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HOLY MASS



Season of Christmas

Christmas Eve

“Christmas

Joy”

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

Processional

**Please stand.**

ANTHEM FOR CHRISTMAS

*1) In the space of the beginning*

*Was the living Word of Light.*

*When this Word was clearly spoken,*

*All that came to be was right.*

*2) All creation had a language –*

*Words to say what must be said.*

*All day long the heavens whispered,*

*Signing words in scarlet red.*

*3) Some have failed to understand it,*

*So God spoke His final Word.*

*On a silent night in Judah’s hills*

*A baby’s cry was heard.*

*4) Glory sang the angel chorus;*

*Glory echoed back the night.*

*Love has come to walk among us;*

*Christ the Lord is born this night.*

*5) All creation sing His praises;*

*Now and ever praise His Name.*

*All who give, come join the chorus,*

*Find the words, His love proclaim.*

*CODA) Find the words, His love proclaim.*

Acclamation

The Ministers face the Presider, while the Presider faces the people and proclaims:

**Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever.*

Collect for Purity

**Presider: Let us pray.**

Clergy face the Altar. Miter off.

**Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,**

**all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts ✠**

**by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love You**

**and worthily magnify Your holy Name;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

***All: Amen.***

Penitential Rite

The Summary of the Law and the Invitation to Confession are spoken by the Deacon in a high mass.

Deacon faces the people.

Summary of the Law

**Deacon: Jesus said, “The first Commandment is this:**

**Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.**

**Deacon: Dearly beloved, let us come into the presence of the Almighty God, praying together as we kneel:**

Deacon faces the Altar. All kneel. Deacon leads the prayer, in unison:

Confession

***All: Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.***

Absolution

Presider faces the people.

**Presider: 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.**

***All: Amen.***

**Please stand.**

***All: Amen.***

Glory in the Highest (*Gloria in Excelsis*)

The Presider censes the Altar and then the Deacon of the Mass censes the Ministers.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*Chorus)*

*Glory be to God on high,*

*and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*(Repeat)*

*1) We praise, Thee, we bless Thee,*

*we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,*

*we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,*

*O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*2) O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

*Who takest away the sin of the world,*

*have mercy upon us.*

*Thou Who sittest at the right hand of God the Father:*

*receive our prayer.*

*3) For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord,*

*Thou only, O Christ;*

*with the Holy Ghost, Art Most High*

*in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Coda)*

*Glory be to God on high!*

Collect of the Day (CEC)

Presider faces the people.

**Presider: The Lord be with you.**

*People: And with your spirit.*

**Presider: Let us pray.**

Presider and Ministers face the Altar.

The Collect Of The Day is taken from the preceding Sunday or the preceding Feast Day, whichever is nearer to the current date.

**Presider:**

**O God, You have caused this holy night to shine**

**with the brightness of the true Light:**

**Grant that we,**

**who have known the mystery of that Light on earth,**

**may also enjoy Him perfectly in Heaven;**

**where with You and the Holy Spirit He lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.**

***All: Amen.***

Presider goes to the back of the Altar, kisses it, and goes to his chair.

**Please be seated.**

Liturgy of the Word

**Please be seated.**

First Proclamation

Proclaimer: A Proclamation of the Word of God from the book of Prophet Isaiah, chapter Fifty-Two.

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Proclaimer: The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96

Proclaimer: Please stand for the Responsorial Psalm, which today is Psalm Ninety-Six.

All stand and the Proclaimer leads the people in the Responsorial Psalm followed by the *Gloria Patri*.

Proclaimer: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: Splendor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

 *People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: Worship the Lord in holy attire; tremble before Him, all the earth.

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns; indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.”

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all it contains;

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy.

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

Proclaimer: Before the Lord, for He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness.

*People: O Come, let us adore Him! Hallelujah!*

*Gloria Patri* (BCP, Rite II)

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:***

**✠ *As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

A Choral Response may be sung here.

**Please be seated.**

**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

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*1) Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;*

*Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled!"*

*Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;*

*With th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*2) Christ, by highest heav'n adored,*

*Christ, the Everlasting Lord:*

*Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.*

*Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity!*

*Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*3) Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!*

*Hail the Sun of Righteousness!*

*Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.*

*Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die;*

*Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*4) Come, desire of nations come! Fix in us thy humble home.*

*Rise, the woman's conquering seed,*

*Bruise in us the serpent's head*

*Adam's likeness now efface, Stamp thine image in its place*

*Second Adam from above, Reinstate us in thy love.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Second Proclamation

Proclaimer: A Proclamation of the Word of God from the letter of St. Paul to Hebrews, chapter Five.

Hebrews 5: 1-5a

The proclaimer reads the second appointed lesson of the day.

Proclaimer: The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Please stand.**

Gradual Verse

Proclaimer: What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

Miter On. Bless the Gospel Proclaimer.

Gradual Hymn

OUR GOD IS WITH US

*C) Our God is with us, Emmanuel;*

*He’s come to save us, Emmanuel;*

*And we will never face life alone*

*Now that God has made Himself known*

*As Father and Friend, with us through the end, Emmanuel.*

*BRIDGE)*

*So rejoice! Rejoice! So rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel has come!*

Gospel Acclamation

Miter Off.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

*People: And with your spirit.*

Deacon: May the Lord be on our **✠** minds, on our **✠** lips, and on our **✠** hearts as we hear **✠** His Holy Gospel.

 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke Chapter Two.

*People: Glory to You, Lord Christ!*

Gospel Proclamation

The appointed Gospel is read by a Deacon.

Luke 2:1-14

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

***People: Praise to You, Lord Christ!***

All sit.

Homily

**Please stand.**

Nicene Creed

***All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things: visible and invisible.***

***And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds;***

***God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God***

***begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;***

***by Whom all things were made;***

***Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven;***

***and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man;***

***And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;***

***He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures;***

***and ascended into Heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father;***

***and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;***

***Whose Kingdom shall have no end.***

***And we believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father;***

***Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;***

***Who has spoken through the prophets.***

***And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;***

***We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;***

***and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.* ✠**

Prayers of the People Form VII (Made from directions in BCP)

*The Deacon stands in the midst of the people and opens the prayer. The minister appointed follows as directed in the Proper.*

**Deacon: Dearly beloved brethren, on this night we no longer sit in darkness, for we see a great light. Let us then thank God for His light, and for His love toward all people.**

Minister: Mighty God, we thank You for the good news of happiness proclaimed this night as a virgin bears a Son.

*People: Glory to God in the Highest!*

Minister: We thank You for the heavenly joy proclaimed this night in a Child born into the world as man, yet existing from eternity as God.

*People: Glory to God in the Highest!*

Minister: We thank You for the good news of great joy proclaimed this night by a heavenly host unto humble shepherds.

*People: Glory to God in the Highest!*

Minister: We thank You for the joy proclaimed this night as You bare Your holy arm in the sight of all the nations.

*People: Glory to God in the Highest!*

Minister: We thank You for the joyful new song sung this night by Your servants that You have wrought salvation among all peoples.

*People: Glory to God in the Highest!*

Minister: We thank You for the joy proclaimed by all creation this night that You judge the world in righteousness and your people in faithfulness.

*People: Glory to God in the Highest!*

Concluding Collect

**Presider: We praise You, Sovereign Lord, for the Gospel that goes forth on this night, and that all the ends of the earth hear the joyful proclamation that “our God reigns!”**

***All: Amen.***

Peace

**Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

*People: And with your spirit.*

**Presider: Let us offer one another a sign of God’s peace.**

Worship in Psalms,

Hymns,

and Spiritual Songs:

The Sacrifice

of Praise

The Offertory:

The Sacrifice

of Ourselves

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

*1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,*

*O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;*

*Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:*

*C) O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

*2) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,*

*Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above;*

*Glory to God, glory in the highest!*

*3) Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,*

*Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;*

*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.*

GLORY TO GOD FOREVER

*1) Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be*

*You were the King of kings, yes, You were, yes, You were;*

*And now You're reigning still enthroned above all things*

*Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing.*

*Chorus)*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God, forever;*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God, forever.*

*2) Creator God, You gave me breath so I could praise,*

*Your great and matchless name, all my days, all my days;*

*So let my whole life be a blazing offering,*

*A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King.*

*BRIDGE)*

*Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory*

*Take my life and let it be Yours;*

*Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory*

*Take my life and let it be Yours, we sing:*

SEE HIS GLORY

*(Rich Cook; c. Hosanna! Music)*

*See His glory, see His glory.*

*See His glory come down.*

*Praise His Name heaven reigns.*

*See His glory come down.*

*See His glory come down.*

The Lesser Doxology may be sung in a high mass, during which time the Presider censes the gifts.

After the Altar and Gifts have been censes by the Presider, the Deacon censes the Ministers, then all of the people.

Then Presider censes the front of the Altar and the Ministers again.

Doxology

*"Exaltation"*

*(Arranged By : Ronn Huff)*

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*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,*

*Praise Him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly Host:*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!*

*AMEN!*

Preparation of the Gifts

Standing behind the Altar, the Presider takes the paten with the bread or a large host, and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says:

**Presider: Blessed are You Lord, God of all creation. For through Your goodness we have received the bread we offer You: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become the Body of Christ.**

*People: Blessed be God forever.*

While pouring a small amount of water into the chalice and flagon, the Presider says quietly:

**Presider: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.**

Then the Presider takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, says:

**Presider: Blessed are You Lord, God of all creation, for through Your goodness we have received the wine we offer You, fruit of the vine and work of human hands; it will become the Blood of Christ.**

*People: Blessed be God forever.*

Then the Presider takes an offering basket or bag, and while holding it slightly raised above the altar, says:

**Presider: Blessed are You Lord, God of all creation, for through Your goodness we bring these tithes and offerings before You. They will be used in Your church for the work You have set before us and the furthering of Your kingdom.**

Presider places the offering below the altar, then washes his hands, quietly saying:

**Presider: Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

Exhortation To Pray (*Orate fratres*)

The Presider returns to the center of the altar, faces the people, and says:

**Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.**

*People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.*

***All: Amen.***

Great Thanksgiving

**Presider: The Lord be with you.**

*People: And with your spirit.*

**Presider: Lift up your hearts.**

*People: We lift them up to the Lord.*

**Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

*People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Preface Christmas I or II or III

The priest continues the preface with hands extended:

**Presider: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.**

**For in the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of Your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that, as we recognize in Him God made visible, we may be caught up through Him in love of things invisible.**

**And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the Hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of Your glory, as without end we acclaim:**

Sanctus Benedictus

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Eucharistic Prayer VIII CEC

The presider, with hands extended, says:

**Presider: We give You praise, Father most holy, for You are great and You have fashioned all Your works in wisdom and in love. You formed man in Your own image and entrusted the whole world to his care, so that in serving You alone, the Creator, He might have dominion over all creatures.**

**And when through disobedience he had lost Your friendship, You did not abandon him to the domain of death. For You came in mercy to the aid of all, so that those who seek might find You. Time and again You offered them covenants and through the prophets taught them to look forward to salvation.**

**And You so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time You sent Your only begotten Son to be our Savior. Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, He shared our human nature in all things but sin. To the poor He proclaimed the good news of salvation, to prisoners, freedom, and to the sorrowful of heart, joy. To accomplish Your plan, He gave himself up to death, and rising from the dead, He destroyed death and restored life.**

**Presider: And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us, He sent the Holy Spirit from You, Father, as the first fruits for those who believe, so that, bringing to perfection His work in the world, He might sanctify creation to the full.**

**Please kneel.**

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

The Presider raises his hands above the Altar, then lowers them down above the offerings. While making the sign of the cross once over both the bread and chalice, he says:

**Presider: Therefore, O Lord, we pray: may this same Holy Spirit graciously sanctify these ✠ offerings, that they may become the ✠ Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the celebration of this great mystery, which He himself left us as an eternal covenant.**

The Presider joins his hands.

Words of Institution

The words of the Lord in the following formulas should be spoken clearly and distinctly, as their meaning demands.

**Presider: For when the hour had come for Him to be glorified by You, Father most holy, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. And while they were at supper He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:**

 **“Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.”**

The Presider shows the consecrated host to the people, places it on the paten, and bows or genuflects in adoration.

The Presider continues:

**Presider: In a similar way, taking the cup filled with the fruit of the vine, He gave thanks and gave the cup to His disciples, saying:**

**“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.”**

The Presider shows the consecrated chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and bows or genuflects in adoration.

**Please stand.**

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Mystery of Faith

Then, with hands extended, the Presider says:

**Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:**

Then all sing or say:

***All: Christ has died,***

***Christ is risen,***

***Christ will come again.***

Prayer for the Church

Then with hands extended, the Presider says:

**Presider: Therefore, O Lord, as we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption, we remember Christ’s death and His descent to the realm of the dead. We proclaim His resurrection and His ascension to Your right hand, and, as we await His coming in glory, we offer You His Body and Blood.**

**Look, O Lord, upon the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which You Yourself have provided for Your church, and grant in Your loving kindness to all who partake of this one bread and one cup that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of Your glory.**

**Presider: Therefore, Lord, remember now your servant Craig, our Patriarch, Ariel, our Bishop, and the whole order of Bishops. Remember all the clergy, especially those who take part in the offering, as well as your people gathered here before you, seeking you with sincere hearts.**

The Presider prays for them briefly with hands joined. Then, with hands extended, he continues:

**Presider: To all of us, Your children, grant, O merciful Father, that we may enter into a heavenly inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and with Your apostles and saints in Your kingdom. There, with the whole of creation freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify You through Christ our Lord,**

The Presider joins his hands.

**through whom You bestow on the world all that is good.**

On the high Feast of Christmas Eve, the Great Doxology, Lord’s Prayer, and Pascha Nostrum are all sung.

For Christmas Day, Feast the Holy Name, and the two Sundays of Christmas, they may be sung or spoken according to Parish tradition.

The Presider takes the chalice and the host, and lifting them up, sings:

Great Doxology and Great Amen



The Lord’s Prayer

The Presider continues:

**Presider: And now as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to pray.**

AMA NAMIN

*(Jason G. Abalajen)*

*Ama namin, sumasalangit Ka,*

*Sambahin ang ngalan Mo.*

*Mapasa amin ang kaharian Mo,*

*Sundin ang loob Mo dito sa lupa para ng sa langit.*

*Bigyan Mo po kami ngayon ng aming kakanin sa araw-araw,*

*at patawarin Mo kami sa aming mga sala.*

*Para nang pagpapatawad namin sa nagkakasala sa amin.*

*At huwag Mo kaming ipahintulot sa tukso.*

*At iadya Mo kami sa lahat ng masama.*

*Sapagka’t sa’Yo ang kaharian, kapangyarihan, at kaluwalhatiaan*

*Ngayon at kailanman*

*Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated host in half, then breaks off a small piece and places it in the chalice.

Christ our Passover (*Pascha Nostrum*)

The Christ our Passover (*Pascha Nostrum*) may be spoken or sung in unison, or antiphonally by the Presider and the People.

**Presider: Hallelujah!**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!**

*People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Hallelujah!*

**- or –** *Pascha Nostrum*

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Invitation to Communion

The Presider elevates the host and the chalice together, saying:

**Presider: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

*People*: *Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but say only the word and my soul shall be healed.*

**Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God:**

**Take them in remembrance that Jesus died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts with thanksgiving.**

Prayer for Receiving Spiritual Communion

***All: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.***

***Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You are already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.* *Amen.***

The Ministration of Communion

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

*1)*

*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,*

*heavenly 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 Thy holy face*

*with the dawn of redeeming grace.*

*Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!*

O, HOLY NIGHT!

*(John S. Dwight, Adolphe C. Adam)*

*1) O, holy night the stars are brightly shining.*

*It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;*

*Long lay the world in sin and error pining,*

*'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.*

*A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,*

*For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!*

*Fall on your knees; O hear the angel voices!*

*O night divine! O night when Christ was born!*

*O night divine! O night, O night divine!*

*2) Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,*

*With glowing heart by His cradle we stand,*

*So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,*

*Here came the Wise Men from the Orient land.*

*The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,*

*In all our trials born to be our Friend;*

*He knows our need, He guards us from all danger,*

*Behold your King! before Him lowly bend!*

*Behold your King! before Him lowly bend!*

*3) Truly He taught us to love one another;*

*His law is Love and His Gospel is Peace;*

*Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,*

*And in His Name, all oppression shall cease.*

*With hymns of joy in grateful chorus raising;*

*Let every heart adore His Holy Name!*

*Christ is the Lord! With saint and seraph praising,*

*His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!*

*His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!*

Post-Communion Prayer

**Presider: Let us pray.**

***All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.***

***And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.***

***To him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

Blessing

Miter on.

**Bishop: The Lord be with you.**

*People: And with your spirit.*

**Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.**

*People: The maker of heaven and earth.*

Deacon: Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

**Bishop: 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; may He make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and the blessing of God Almighty: ✠ the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. *Amen.***

Recessional

JOY TO THE WORLD

*1) Joy to the world! The Lord is come!*

*Let earth receive her King,*

*Let every heart prepare Him room;*

*And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing;*

*And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

*2) Joy to the world! The Savior reigns!*

*Let men their songs employ,*

*While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains;*

*Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy;*

*Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*3) No more let sins and sorrows 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;*

*And wonders, wonders of His love!*

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.

**People: *Thanks be to God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.*** ✠