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# THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2009

PRELUDE MUSIC AT 10:30 PM

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

## Hymn 89

**Organ**—Noel grand jeux et duo

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

## Hymn 78 *Stanzas 1-3, 5*

**Carol**—Sir Christèmas

William Mathias (1934-1992)

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.

## Hymn 111

**Cello & Organ**—Cantique de Noël ('O Holy Night') Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

*Wayne Arndt, cello*

## Hymn 92

**Motet**

Lodovico da Viadana (c.1560-1627)

Exsultate justi in Domino, rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara, in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei canticum novum, bene psallite ei in vociferatione. Exsultate justi in Domino, rectos decet collaudatio.

*Rejoice in the Lord, o ye just, praise befits the upright. Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings. Sing to him a new song, sing well unto him with a loud noise. Rejoice in the Lord, o ye just, praise befits the upright. (Psalm 33)*

**Organ**—In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

SOLEMN MASS AT 11:00 PM

**Procession to the Crèche**



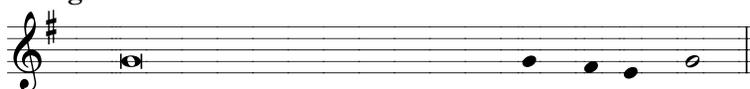
℣. Let us go forth in peace.



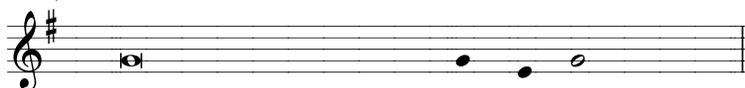
℟. In the name of Christ. A- men.

**Hymn 87**

**Blessing of the Crèche**



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

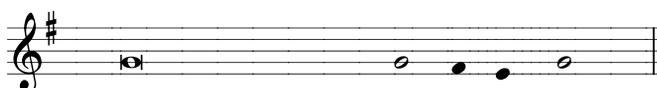


℟. God is the Lord who has shown us light.

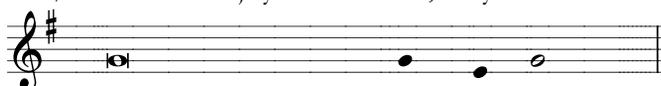
Thanksgiving and honor and glory to you, Almighty God, Who for our salvation gave your only son to be born in great humility of the virgin Mary his mother. Accept and bless for our use this Christmas crib, that it may set before us the great love of our Savior and bring us with the shepherds and kings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

**Hymn 115 *Stanza 1 only***

**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**

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? (*Psalm 2*)

**Kyrie, Gloria in excelsis**—Missa Quinti Toni      Orlando di Lasso (c. 1532-1594)

## 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 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.

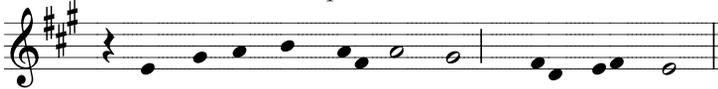
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Gradual—Psalm 96: 1-4, 11-12

Arranged by Bruce Ford (b. 1947)

Refrain—*Cantor, then all repeat*



To-day is born our Sa- vior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. *All repeat the Refrain.*

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods. *All repeat the Refrain.*

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth. *All repeat the Refrain.*

**Second Reading**—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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*A brief period of silence is observed.*

**Sequence Hymn 94**

**Alleluia**

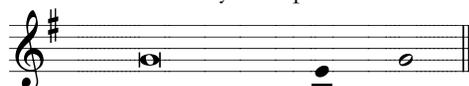
Mode 1



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

**Holy Gospel**—Luke 2:1-20

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

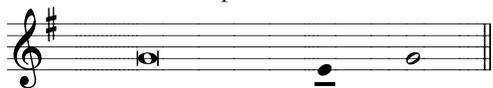


*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 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.

*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 VII

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church throughout the world: that the Lord God would deign to keep it in unity, peace, and safety.

*Here and after each petition is sung*



∩. Lord, in your mer-cy,    ⦿. Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for Mark our bishop, for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all who minister in Christ’s holy Church: that in their various callings they may serve God faithfully and devoutly.

Let us pray for all who do not know God as he is revealed in Jesus Christ: that the light of the Gospel may shine in their hearts.

Let us pray for all the nations and peoples of the world, and for those who bear authority among them: that I all their doings they may seek both peace and justice.

Let us pray for the sick and the sorrowful, the hungry and the homeless, the desolate and the oppressed: that the Father of mercies would strengthen, support, and relieve them.

Let us pray for the faithful departed: that the Lord our God would grant them refreshment, light, and peace.

*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

### Carol

arranged by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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.

### Carol—The Incarnation

James McGregor (b. 1930)

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 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*



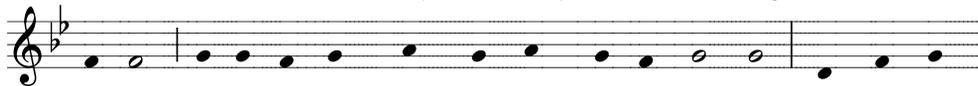
Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,



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—Missa Quinti Toni

Orlando di Lasso

*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 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 (1548-1611)

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 arr. by Keith Chapman (1945-1989)