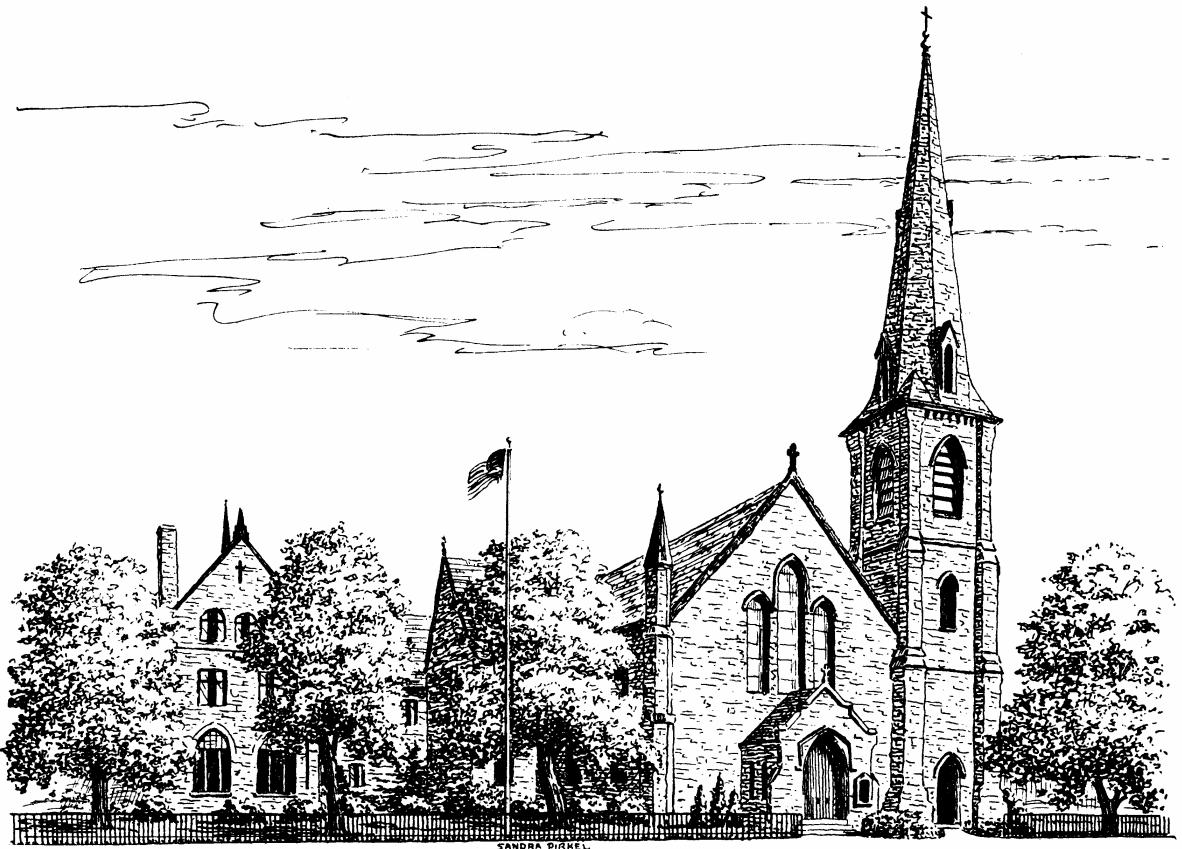


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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD OR CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25, 2008

PRELUDE MUSIC

Carol—Ding Dong Merrily on High 16th c. French melody

Ding dong ! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing.

Ding dong ! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis !

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen.

And io, io, io, by preists and people sungen.

Pray you dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers.

May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.

Organ—In dulci júbilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

SUNG MASS AT 10 :00 AM

Procession



∇. Let us go forth in peace.

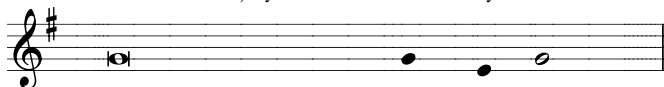


℞. In the name of Christ. A- men.

Hymn 83



∇. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands.



℞. Lift up your voice, re- joice, and sing.

O God, who wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Introit—Puer natus est

Mode 7

A child is born for us; a son is given to us; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called “Messenger of great Counsel.” *Ps.* Sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvelous things.
(Isaiah 9 and Psalm 98)

Gloria in excelsis—*Messe de Minuit pour Noël*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading—Isaiah 52: 7–10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 98

Arranged by James McGregor

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*

Sing to the Lord a new song al- le- lu- ia for he has
done mar- vel- ous things; al- le- lu- ia.

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

All repeat the refrain

The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

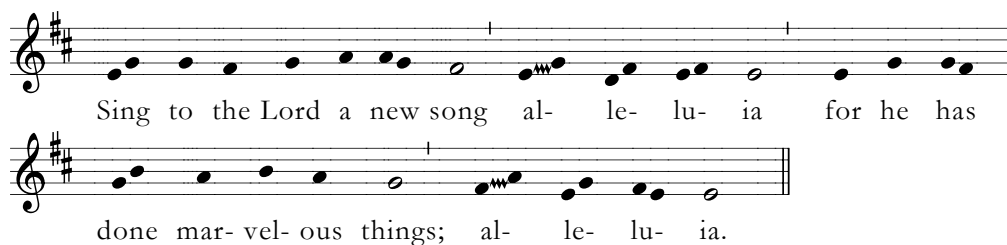
All repeat the refrain

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

All repeat the refrain

With trumpets and the sound of the horn show yourselves joyful before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

All repeat the refrain



Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the seas ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. With righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. *All repeat the refrain*

Second Reading—Hebrews 1: 1–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” And, “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

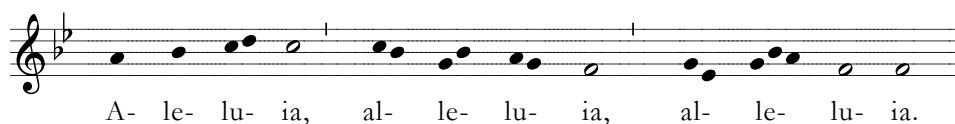
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 94

Alleluia

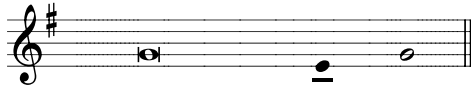
Mode 1



∇ The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
(John 1) *All repeat the Alleluia*

Holy Gospel—John 1: 1–14

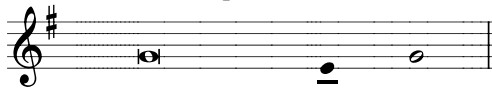
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Mother Lindstrom

Nicene Creed—*Back of hymnal*

Prayers of the People—Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Here and after each petition is sung



∞ Lord, in your mer-cy, ℞ Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Antiphon—Laetentur caeli

Mode 4

Let the heavens be joyful, and let the earth be glad before the face of the Lord when he comes. (*Ps. 96*)

Motet

Louis Clérambault

Hodie Christus natus est: hodie Salvator apparuit. Hodie in terra canunt Angeli, laetantur Archangeli. Hodie exsultant iusti, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia.

Today Christ is born: today the Savior has appeared. Today the angels sing, the Archangels rejoice. Today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

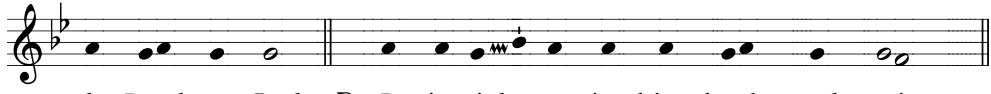
Hymn 105

Eucharistic Prayer B

Sanctus arr. by James McGregor

Memorial Acclamation arr. by Mason Martens

♩ The Lord be with you ♪ And al- so 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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



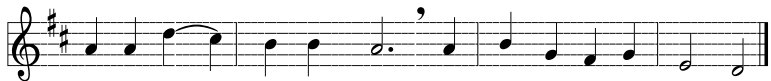
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho-



san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes



in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people remain standing. The celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



We re- mem- ber his death, We pro- claim his re- sur- rec- tion,



We a- wait his com- ing in glo- ry;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant begins



And now as our Sa- vior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All continue



Our Fa- ther, who art in hea- ven, hal- low- ed be thy Name,



thy king- dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in



hea- ven. Give us this day our dai- ly bread, and for- give us our tres-



pass- es, as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us. And lead us



not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil. For thine is the



king- dom and the pow' r and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

Agnus Dei—*Messe de Minuit pour Noël*

Charpentier

This is an open altar and all who are baptized and desire to receive the Body and Blood of Christ are invited to do so. If you have difficulty with steps, there is a hand rail on the far side of the pulpit to assist you or you may inform an usher and communion will be brought to you at your seat. Please move toward the aisle to receive.

Communion Antiphon—Viderunt omnes Mode 1

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God. *Ps.* Sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvelous things. (*Psalm 98*)

Motet Tomás Luis de Victoria

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacantem in praeseptio! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera mereurent portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia.

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb is worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty Father whose Son Jesus Christ was born on this day to be the Savior of the world: mercifully grant that as he has bestowed upon us the gift of new birth, so he may preserve us in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Seasonal Blessing and Dismissal

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *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.*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 96

Organ—Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella arranged by Keith Chapman