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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2020 - Order of the Mass

CHORAL PRELUDE

What Can I Give Him?

arr. Mark Schweizer

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago.
Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.
- Christina Rossetti*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verses

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
3. Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain

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

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786;
tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade. ADESTE FIDELES

I (Cantor or choir)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

II (Assembly)

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,

I

II

we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

I

O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ,

On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,

II

you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;

I

you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;

II

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther,

I

have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,

II

with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men. *Slower*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

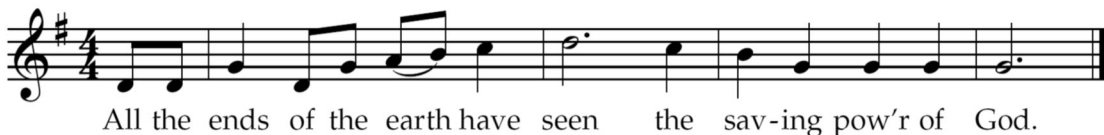
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,
announcing peace, bearing good news,
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,
“Your God is King!”
Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy,
for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion.
Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem!
For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98

James V. Marchionda



SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters:
In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets;
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son,
whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe,
who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being,
and who sustains all things by his mighty word.
When he had accomplished purification from sins,
he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
For to which of the angels did God ever say:
You are my son; this day I have begotten you?
Or again: *I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?*
And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says:
Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-5, 9-14

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 to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him.
He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.
But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God,
to those who believe in his name,
who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.
And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

CHORAL ANTHEM AT THE PREPARATION

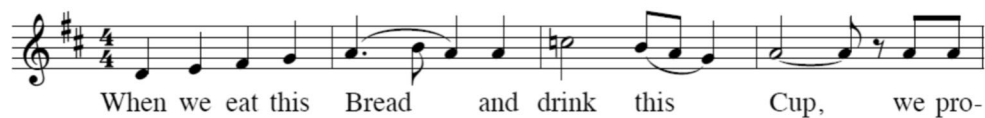
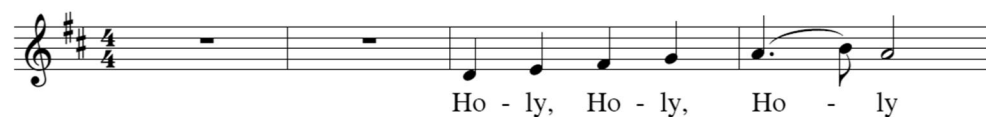
Come Thou, Redeemer of the Earth
Richard Shephard

*Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall, such birth befits the God of all.
Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, And darkness glow with newborn light,
No more shall night extinguish day, Where love's bright beams their power display.
O Jesu, virgin born to thee, eternal praise and glory be,
When with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.*

- St. Ambrose of Milan, translated by J.M. Neale

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass for the City
Richard Proulx



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LAMB OF GOD

Holy Cross Mass
David Clark Isele



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PRAYER TO MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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 were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Silent Night
arr. Tim Sharp

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.
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!
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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,

1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

1. na-tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies; With an -
2. God-head see! Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to

1. gel - ic hosts pro-claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915. MENDELSSOHN