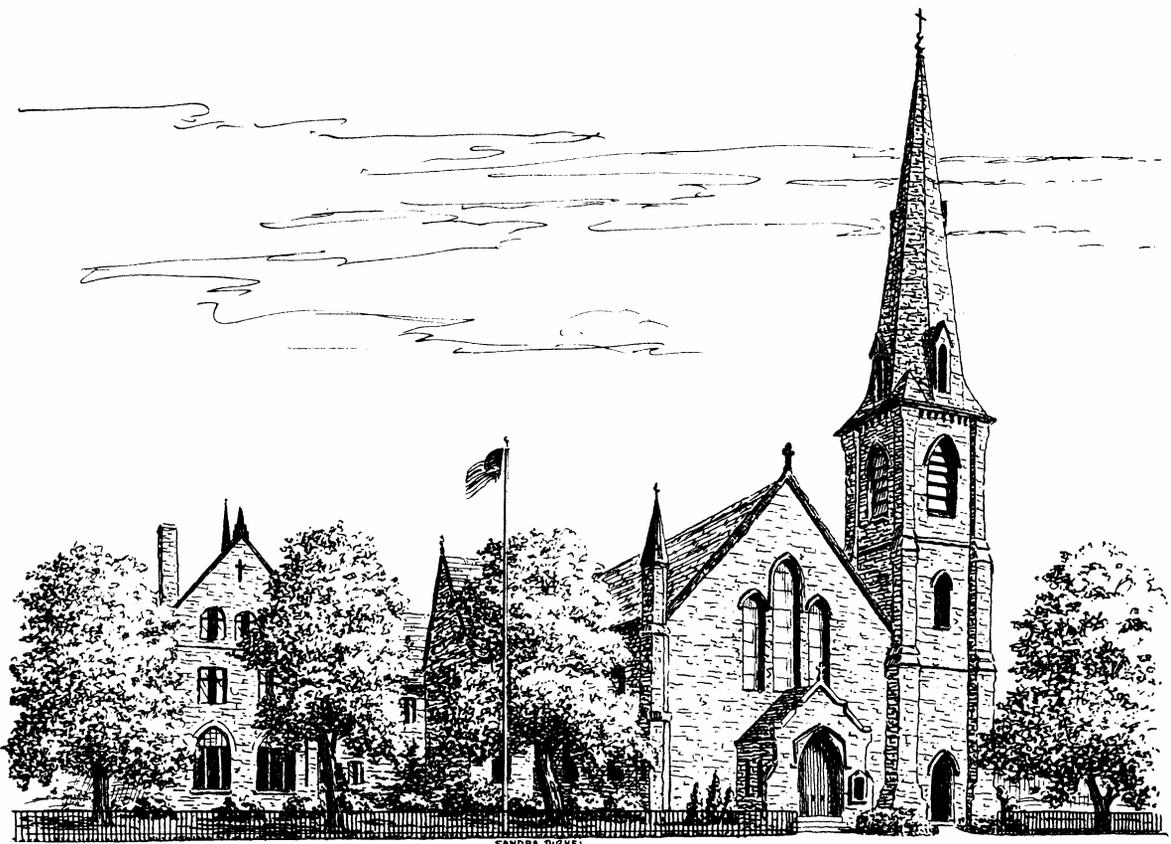


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# THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2008

PRELUDE MUSIC AT 10:30 PM

*The congregation is invited to stand and join in the singing of the hymns.*

**Organ**—Two Chorales from the *Orgelbüchlein* Johann Sebastian Bach  
In dulci jubilo, BWV 608  
Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich, BWV 609

**Trumpet & Organ**—Three Voluntaries  
In C Simon Stublely  
In D John Alcock  
In C Sanders Dupuis

*Brent Grapes, Trumpet*

**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.

**Hymn 78** (stanzas 1-3, 5)

**Carol**—The Incarnation James McGregor  
The Christ child came to Bethlehem town: O Angels, sing your Gloria! The  
Great God laid aside his crown: our Lady had put her blue gown to wrap  
Love in when He came down. O Angels, sing your Gloria! The shepherds  
bent a reverent knee: O Angels, sing your Gloria! They greeted him with  
courtesy, who lay there in simplicity, God in true humanity, O Angels, sing  
your Gloria! The three wise pilgrims from the east (O Angels, sing your  
Gloria!) Found him, the greatest like the least, the Lamb of God, our soul's  
true feast, laid in the manger of a beast, O Angels, sing your Gloria! The  
hosts of Heaven to Bethlehem flew: O Angels, sing your Gloria! They lighted  
silent as the dew. But none knew what his mother knew, from whose pure  
breast his life he drew. O Angels, sing your Gloria!

**Hymn 115**

**Carol**—Sir Christèmas William Mathias  
Nowell. Who is there that singeth so, Nowell? I am here, Sir Christèmas.  
Welcome, my lord, Sir Christèmas! Welcome to all, both more and less,  
come near. Nowell. Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, tidings I you bring : a  
maid hath borne a child full young, which causeth you to sing : Nowell.  
Christ is now born of a pure maid, born of a pure maid ; in an ox stall he is  
laid, wherefore sing we at a brayde : Nowell. Buvez bien, buvez bien par  
toute la compagnie. Make good cheer and be right mercy, and sing with us  
now joyfully : Nowell.

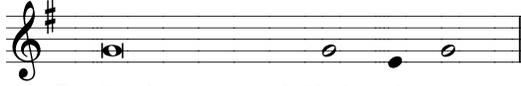
**Organ**—In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 Bach

SUNG MASS AT 11:00 PM

**Procession to the Crib**



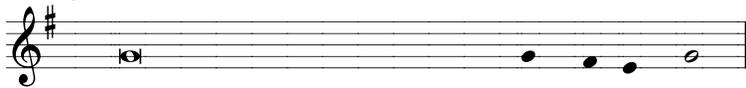
∇. Let us go forth in peace.



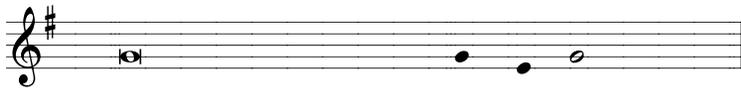
℞. In the name of Christ. A- men.

**Hymn 87**

**Blessing of the Crib**



∇. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.



℞. God is the Lord who has shown us light.

Thanksgiving and honor and glory to you, Almighty God, Who for our salvation gave your only son to be born in great humility of the virgin Mary his mother. Accept and bless for our use this Christmas crib, that it may set before us the great love of our Savior and bring us with the shepherds and kings to pay him our true devotion; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all praise and worship, world without end. *Amen*

**Hymn 111 (stanzas 1 and 2)**

**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—Dominus dixit**

Mode 2

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.”  
*Ps.* Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats? Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt and the princes plot together: against the Lord and against his anointed?” (*Psalms 2*)

**Gloria in excelsis—Messe de Minuit pour Noël**

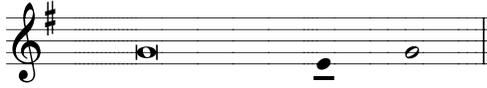
Marc-Antoine Charpentier





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. ]

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.



*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Homily

Father Holland

## Nicene Creed—*Back of hymnal*

### Prayers of the People—Form V

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the People respond*



Lord, have mer- cy.

For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, for Mark, our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, especially George, our president; Jon, our governor; and Cory, our mayor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.



To you, O Lord our God.

*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 justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia.

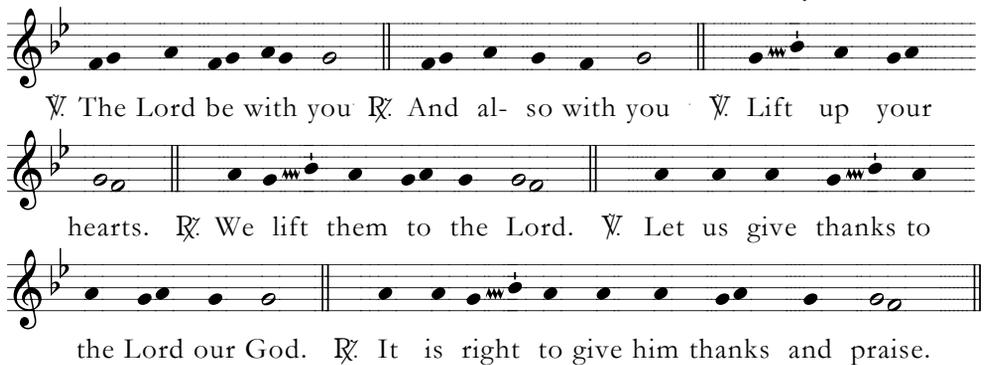
*Today Christ is born: today the Savior has appeared. Today the angels sing, the Archangels rejoice. Today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.*

**Hymn 105**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

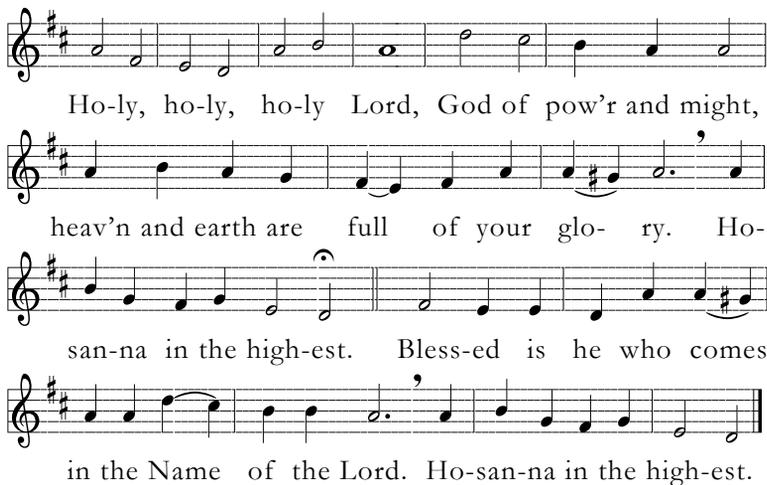
Sanctus arr. by James McGregor

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-rior 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**—In splendoribus

Mode 6

In the beauty of holiness have I begotten you like dew from the womb of the morning. *Ps.* The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand: until I make your enemies your footstool.” (*Psalms 110*)

**Motet**

Tomás Luis de Victoria

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacantem in praesepio! 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