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.
- No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 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.
- A Go in Peace, Serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God!

Postlude Gesu Bambino Pietro Yon Sanctuary Choir

Keyboards Debbie Villavicencio

Violin Christian Haley, Karen Moxley

Viola Nathaniel Wheeler

String Bass Amelia DeFanti, Zach Larsen

Flute/Piccolo Toni Tharp

Trumpet Jack Gage, Jacob Groening

F Horn
Euphonium
Trombone
BassTrombone
Paul Slezak

Tuba John Michael Slezak

Percussion

Soprano Susan DeFanti, Sandy Kammerdiener,

Amanda Rothe, Lynzy Slezak,

Michaelann Wood

Alto Pam Eddis-Klein, Maureen Lester,

Karen Moxley, Pam Raabe, Toni Tharp

Tenor Brent Anderson, Don Holmes, Jim Raabe,

Jason Rasmussen, Zachary Williams

Bari/Bass Paul Bartells, David Hoffman, Paul Keller,

Pete Moxley, Mickey Nowell, Paul Slezak

## Soli Deo Gloria!

Tusen tack! (A thousand thanks) to the hundreds who volunteer throughout the year to serve as Musician, Artist, Altar Guild, Tech, Acolyte/Crucifer/Torch Bearer, Usher/Greeter, Assisting Minister, Lector, Communion Assistant

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