

# NATIVITY OF THE LORD ✨

DECEMBER 24-25 2023



## Entrance Song

## *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,
4. A - dé - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -



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;
4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.



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;
4. Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain



- O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O  
Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -



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

## Greeting

## Gloria

1. Glory be to God on high, Glory be, and peace on earth.

Lord God, Father, Heavenly King, Joy and thanks and praise we bring.

**Refrain:** Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Lamb of God, have mercy.

Seated at the Lord's right hand, Lamb of God receive our prayer.

3. You are Holy Lord, most High, in the Father's glory,

With the Holy Spirit, Amen, Amen!

## Collect

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading**.....Isaiah 9:1-6

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..."*



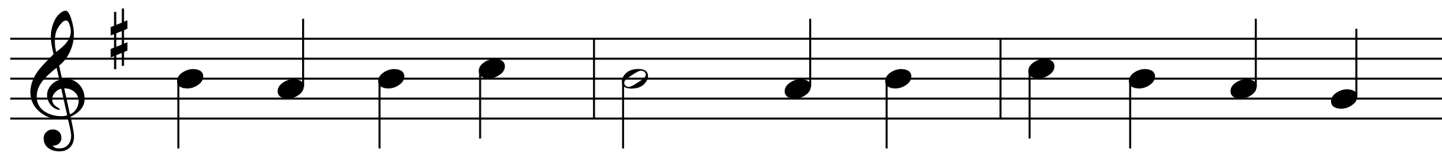
# Responsorial Psalm

(4:00PM) *Today is Born Our Savior*

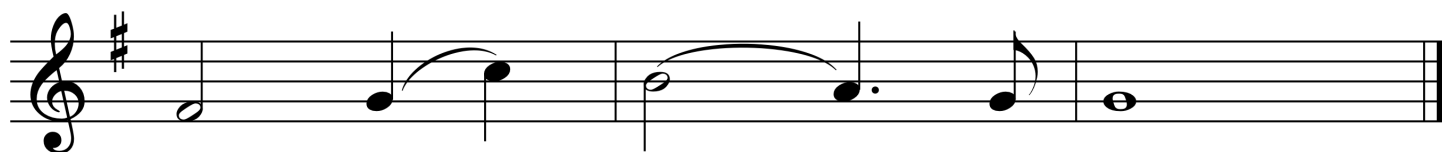
Alonso



To - day is born our Sav - ior, to -



day is born our Sav - ior, to - day is born our



Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

(7:00PM) *Today is Born Our Savior*

Berberick/Keil



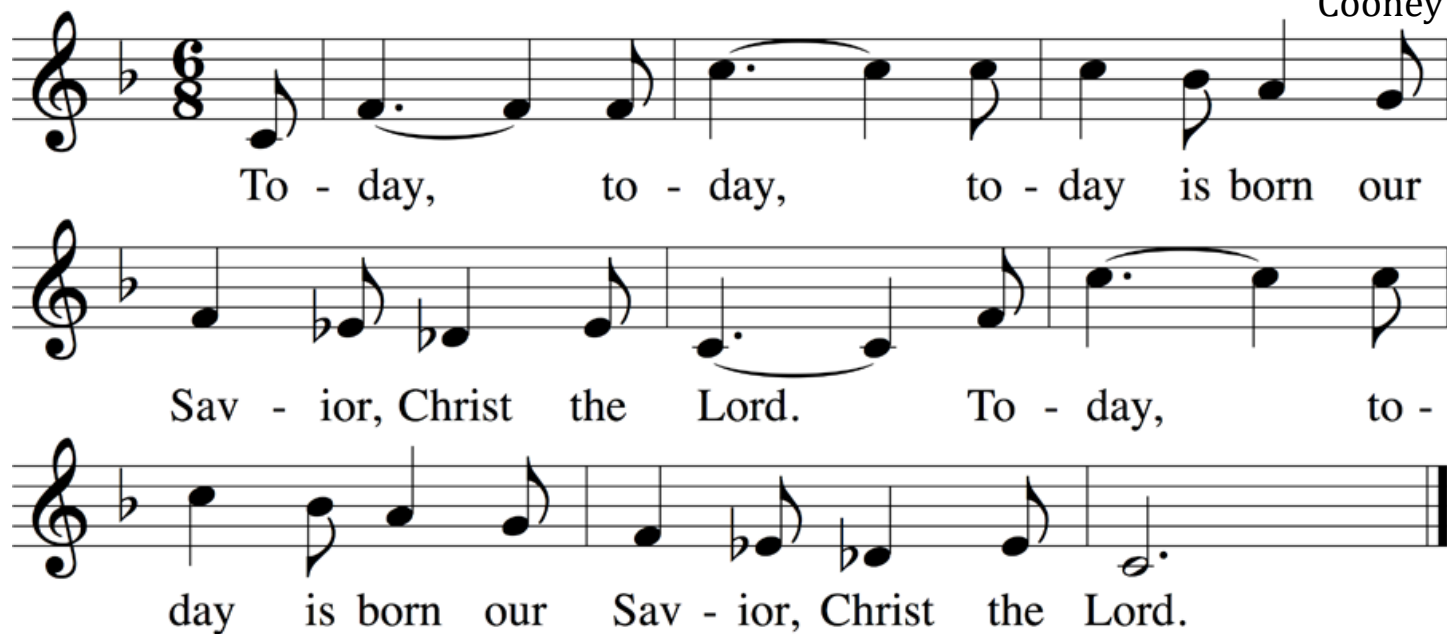
To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord.



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

(10:30PM) *Christmas Midnight*

Cooney



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

(9:30, 11:15AM) *All the Ends of the Earth*

Fisher



All the ends of the earth, sing a joy - ful song...  
Sing to the Lord, there is sal - va - tion. All the  
ends of the earth, sing a joy - ful song... Sing to the Lord,  
— there is sal - va - tion. — Sing to the Lord,  
— there is sal - va - tion. —


**Second Reading.....Titus 2:11-14**

*“The grace of God has appeared, saving all...”*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**(4:00PM) Halle, Halle, Halle**

Haugen, Bell



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Celtic Alleluia*

O'Carroll, Walker



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel.....Luke 2:1-14**

*“For today in the city of David  
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”*

**Homily**

## Profession of Faith

## Nicene Creed

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,  
(*bow*) 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.

## Prayer of the Faithful

Intercessory Response: "*Lord, hear our prayer.*"

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



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**Preparation of the Gifts:** *See Pages 9, 10, 11 for lyrics*

**(4:00PM Church)** *Dream a Dream*

**(4:00PM Gym, 11:15 AM)** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**(7:00PM)** *Oh Holy Night*

**(10:30PM, 9:30AM)** *Hallelujah*

**Eucharistic Acclamations**

*Gather Hymnal #198-204*

**Songs during Communion:** *See Pages 9, 10, 11 for lyrics*

**(4:00PM)** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Night of Silence*

**(4:00PM Gym)** *Wood of the Cradle, Night of Silence*

**(7:00PM)** *Hark the Herald, Silent Night*

**(10:30PM)** *Wood of the Cradle, Oh Holy Night*

**(9:30AM)** *Wood of the Cradle, Oh Holy Night*

**(11:15AM)** *Silent Night, Oh Holy Night*

# Prayer after Communion

## CONCLUDING RITE

### Final Blessing and Dismissal

#### Sending Forth

#### *Joy to the World*



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -  
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our  
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -



1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

# Christmas Carols

## *Dream a Dream*

1. Dream a dream, a hopeful dream, as children do on Christmas Eve,  
imaginings, surprising things to hold and to believe.  
Dream a time, this Christmas time, when no one's hungry or afraid;  
that weapons go and harvests grow, that friends are met and made.
2. Dream a peace, our planet's peace, the greening of the earth at play,  
the holy ground where life is found, where God has touched the clay.  
Dream a gift, the Christmas gift that changes everything we see:  
the shimmering of angel wing, the Child, the Mystery.
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the shimmering of angel wing, the Child, the Mystery.

## *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Refrain:** Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.

## **Night of Silence**

1. Cold are the people, winter of life,  
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,  
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,  
Flowers that will echo the sunrise, Fire of hope is our only warmth,  
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.
2. Voice in the distance, call in the night,  
On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light,  
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,  
Rumors of a dawn so embracing,  
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,  
Soon will we know of the morning.
3. Spirit among us, shine like the star,  
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,  
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,  
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love,  
Star unknowing of night and day,  
Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

## **Silent Night**

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. 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.

### **Wood of the Cradle**

1. Wood of the cradle, wood of the cross,  
bearing a lifetime of joy and of loss, who is your loved one?  
Who could he be, born in a manger to die on a tree?

### **Refrain:**

This, this is Jesus the Lord,  
here in the body and blood outpoured.  
Come, come, walk in his ways.  
Kneel at the manger and rise from the grave.

2. Shepherds lie sleeping, deep in their dreams;  
angels awaken them. "What could this mean?  
Whom do you herald? Whom must we find? A child in the manger?  
Our God born in time?"
3. Star in the heavens bearing new light,  
guiding the sages and ages this night: Where will you lead us?  
Where can he be, the child born of mystery who died on a tree?
4. Come, all who hunger, come, all who thirst;  
come, all who seek him, God's joy on the earth.  
Find him a shelter, bright, safe, and warm;  
see in all people his love being born.



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