

*Please carefully extinguish your candle as you leave the pew in silence,
and leave it at the door.*

Postlude

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice (BWV 729)

— Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*You are cordially invited to return to this holy place tomorrow at 10am
for Holy Mass as the celebration of Our Blessed Lord's birth continues.*

The Pastor, Kantor, Parish Council and Staff
of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
wish you a blessed and merry Christmass!

Nativity of Our Lord Christmass Midnight

It is a laudable custom to kneel in prayer after entering the pew.

*It is a laudable custom to bow the head whenever the holy name of Jesus
is mentioned in the Mass and at those points marked with a diamond (♦).*

*At those points marked with a cross (✠),
it is a laudable custom to make the sign of the cross.*

Preliminaries

Prelude

Settings of "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

— Friedrich W. Zachau (1663-1712)

Bells

Please STAND when the Sacristy Bell is rung.

Blessing of the Creche

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant chants the Collect, ending with the words:

... one God, now and forever.



A - men

The Creche is blessed, ending with the words:

... for use in His church.



A - men

Processional Hymn

Please BOW when the processional crucifix passes.

"O, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"

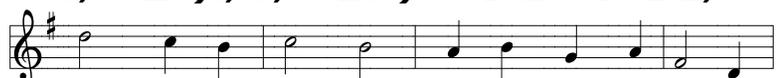
Setting by David Willcocks (b. 1919)



1 **O, come, all ye faith-ful, Joy-ful and tri- um-phant!**



O, come ye, O, come ye to Beth - le- hem;



Come and be- hold Him born the King of an-gels:



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



O come, let us a- dore Him, Christ the Lord!



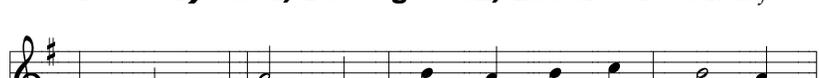
2 **God of God; Light of Light;**



Lo, he ab- hors not the Vir- gin's womb



Ve- ry God, be- got-ten, not cre- a- ted: Refrain



3 **Sing, choirs of an- gels, sing in ex- ul- ta- tion,**

4 **Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing;**

Silent Prayer

Give thanks to God, for this night in preaching and the Blessed Sacra- ment, the Christ Child has made your heart His manger and bed!

Please STAND.

Lighting of the Candles

Tilt the unlit candle into the lighted candle.

Please do not tip the candle once it is lighted.

Be careful not to drip candle wax on your clothing or the pews.

Children should share the candle of an adult.

Retiring Procession Hymn

Please BOW when the processional crucifix passes.

"SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT"

The Lutheran Hymnal #646

Organ introduction by Paul Bouman (b. 1918)

Stille nacht, heilige Nacht!

Alles schläft, einsam wacht

Nur das traute, hoch-heilige Paar.

Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,

Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

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.

Silent night! holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight;

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia,"

Christ, the Savior, is born!

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.

in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men

Dismissal

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

The Mass is ended. Go in peace.



Thanks be to God.

Please *KNEEL*.

Bishop's Benediction

Peace be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Our help ✠ is in the Name of the Lord.



Who made heav'n and earth.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

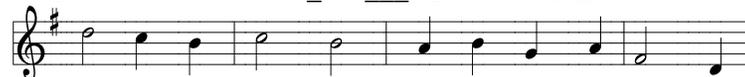
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you ✠ peace.



A- men, A-men, A - men



**Sing, all ye ci- ti-zens of heav-en a- bove!
Je- sus, to Thee_ be_ glo - ry giv'n!**



**Glo- ry to God_ in_ the_ high-est: *Refrain*
Word of the Fa- ther, now in flesh ap-pear-ing: *Refrain***

Liturgy of the Word

Introit – Psalm 2.7, 1

The Introit is chanted while the Celebrant incenses the Altar.

✠ *The Lord has said unto Me:*

“You are My Son, today I have begotten You.”

Why do the nations rage:

And the people plot a vain thing?

♦ *Glory be 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

The Lord has said to Me:

“You are My Son, today I have begotten You.”

Kyrie Eleison



**Lord, have mer-cy up-on us! Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!
Christ, have mer-cy up-on us! Christ, have mer-cy up-on us!
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us! Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!**



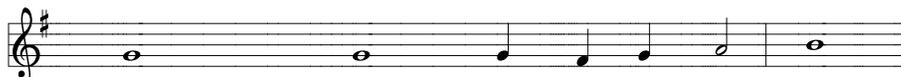
**Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!
Christ, have mer-cy up-on us!
Lord, have mer-cy up-on us!**

Gloria in Excelsis

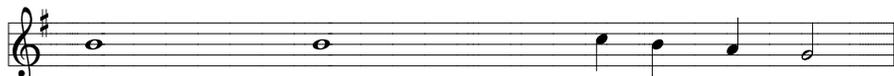
Glory be to God on high:



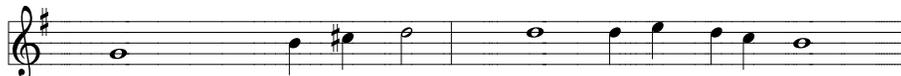
And on earth peace, good will toward men!



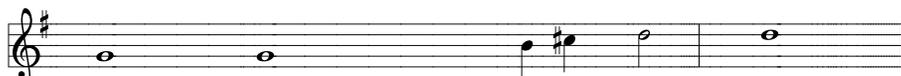
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we † wor-ship Thee; We



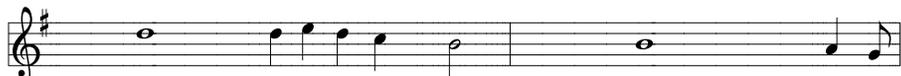
glorify Thee, we † give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only-begotten Son, † Je-sus Christ; O Lord God,



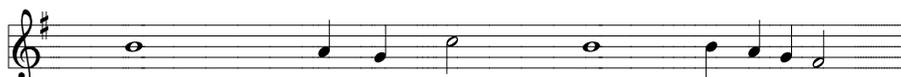
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sin of



the world, have mercy up-on us. Thou who take away



the sin of the world, † re-ceive our prayer. Thou who sit at



the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.

At the Altar before receiving the Blood of Christ, kneel and silently say:

What shall I give to the Lord for all the benefits that He has given to me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies. ✠ May the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen

After Returning from the Altar, kneel and silently say:

Let Your Body which I have received and Your Blood which I have drunk, O Lord, cleave to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me, whom You have refreshed with a pure and holy sacrament; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

Distribution Music On Christmass Night All Christians Sing
– Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

Distribution Hymns

“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”

The Lutheran Hymnal #94 (stanzas 1-3)

“A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER”

The Lutheran Hymnal #76

“NOW SING WE, NOW REJOICE”

The Lutheran Hymnal #92

After all have communed, the Celebrant cleanses the sacred vessels.

Communion—Psalm 110.3

*In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning:
You have the dew of Your youth.*

Please STAND.

Post-Communion Collect

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and

Agnus Dei



O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take a-way the sin
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of the world: have mer-cy up - on us.
of the world: have mer-cy up - on us.
of the world: grant us Your peace. A - men

Distribution of Our Lord's Body and Blood

Please REMAIN KNEELING or BE SEATED.

*Reception of the Lord's Supper indicates unity in confession and faith.
If you have not communed at Zion before, please refrain from receiving the
Lord's Supper unless you have first spoken with the Pastor.*

The Body of Christ is received on the tongue.

The Blood of Christ is received from the Chalice.

You may assist the minister by guiding the Chalice to your mouth.

Women are asked to remove lipstick before drinking from the Chalice.

Prayers During Holy Communion

Before approaching the Altar, kneel and silently say:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father with the Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by this, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil, and enable me ever to abide in Your commandments, and allow me never to be separated from You; who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, living and reigning now and forever. Amen

Before receiving the Body of Christ at the Altar, kneel and silently say:

*I shall receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. ✠ May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting!
Amen*



For Thou on-ly are ho-ly; Thou on-ly are the Lord. Thou



only, † O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, ✠ are most high in



the glory of God the Father. A - men

Collect

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray. O God, who has made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we beseech You, that we, who have known on earth the mysteries of His Light on earth may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men

Please BE SEATED.

Old Testament—Isaiah 9.2-7

After the Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual—Psalm 110.3, 1

Your people shall be willing in the day of Your power, in the beauties of holiness:

From the womb of the morning You have the dew of Your birth.

The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

Epistle—Titus 2.11-15

After the Reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please *STAND*.

Alleluia—Psalm 2.7

Alleluia! The Lord hath said unto Me: "Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee." Alleluia!

Holy Gospel—St. Luke 2.1-14

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

While the Gospel is announced, make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips and heart.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke:



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please *BE SEATED*.

Preaching of the Gospel

Pater Noster

Taught by Our Lord and trusting His promise, we are bold to pray:

The Our Father is chanted in monotone.

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. Amen

Embolism

The Celebrant concludes the Our Father with a prayer for deliverance and peace, ending with the words:

...one God now and forever.



A - men

Pax Domini

The peace of the ✕ Lord be with you always.



A - men



He, Bless-ed is He who ✕ comes in the Name of the Lord!



Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

Eucharistic Prayer

The Prayer of Thanksgiving is prayed ending with the words:
...which You now graciously bestow upon us through Christ Our Lord
Amen

Verba Christi

The Celebrant chants the Words of Our Lord's Last Will and Testament. During the two Major Elevations, the chimes are rung and we adore Our Lord's Body and Blood.

Anamnesis

The Prayer of Remembrance is prayed ending with the words:
...until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all.

Acclamation

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men

When the chimes are rung at the Minor Elevation, we again adore Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament and acclaim Him as eternal God.

Chief Hymn

Please STAND when the organ sounds.

“FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME”

The Lutheran Hymnal #85



“From heav’n a- bove to earth I come, To



bear good news to ev-’ry home; Glad ti-dings of great



joy I bring, Where-of I now will say and sing:

(choir) “To you this night is born a Child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little Child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

**“This is the Christ, Our God and Lord,
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.”**

(choir) “He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us His glory share.

**“These are the tokens ye shall mark:
The swaddling-clothes and manger dark;
There ye shall find the Infant laid
By whom the heavens and earth were made.”** *(SIT)*

(organ only) Setting by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)
Now let us all with gladsome cheer
Go with the shepherds and draw near
To see the precious Gift of God,
Who hath His own dear Son bestowed.



Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes! What



is it in yon man-ger lies? Who is this child, so



young and fair? The bless-ed Christ-child li - eth there.

*(choir) Welcome to the earth, Thou noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
Thou com'st to share my misery;
What thanks shall I return to thee?*

**Were earth a thousand times as fair,
Beset with gold and jewels rare,
It yet were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.**

*(organ only) Setting by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
For velvets soft and silken stuff
Thou hast but hay and straw so rough,
Whereon Thou, King, so rich and great,
As 'twere Thy heaven, art throned in state.*

**And thus, dear Lord, it pleaseth Thee
To make this truth quite plain to me,
That all the world's wealth, honor, might,
Are naught and worthless in Thy sight.**

*(choir) Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.*

**My heart for very joy doth leap,
My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle-song: (STAND)**

**Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.**

Preface

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

Christmass Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made Flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Please KNEEL when the Server rings the Sanctus bell three times.



♦ Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord God of Sab - a -oth.



Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na! Ho-



san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is

(choir-setting by Carl F. Schalk (b. 1929))

Come, then, banish all your sadness,
One and all, Great and small;
Come with songs of gladness.
Love Him who with love is glowing;
Hail the Star, Near and far
Light and joy bestowing.

**Guilt no longer can distress me;
Son of God, Thou my load
Bearest to release me.
Stain in me Thou findest never;
I am clean, All my sin
Is removed forever.**

*(choir) I am pure, in Thee believing,
From Thy store Evermore
Righteous robes receiving
In my heart I will enfold Thee,
Treasure rare, Let me there,
Loving, ever hold Thee.*

**Dearest Lord, Thee will I cherish.
Though my breath Fail in death,
Yet I shall not perish,
But with Thee abide forever
There on high, In that joy
Which can vanish never.**

Offertorium—Psalm 96.11, 13

*Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:
Before the Lord, for he is coming.*

Oblation

The Celebrant prays the Offertory Prayer ending with the words:

...one God, now and forever.

Amen

Credo

The Nicene Creed is chanted in monotone.

I 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**

Please GENUFLECT on the kneelers in honor of Our Lord's incarnation.

**And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin
Mary, and was made man;**

Please STAND.

**And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried;
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
And ascended into heaven,
And sits at 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 I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is † wor-
shipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen**

Please KNEEL.

Intercessions

After each petition:

Lord, in Your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

After the final petition is prayed:

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please BE SEATED.

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

Offertory

While the offerings are gathered and the Altar prepared, you are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Our Lord's Service in His Body and Blood.

After the Altar is prepared, the Celebrant incenses the Altar.

Then the Ministers and Faithful are incensed.

Please STAND and BOW when being incensed.

Offering Hymn

"ALL MY HEART THIS NIGHT REJOICES"

The Lutheran Hymnal #77



1 **All my heart this night re- joic- es, As I hear**
2 **Forth to- day the Con-qu'ror go-eth, Who the foe**
3 **Shall we still dread God's dis-plea-sure, Who, to save,**



Far and near, Sweet-est an- gel voic- es. "Christ is
Sin and woe, Death and hell, o'er-throw-eth. God is
Free-ly gave His most cher-ished Trea- sure? To re-



born," their choirs are sing-ing, Till the air
man, man to de- li- ver; His dear Son
deem us, He hath gi- ven His own Son



Ev- 'ry-where Now with joy is ring- ing.
Now is one, With our blood for- ev- er.
From the throne Of His might in heav- en.

He becomes the Lamb that taketh
Sin away And for aye
Full atonement maketh.
For our life His own He tenders
And our race, By His grace,
Meet for glory renders.

Hark! a voice from yonder manger,
Soft and sweet, Doth entreat:
"Flee from woe and danger.
Brethren, from all ills that grieve you
You are freed; All you need
I will surely give you."