

Saint Thomas's Church
Midnight Mass
on
Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24, 2020
11:00 pm



Historiated Initial P Excised from a Gradual: The Nativity
Lippo Vanni, c. 1350-1375



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Cantor: Shannon Halliwell-MacDonald
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

MUSIC OF THE MASS: Missa Cantate Pueri, *Martin G. Dumler*

PRELUDE AT 10:30 PM: Organ Recital on YouTube

HYMN 733 - Once in royal David's city

- 1 Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
- 3 And through all his wondrous childhood
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle,
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.
- 5 Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him: but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
Where like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

Please kneel

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The cantor sings

*Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO - Missa de Angelis

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

V / The Lord be with you.

R / ***And with thy spirit.***

Please remain standing for the Collect

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9.2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

V / The word of the Lord

R / ***Thanks be to God***

PSALM 96.1-3. 11-13

VIII. 2.



- 1 O SING unto the LORD a new **song** :
sing unto the LORD, **all** the whole earth.
- 2 Sing unto the LORD, and praise his **Name** :
be telling of his salva-**tion** from day to day.
- 3 Declare his honour among the **na**-tions :
and his wonders a-**mong** all peo-ples.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be **glad** :
let the sea make a noise, and all **that** is there-in.
- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is **in** it :
then shall all the trees of the wood re-**joice** be-fore the LORD;
- 13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the **earth** :
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the **peo**-ples with his truth.

SECOND READING: Titus 2.11-14

For the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

V / The word of the Lord

R / *Thanks be to God*

Please stand

HYMN 823 - From east to west

A solis ortus cardine

- 1 From east to west, from shore to shore,
Let ev'ry heart awake and sing
The Holy Child whom Mary bore,
The Christ, the everlasting King.
- 2 Behold! the world's Creator wears
The form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our Maker shares,
His fallen creature, man, to save.
- 3 For this how wondrously he wrought!
A maiden, in her lowly place,
Became, in ways beyond all thought,
The chosen vessel of his grace.
- 4 She bowed her to the angel's word
Declaring what the Father willed,
And suddenly the promised Lord
That pure and hallowed temple filled.

- 5 He shrank not from the oxen's stall,
He lay within the manger bed,
And he whose bounty feedeth all
At Mary's breast himself was fed.
- 6 And while the angels in the sky
Sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor, the Lord most high,
The one great Shepherd, was revealed.
- 7 All glory for this blessed morn
To God the Father ever be,
All praise to thee, O Virgin-born,
All praise, Holy Ghost, to thee. Alleluia.

WALTON

Tr Rev John Ellerton, 1870

GOSPEL: John 1.1-14

R/ Glory be to thee, O Lord

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness overcame it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.

V/ The Gospel of Christ

R/ Praise be to thee, O Christ

NICENE CREED - *Missa de Angelis*

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 the 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; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake 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.*

SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN 79 - Of the Father's love begotten *Corde natus ex parentis*

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.
- 2 At his word the worlds were framèd;
He commanded: it was done:
Heaven and earth and depths of ocean,
In their threefold order one;
All that grows beneath the shining,
Of the moon and burning sun,
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 O that birth forever blessed!
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Saviour of our race,
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore.
- 4 This is he whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord;
Whom the voices of the prophets,
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore.
- 5 O ye heights of heaven, adore him;
Angel-hosts, his praises sing;
All dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

- 6 Thee let old men, thee let young men,
Thee let boys in chorus sing;
Matrons, virgins, little maidens,
With glad voices answering;
Let their guileless songs re-echo,
And the heart its praises bring,
Evermore and evermore.
- 7 Christ, to thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be,
Honour, glory and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM (Corde natus)
Tr. Rev. J.M. Neale & Re. Sir H.W. Baker

Plainsong Melody, 12th century
Arr. Healey Willan, 1933

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, accept these our gifts on this joyful feast of our salvation; and grant that by our communion with God made man we may be found in the likeness of him in whom our substance is united unto thee; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen*

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light. Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Intercessor: Lord in thy mercy
R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: On this holy night, Christ came among us in great humility. We pray for the Church, for Andrew our bishop, Jenny our area bishop, and for all the clergy and laity who serve God's people, especially in this parish; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and Linda our Primate.

Intercessor: Lord in thy mercy
R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: On this holy night, the angels sang "on earth peace, good will toward men." We pray for the Queen and all in authority in this country, province, and city, that they may work for peace and promote the well-being of all.

Intercessor: Lord in thy mercy
R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: On this holy night, the shepherds found the Christ Child lying in a manger, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and Blessed Joseph: bless our homes and families, and all those we love.

Intercessor: Lord in thy mercy
R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: The darkness of this night is scattered with the light of Christ's presence: bring comfort to all who suffer, who grieve, who are alone, who are ill, who are poor or homeless, and who are oppressed. We pray for the sick, especially for _____, and we pray for those whom have asked, especially for _____.

Intercessor: Lord in thy mercy
R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: In the Word made flesh, you have joined heaven and earth. We pray for those woe have died in recent days, especially of _____, and for those whose years mind is at this time. Keep in safety all those who have died and that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints to the joys of heaven.

Intercessor: Lord in thy mercy
R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

INVITATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

The Cantor sings:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, *Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.*

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, *Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded;

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The consecrated Bread is broken.

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you;
R / *And with thy spirit.*

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:

We do not presume

to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Cantor sings:

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.*

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

**Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.**

**And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Motet: *Schlafe, mein Liebster, BWV 248ii, J.S. Bach*

Sleep, my beloved, enjoy Your rest, and awaken after it for all the fortunate! Let your heart delight, experience the joy that rejoices our hearts!

Please kneel

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, whose blessed Son didst humble himself to share our birth and our death, and who ever permittest us in these holy mysteries to draw near with gladness unto his holy Nativity: Bring us with the shepherds and wise men to kneel before his lowly cradle, that we may come to sing with thine angels his glorious praises in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is alive, and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

BLESSING

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

HYMN 75 - O come, all ye faithful

During this hymn, the Celebrant takes up the image of the Christ Child from the High Altar and carries it in procession to the Crib.

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
*O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Almighty and everlasting God, who for our salvation didst cause thine only-begotten Son to come down from heaven, and to be born of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary: Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to bless and hallow this crib, wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all we who behold it shall ponder and adore the mystery of his holy Incarnation, and be fulfilled with thy heavenly benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God
In the Highest:
O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

See how the Shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

ADESTE FIDELES
Melody probably by J.F. Wade 1711-86

Latin 18th century
Tr Frederick Oakeley 1802-80 and others

POSTLUDE: In dulci jubilo, BWV 729, *J.S. Bach*