

The Holy Eucharist

Second Sunday after Christmas

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Prelude

Noel, Grand jeu et Duo, Louis Claude Daquin

Hymn 98

Puer nobis nascitur



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -
 2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and
 3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in
 4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to
 *5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the
 2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that
 3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at
 4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -
 5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.
 2 he all men sur - pass - - - es.
 3 Beth-lehem in his fu - - - ry.
 4 to the joys a - bove us.
 5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.

The accompaniment for stanza 1 may be used for all stanzas.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

S 280, Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly

King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus

Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy

on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most

High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the

glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Celebrant
People

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Anthem (St. Cecilia Choir)

A New Year Carol, Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear, for to worship God with, this happy New Year. *Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; the seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.* Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. *Sing levy dew...* Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, open you the East Door, and let the New Year in. *Sing levy dew...*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.’ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.’ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,” says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-8

Book of Common Prayer, page 707

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; ***
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! ***
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 **They will climb from height to height, ***
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 **Behold our defender, O God; ***
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

1:3-6,15-19a

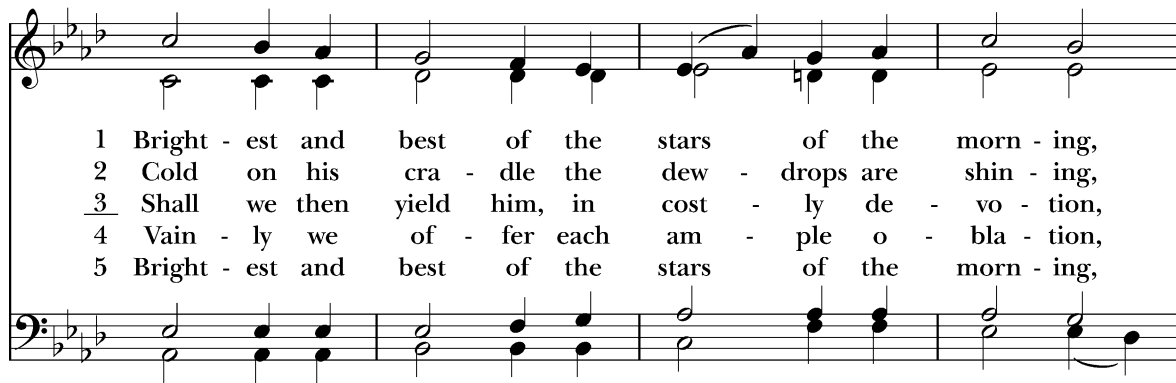
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

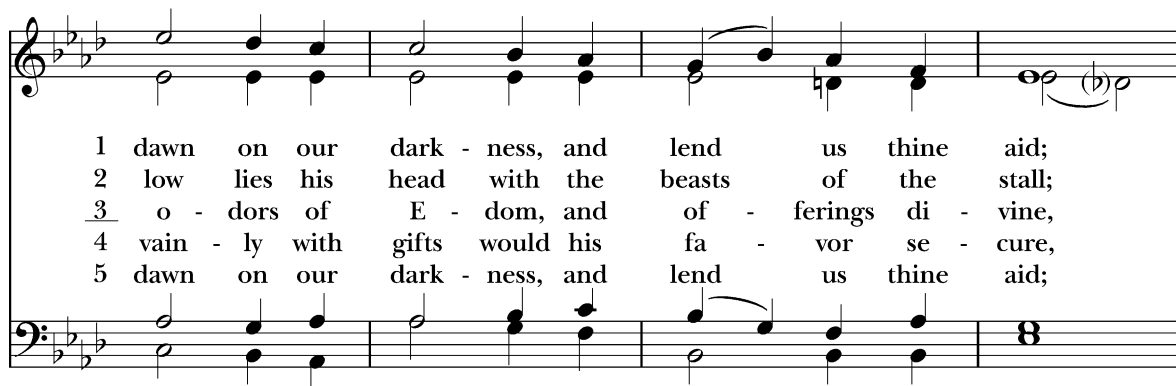
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 117

Morning Star


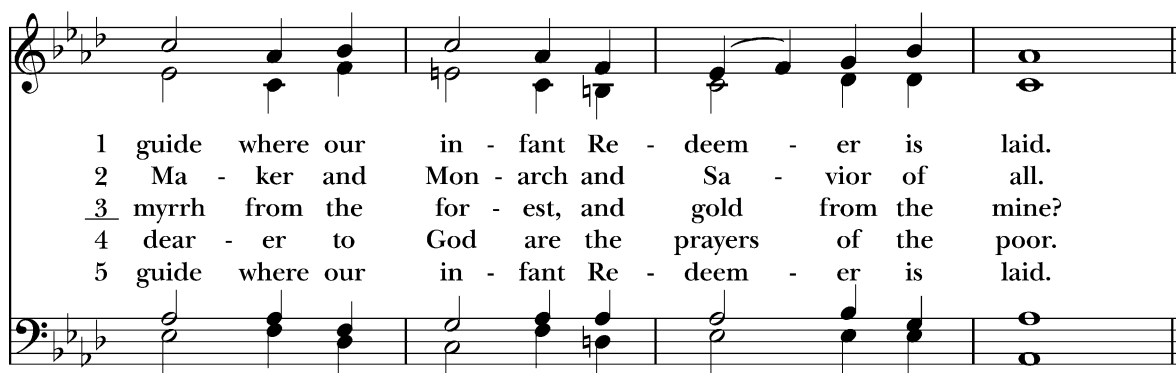
1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;



1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,



1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911).

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 2:1-15

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Emily Mellott

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, page 358, adapted

**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 from 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,
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

adapted from: The Book of Common Prayer, page 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, in your holy Word you have taught us to pray, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer to your divine Majesty, entreating you to continually inspire the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And to all your people give your heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation present here; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive your holy Word, truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We entreat you also to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, they may honor you with their substance, and be faithful stewards of your bounty.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly entreat you, of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and care for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And we also bless your holy Name for all your servants departed this life in your faith and fear, entreating you to grant them continual growth in your love and service; and to grant us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that with them we may be partakers of your heavenly kingdom.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer, page 360

The Celebrant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,**

and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Exchange of Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining their physical distance.

Announcements may be made about matters of interest to the congregation.

At 8 a.m. there is a collection plate near the entrance to make your weekly gift or regular pledge offering.

At 10 a.m., a collection of financial gifts for the work of the church is received during the singing of the anthem.

Or, at either service, scan the QR code to make a gift electronically.



Offertory Anthem

Lully, Lulla, Lullay, Philip Stopford

Lully, lulla, lully, lulla; bye, bye lully, lullay. O sisters two how may we do for to preserve this day? This poor youngling for whom we sing, "Bye, bye, lully, lullay." Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day his men of might in his own sight all young children to slay. That woe is me, poor child, for thee and ever morn and day for thy parting neither say nor sing, "Bye, bye, lully, lullay."

Hymn at the Presentation (sung at both services)

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer B (*expansive*)

Book of Common Prayer p 367, adapted

Celebrant *People*
God be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S 129, Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____

The people kneel or stand, according to personal preference, as the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things under the authority of your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then says
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant invites the people to communion, saying
The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Those worshipping remotely are invited to offer this prayer for "spiritual communion".

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life, until by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

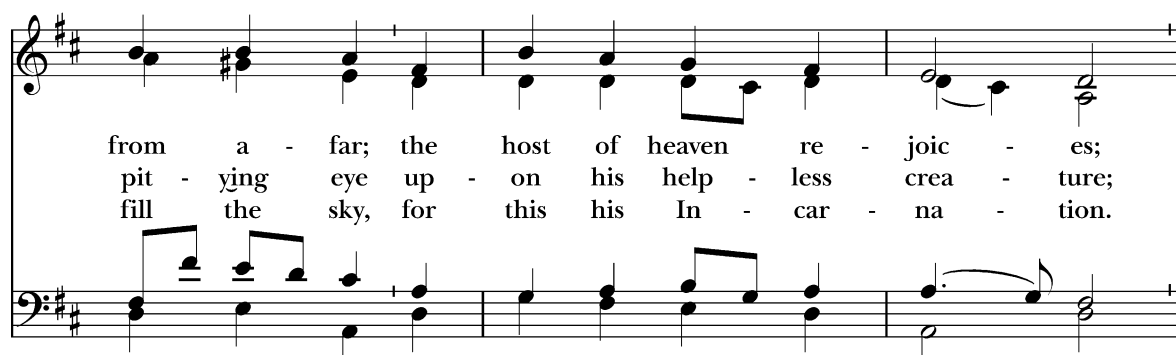
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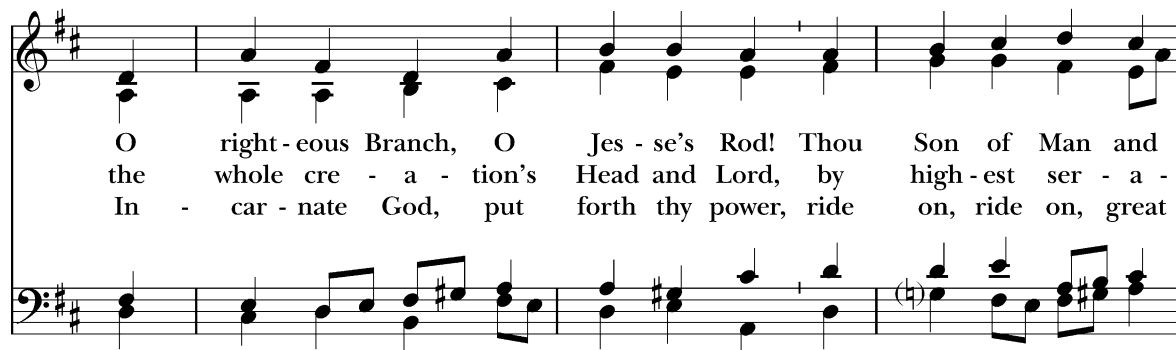
Hymn 497

Wie schön leuchtet

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn-ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,



from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.



O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great



Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em-man-uel, come and hear us.
thy sal-va-tion; hear, O hear our sup-pli-ca-tion.
Praise be giv-en ev-er-more, by earth and hea-ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Hymn 84

Gartan

1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love-ly, love di-vine;
2 Wor-ship we the God-head, love in-car-nate, love di-vine;
3 Love shall be our to-ken; love be yours and love be mine,
love was born at Christ-mas: star and an-gels gave the sign.
wor-ship we our Je-sus, but where-with for sa-cred sign?
love to God and neigh-bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

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Post communion prayer

from Enriching Our Worship

The people may kneel or stand.

God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The priest offers a blessing, and the people respond. Amen.

Hymn 92

Personent hodie

On this day earth shall ring with the song
His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came
God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise men three
On this day an - gels sing; with their song

chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us;
down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be - side him
to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts be - fore him,
earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King, born on earth to save us;

him the Fa - ther gave us. Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o -
from the cold would hide him.
praise him and a - dore him.
peace and love he gave us.

o - o, Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Words: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929)
Music: *Personent hodie*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582;
harm. Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

The Dismissal

The people are dismissed to go forth into the world.

People Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, alleluia.]

Postlude

In Thee Is Gladness, BWV 615, J. S. Bach



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Wendy Carber, Christopher Costa, Gayle Celentano, Inez Tokashiki, *Altar Guild*
Joan Willett, Jane Shaw, *Flower Guild*
The Men's Group, *Hospitality*
Stella Horton; Robin Cowl, Alex Shappell, *Lectors*
Jeff Wojcik; David Douglass, *Ushers*
Jeff Gola, Sarah Fawcett-Lee; Jane Shaw, Christopher Costa, *Chalice Bearers*
Patrick Louie, *Acolyte*
Jeff Wojcik, *Tech Guild*
Vernon Williams, *Music Director*
The Rev. Emily Mellott, *Celebrant & Preacher*