

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day, 2020

Merry Christmas and Welcome! Thank you for being with us this morning. May our worship together be a blessing to you, and may the light of Christ whose birth we celebrate illumine your life with God's peace and joy!

+ Gathering +

Prelude

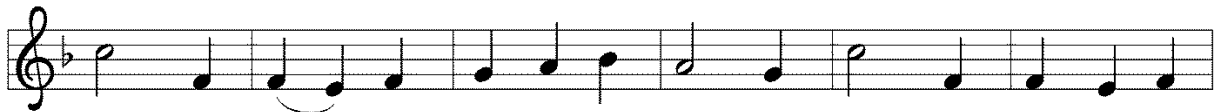
Noël Nouvelet
Flute, harpsichord

arr. Peter Crisafulli

*Gathering Hymn No. 292

Love Has Come

UN FLAMBEAU



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

***Christmas Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is born for us.

Oh, come, let us adore him.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Hymn of Praise No. 289** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

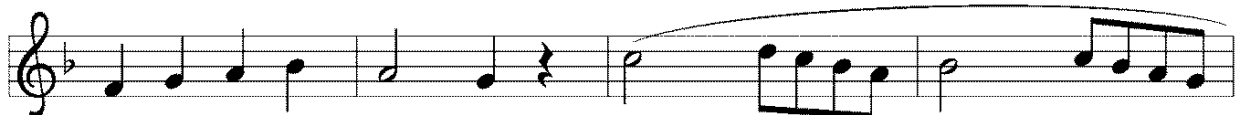


and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

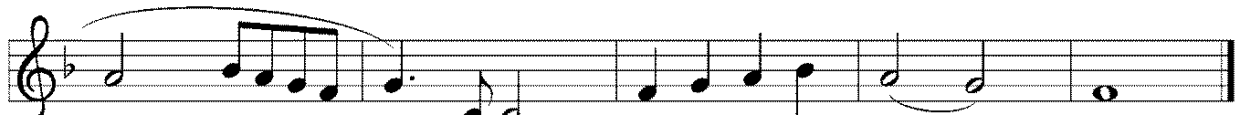
Refrain



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you sent your only Son to take on our human nature
and to illumine the world with your light.
By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

+ Word +

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
⁹Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

DIADEMATA

1. God reigns! Let earth re - joice! Let o - ceans shout God's
 2. Vic- t'ry to those who bow in awe be - fore God's
 3. All who would seek the right, and e - vil things de -

might! Borne up by truth and right - eous - ness, God's throne is our de -
 sword; who place their strong re - li - ance in the pro - mise of God's
 plore, find plea - sure in the courts of God, and com - fort ev - er -

light. God's fire ig - nites the clouds with judg - ment swift and
 Word. False i - dols rise to claim the weak - ness of our
 more. The ra - diance of God's light beams joy in - to our

just; the e - vil find their deeds in vain; God's foes are brought to dust.
 pride, but can - not touch the faith - ful ones, for God stands at our side.
 days; filled with the glo - ry of God's love, our hearts re - sound with praise.

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

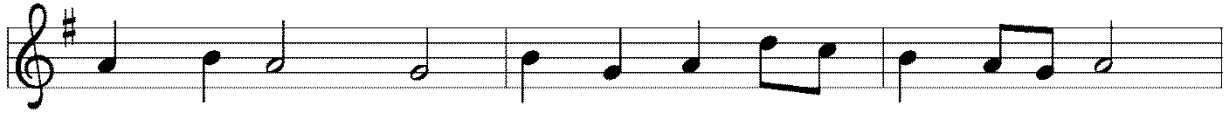
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Hymn No. 510** *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER
Sing stanzas 1 & 2 before the reading; stanza 3 after the reading.



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing,
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

***Gospel Reading** John 1:1-14

The holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The 3rd stanza of hymn 510 is sung.

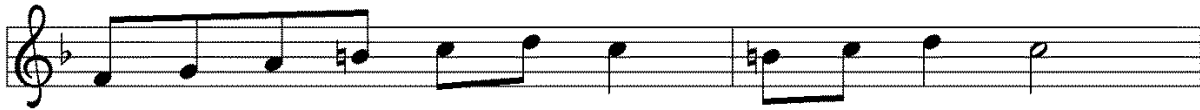
Homily

Pr. David Nevergall

***Hymn of the Day No. 291**

Let Our Gladness Have No End

NARODIL SE KRISTUS PAN



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 2 Proph - e - sied in days of old, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 3 See the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, Hal - le - lu - jah!

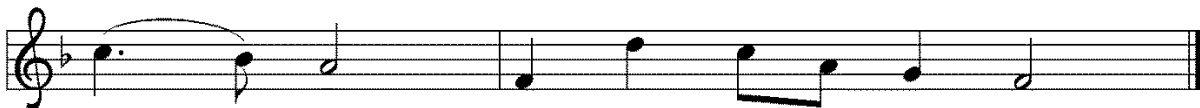


for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has sent the one fore - told. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 from the branch of Jes - se grows. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 our true ref - uge and our Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to



save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
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.

We 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 worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy"; we respond "Hear our prayer."

A collect concludes the prayers with the words "Jesus Christ, our Lord."

We respond "Amen."

+ We Are Fed at Christ's Table +

*Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

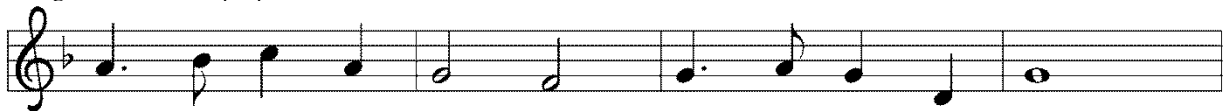
We share the peace of Christ with one another.

*Offering Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter

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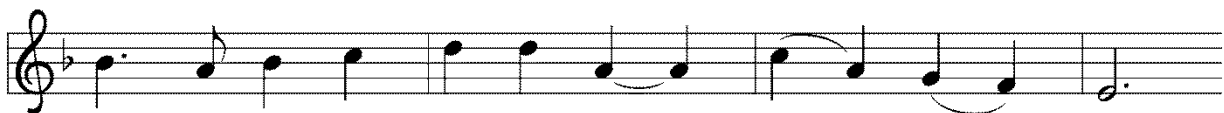
We sing as the table is prepared.



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

*Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Indeed, we give you thanks, Father...in your holy Church both now and forever. **Amen!**

*The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

**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. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

We believe, teach and confess that the true body and blood of Christ are really present in the Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine, and are there distributed and received (Augsburg Confession, Art. 10). We invite all instructed and baptized Christians who so confess to join us at the Lord's Table.

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* SCHNEIDER

O Lamb of God, you take a - way our sin.

O Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take a - way our sin.

O Lamb of God, grant us your peace.

O Lamb of God, grant us your peace.

+ We Bear Good News into the World +

***Prayer**

God of wonder,
in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near.
As you have come among us now,
send us out in joy, hastening to share
the good news of your love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

Amen

***Benediction**

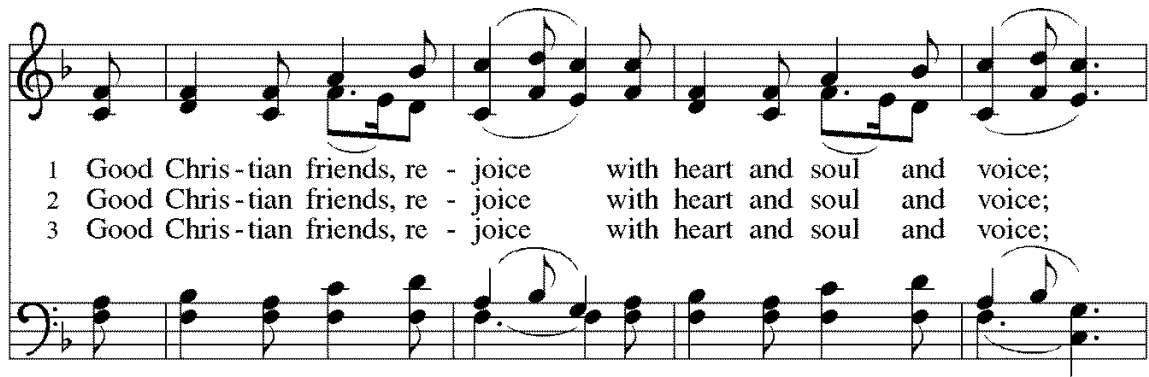
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and † give you peace.

Amen

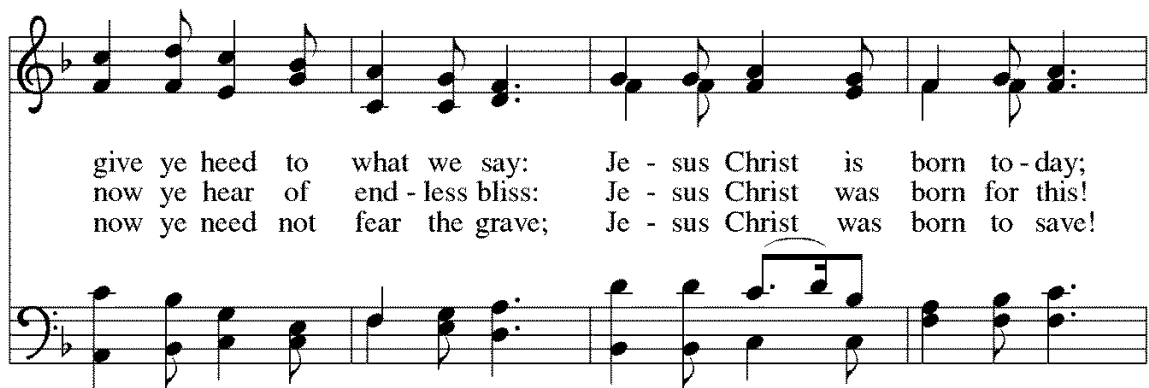
Sending Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

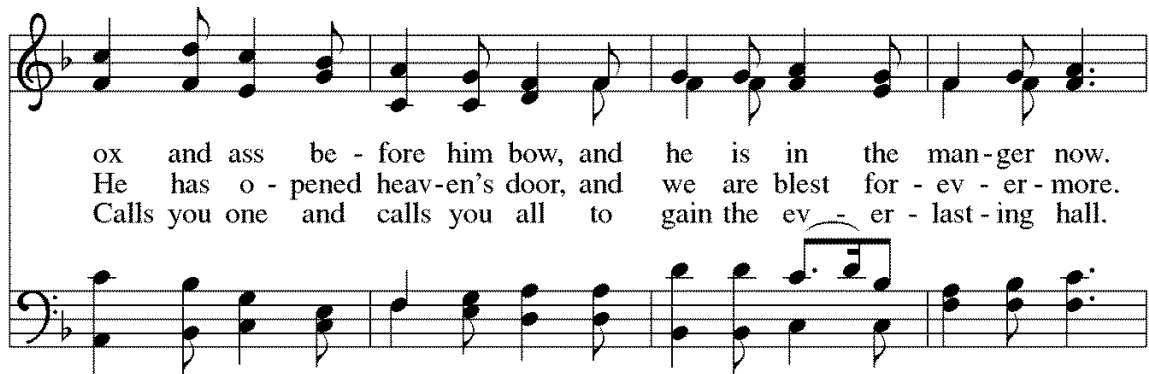
IN DULCI JUBILO



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*Dismissal

Filled with joy at the Messiah's birth,
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Anne Krentz Organ
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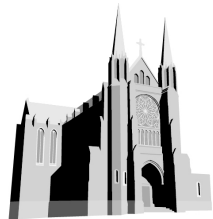
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