24 December 2023

# CHRISTMAS EVE

## Gathering: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1. 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;
   REFRAIN: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
         O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2. God of God, Light of Light,
   Lo! He comes forth from the Virgin's womb.
   Our very God, begotten not created,
   REFRAIN: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
         O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
   Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
   Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
   REFRAIN: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
         O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

## Hymn of Praise: "Christmas Gloria"

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REFRAIN:

# Liturgy of the Word

### A reading from the book of Isaiah (9:1-6)

## Responsorial Psalm:
## Psalm 96 – "Today is Born Our Savior"
*by Joseph B. Sullivan*  © 2002, WLP

REFRAIN: Cantor, then All

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

Christ  the  Lord,  Christ  the  Lord.

### A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus (2:11-14)

## Christmas Gospel Acclamation
*based on GESU BAMBINO, Pietro Yan, arr. by Paul Hillebrand*  © 2014, WLP

**Refrain (Cantor, then All):**

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

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

*Verse:  I proclaim to you good news of joy, good news of great joy:
        today a Savior is born for us, a Savior, Christ the Lord!*

### A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (2:1-14)
*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good new of great joy that will be for all the people.  For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.  And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."  And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

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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,
[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.


**Intercessions – Respond: "Jesus, be born in us today!"**


## Liturgy of the Eucharist


**Preparation of the Gifts (6:30 Mass): "Away in a Manger"**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
   The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
   The stars in the sky look down where he lay,
   The little Lord, Jesus, asleep in the hay.


2. The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
   But little Lord, Jesus, no crying he makes.
   I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
   And stay by my cradle 'till morning is nigh.


**(8:30 Mass): Choir – "Candlelight Carol"**
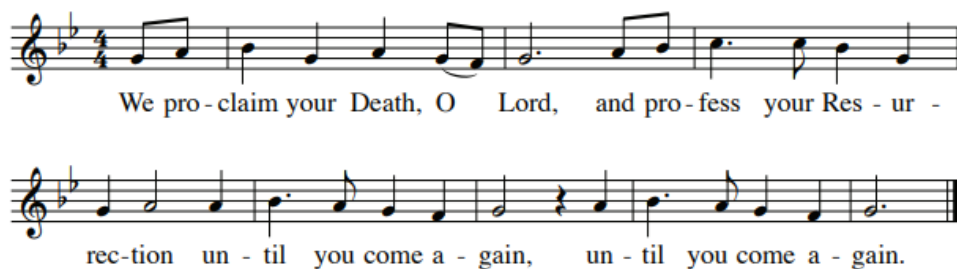
# Eucharistic Acclamations from *Mass of Creation*
*by Marty Haugen*

## HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur -

rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

## AMEN

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

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

## SIGN OF PEACE

## Lamb of God from *Mass of Creation*



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

world, grant us peace.

## Communion Procession:
## (6:30 PM) - "Silent Night"

## (8:30 PM) - "Night of Silence/Silent Night"

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face,

Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

## (8:30 PM) - Communion Meditation: "Breath of Heaven"

## Recessional: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*Text: Charles Wesley, Tune: Felix Mendelssohn*

**Verses**

1. Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing: "Glo-ry to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!" Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies; With an-gel-ic hosts pro-claim: "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"

2. Christ, by high-est heav'n a-dored, Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord; Late in time, be-hold him come, Off-spring of a vir-gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail th'in-car-nate De-i-ty! Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal-ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo-ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to 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."

*Merry Christmas*

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