

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ



December 25, 2023

*Ten o'clock in the morning*



*A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids us all keep silence for prayer and preparation.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

PRELUDE *Noël sur les Flutes (No 9)*

L.C. Daquin (1694-1772)

WELCOME

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN IN PROCESSION

ADESTE FIDELES

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God of God, Light of Light,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,

7

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem:  
 lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh with low - ly fear;

*Refrain*

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels;  
 ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted: 0  
 glo - ry to God in the high - est:  
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him, O

come let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

5 Yea, Lord we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing:

*Refrain*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

I bring you good news of great joy:  
**A Saviour has been born to you!**

Unto us, a child is born. Unto us, a Son is given.  
**Come, let us adore him.**

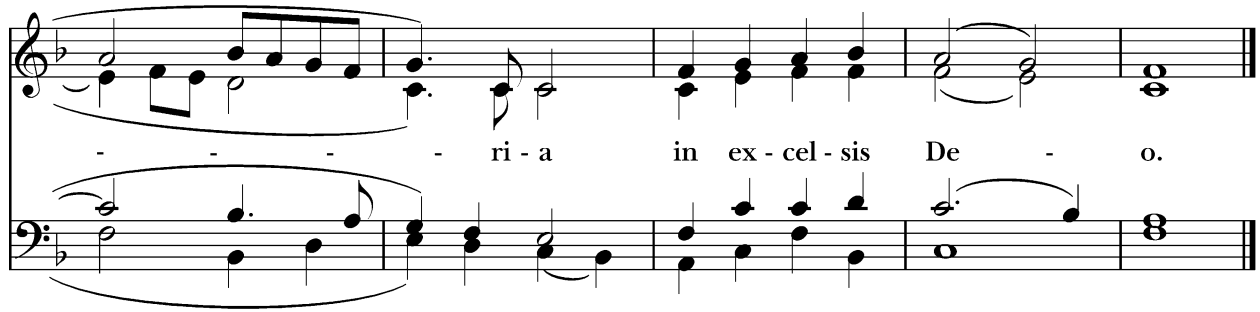
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>9</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>10</sup> In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.

## THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn at the Sequence

IRBY

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and  
3 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a  
Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his  
stand - ing by, we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at

man - ger for his bed. Ma - ry was that  
cra - dle was a stall. With the poor and  
God's right hand on high, when, like stars, his

moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
mean and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - iour ho - ly.  
chil - dren crowned all in white shall gath - er round.



The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. James Hwang

*Please stand as you are able.*

THE NICENE CREED

**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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joining our voices with all in heaven and on earth praising the Word made flesh in Jesus, let us pray for the world to which Christ comes, the Church whom Christ calls, and all people in need whom Christ loves.

Wonderful Counselor, in the fullness of time you became one of us and your wisdom from on high came down to make a home among us. We pray that you will establish and uphold our world with your justice and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, when the time had been fulfilled, you came down from heaven and became one with your creation by taking on our humanity. Enable and empower your Church to embrace your beloved humanity in its many and varied expressions.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, when all was in readiness, you became flesh and blood to heal and redeem the world. May the light of Christ banish the darkness of global conflicts and strife, that the nations may rejoice in your light.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Prince of Peace, at the moment of your birth the night sky rang out with the song of the angels. Preserve the earth, that peace might extend to every living creature.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Word of life, on the night of your birth you hallowed all time and all flesh. Expand the vision of this faith community to recognize and welcome your holy face in every human being, and acknowledge your sacred presence in every living thing.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Emmanuel, God with us, in every time and place the voices of saints and angels together proclaim the good news of great joy which is for all people. Blend our voices with theirs, and at the last day assemble us all around your heavenly throne to forever sing a joyful song to you.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Come to us, O God, and make your home with us, in us, and through us for the sake of the One whose birth the angels sing and the shepherds proclaim, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.*

THE OFFERTORY

*As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.*



OFFERTORY HYMN

IN DULCI JUBILO

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - jice with heart and soul and  
 2 Good Chris - tians all, re - jice with heart and soul and  
 3 Good Chris - tians all, re - jice with heart and soul and

voice! Lis - ten now to what we say: Je - sus Christ is  
 voice! Hear the news of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was  
 voice! Now you need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was

born to - day; ox and ass be - fore him bow and he is in the  
 born for this; he has o - pened heav - en's door and we are blessed for  
 born to save: come at his most gra - cious call to find sal - va - tion,

man - ger now! Christ is born to - day; Christ is born to - day!  
 ev - er - more! Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.  
 one and all! Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

### THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Deutsche Messe*

F. Schubert (1797-1828)

Musical notation for the Sanctus & Benedictus. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on the top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might." are written between the staves.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

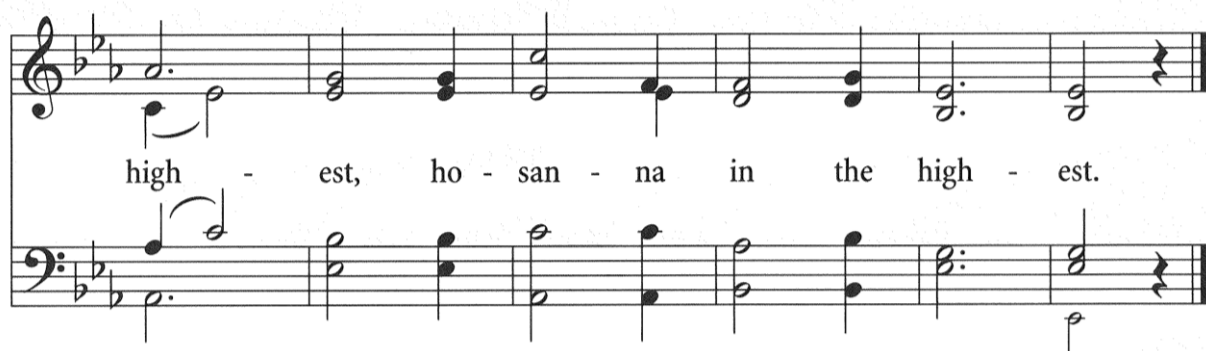
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na

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

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

#### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*Deutsche Messe*

F. Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a piano accompaniment. The music is in a simple, homophonic style characteristic of Schubert's liturgical works.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.*

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION

CRADLE SONG

Capo 1

E C#m F#m

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay

B E F# F#7 B

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev - er and love me, I pray.

E G#m C# F#m

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love you, Lord Je - sus — look down from on high  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,

B E F#m B7 E 7

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.  
 and fit us for heav - en to live with you there.

The musical score is written for guitar and three-part vocal harmony. It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The bass clef staff provides accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: E, C#m, F#m, B, E, F#, F#7, B, E, G#m, C#, F#m, B, E, F#m, B7, E. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part starting on the first line of the treble staff and the second and third parts starting on the second and third lines respectively. The lyrics are: 1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head. but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. close by me for ev - er and love me, I pray. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, I love you, Lord Je - sus — look down from on high Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay. and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night. and fit us for heav - en to live with you there.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE DOXOLOGY

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

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 Saviour'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 favour. **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.**

### HYMN AT THE CLOSING

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth! The Sav - iour reigns: let us glad  
3 No more let wrongs and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive the King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

room, and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the  
 flow far as our sin is found, far as our  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

na - ture sing, and heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 sin is found, far as, far as our sin is found.  
 of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *In Dulci Jubilo* BWV729

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



The flowers on the Altar  
and the poinsettias throughout the sanctuary  
are given to the Glory of God  
and in Celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child.

In loving memory of my parents:  
Charles Namby Wynn Woodward and Rosemary Jukes Devlin,  
dedicated by Robyn Patricia Woodward.

With thanks for all our blessings, and hope for our world,  
from the Potter Family.

A dedication to Pat and Peter Downes  
in memory of many past warm and joyous family Christmases,  
from Judith Downes

In memory of our parents and loved family members,  
from Jane & John Macintyre.

In loving memory of  
John Holmen and Lawrence Whytehead,  
from Catherine Holman.

With deep gratitude for my St. John's family,  
from Karin Fulcher.



In thanksgiving for such a wonderful, warm parish community  
and for the love of Christ that binds us together,  
from Andrew and Marilyn.

With gratitude for the lives of  
Dr. Charles Stewart & Ann Stewart;  
Dr. John Belgrave & Carmen Belgrave;  
and in thanksgiving for our grandson Jeremiah,  
given by Patrick Stewart & Joan Belgrave-Stewart.

To Beth and Barrie Haynes, Bea and Garvin Dezell,  
William and Elsie Syson and George and Eleanor Baldwin,  
from Michael and Jennifer Dezell.

In loving memory of my family and friends,  
given by Vi Parker and family.

In loving memory of my friend, soulmate and wife, Beatrice Rudersdorfer,  
your husband and lover, Reinhard Rudersdorfer.

Desiree will be always in my heart and mind forever,  
from Lydia MacGillavry.



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