

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

CATHEDRAL OF THE BEESSED SACRAMENT

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

The Twenty-Fifth of December, Two Thousand Twenty-Five

❖ Midnight Mass Prelude ❖

There Is No Rose

Joubert

There is no rose of such virtue As is the rose that bare Jesu: *Alleluia*.

For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space: *Res miranda*.

By that rose we may well see There be one God in Persons Three: *Pares forma*.

Then leave we all this worldly mirth And follow we this joyous birth: *Transeamus*.

Text: 15th century

Setting: John Joubert (1927-2019)

Ave Maria

Busto

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Music: Javier Busto (b. 1949)

Messiah/Mesías

Handel

1. Symphony

2. Accompagnato [Jonathan Hansen, tenor]

Comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortable to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:1-3)

3. Aria

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low: the crooked straight, and the rough places plain. (Isaiah 40:4)

4. Chorus

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. (Isaiah 40:5)

Y la gloria de Dios será mostrada y a todos será revelada: Así ha dicho el Señor y así será. (Isaías 40:5)

5. Chorus

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called: Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6)

Entre nosotros nace un Dios, el Hijo se nos ha dado: Que tendrá poder sobre todos los pueblos: y le darán por nombre: Príncipe, Salvador, Inmenso Dios, el Sempiterno Padre, Señor de Paz. (Isaías 9:6)

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
Aus einer Wurzel zart,
Wie uns die Alten sungen,
Von Jesse kam die Art
Und hat ein Blümlein bracht
Mitten im kalten Winter
Wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Blümlein so kleine,
Das duftet uns so süß;
Mit seinem hellen Scheine
Vertreibt's die Finsternis.
Wahr' Mensch und wahrer Gott,
Hilft uns aus allem Leide,
Rettet von Sünd' und Tod.

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

O Savior, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day.

Text: German, 15th C.; English trans. Theodore Baker (stanza 1), John C. Mattes (stanza 2)
Setting: Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming [strings]

Praetorius, arr. Naughtin



❖ The Introductory Rites ❖

THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

Chant, arr. Trafton

INTROIT [Choir: Midnight]

Psalm 2:1-2, 7-8

Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu,
ego hodie genuite.

(Verse) Quare fremuerunt gentes: et populi
meditati sunt inania?

The Lord said unto me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you."

(Verse) Why do the nations conspire and the
peoples plot in vain?

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
2. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, laé - ti, tri - um - phán - tes,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,



O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Ve - ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Na - tum vi - dé - te, Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



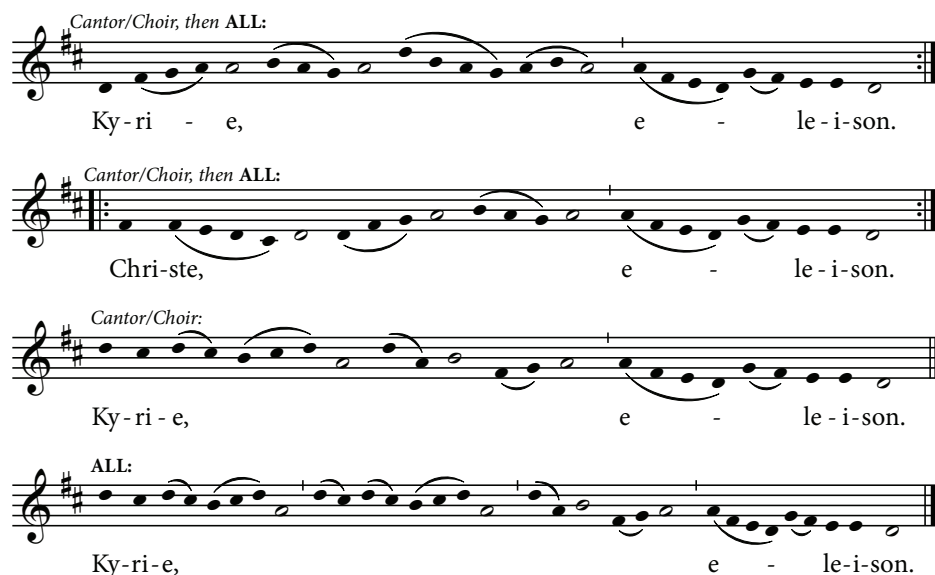
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
 Ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
 ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1881, alt.
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES; John F. Wade.

THE PENITENTIAL ACT

✠ I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(and, striking their breast, they say):
 through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE ELEISON



Cantor/Choir, then ALL:
 Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Cantor/Choir, then ALL:
 Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.
Cantor/Choir:
 Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
ALL:
 Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Music: Missa de Angelis

GLORIA



Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,
 glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Verses [Cantor/Choir]

1. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

✠ *The Liturgy of the Word* ✠

READING I

Isaiah 9:1-6

A son is given us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96

To - day is born our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord, Christ the
 Lord. To - day is born our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord.

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READING II [proclaimed in Spanish]

Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

After the proclamation:

℣. Palabra de Dios. ℟. **Te alabamos Señor.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & VERSE

Christmastime Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Luke 2:1-14

Today a Savior has been born for you.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Today as we recite the Creed, the Church invites us to genuflect where indicated in order to show that we accept the great reality of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

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,

[genuflect] 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 the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER

℣. Let us call upon the Lord: ℟. **Strengthen us in hope, O Lord.**

✠ *The Liturgy of the Eucharist* ✠

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Chill of the Nightfall



1. Chill of the night - fall, Lamps in the win - dows,
2. Si - lence of mid - night, Voic - es of an - gels,
3. Splen - dor of star - light High on the hill - side,
4. Glo - ry of day - break! Sor - rows and shad - ows,



Let - ting their light fall Clear on the snow;
Sing - ing to bid night Yield to the dawn;
Faint is the far light Burn - ing be - low;
Sud - den - ly they break Forth in - to morn;



Bit - ter De - cem - ber Bids us re - mem - ber
Dark - ness is end - ed, Sin - ners be - friend - ed,
Kneel - ing be - fore Him Shep - herds a - dore Him,
Sing out and tell now All shall be well now,



Christ in the sta - ble Long, long a - go.
Where in the sta - ble Je - sus is born.
Christ in the sta - ble Long, long a - go.
For in the sta - ble Je - sus is born!

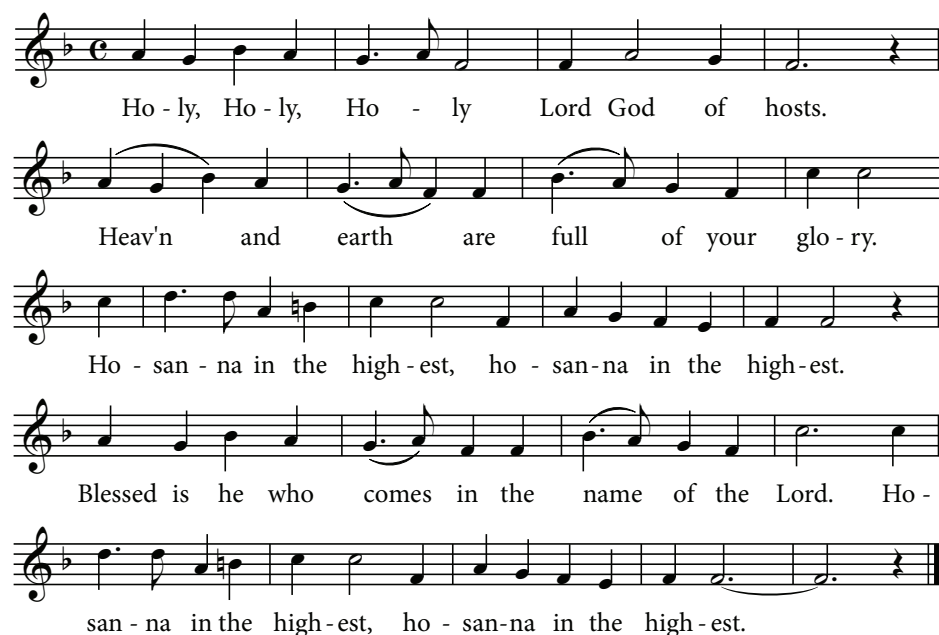
At Christmas, we celebrate the greatest gift of all—God’s gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. In response to this incredible generosity, we, as good stewards, are called to give back from the blessings we have



received. Your financial support is essential to sustain our parish ministries, maintain our beautiful Cathedral, and spread the Gospel. This Christmas, please consider making a generous gift to help build up the Body of Christ and ensure our parish can thrive in the year ahead.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for sharing in the joy of Christ’s birth.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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MYSTERIUM FIDEI



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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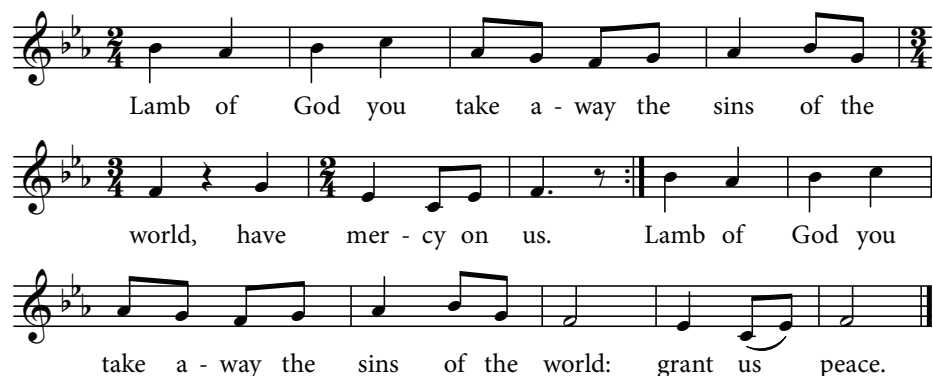
AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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FRACTION LITANY

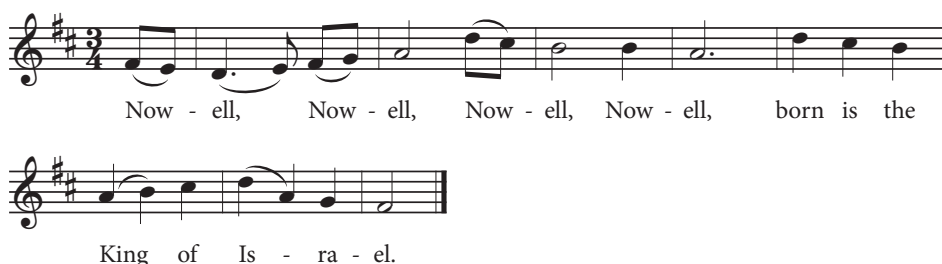


Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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COMMUNION PROCESSION

The First Nowell



Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, born is the
King of Is - ra - el.

Silent Night



1. No - chede paz, No - che de a - mor; To - do duer-me en
2. Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star,
de - rre - dor. En - tre los as - tros que es - par - cen su luz
ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
lend thy light; With the an - gels let us sing,
Be - lla a - nun - cian - do al ni - ñi - to Je - sús, Bri - lla la es -
Hold - er Kna - be mit lock - i - gem Haar, Schlaf im
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,
Al - le - lu - ia to our King; Christ the
tre - lla de paz, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de paz.
himm - li - scher Ruh', Schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh'.
Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
Sav - ior is born. Christ the Sav - ior is born.

✠ The Concluding Rites ✠

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous - ness!



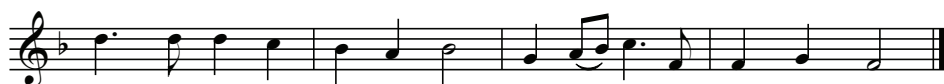
Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, Off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal-ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see: Hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



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: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915.

✠ CATHEDRAL MUSIC ✠

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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