

# 25th December 2020

## Christmas Day



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### OPENING HYMN

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary;  
And, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to the God the King,  
And peace to men on earth!

3. How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

### In place of the **GLORIA**

1. Ding dong! Merrily on high  
in heav'n the bells are ringing:  
Ding dong! verily the sky  
Is riv'n with an angel-singing.

*Gloria,*  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*  
*Gloria,*  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*

2. E'en so here below, below,  
let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io,  
by priest and people sungen:

*Gloria,*  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*  
*Gloria,*  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*

3. Pray you, dutifully prime  
your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rhyme  
your e'entime song, ye singers.

*Gloria,*  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*  
*Gloria,*  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
you have given us your only-begotten Son  
to take our nature upon him  
and as at this time 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 Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

## **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 Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## GRADUAL HYMN

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
an angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.
2. "Fear not," said he (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind);  
"glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.
3. "To you, in David's town, this day  
is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:
4. "the heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid."
5. Thus spoke the seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:
6. "All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease."

## GOSPEL

*Luke 2.1-14*

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.

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 Saviour, 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 favours!'

## OFFERTORY HYMN

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay!  
for Jesus Christ our Saviour  
was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's pow'r  
when we had gone astray:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name  
*O tidings...  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

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Now to the Lord singing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All others doth deface:  
*O tidings...*

### COMMUNION HYMN

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

### POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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 the Lord.  
Amen

### FINAL HYMN

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:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

2. God of God,  
Light of light,  
Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb;  
Very God  
Begotten not created:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

3. Sing choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*