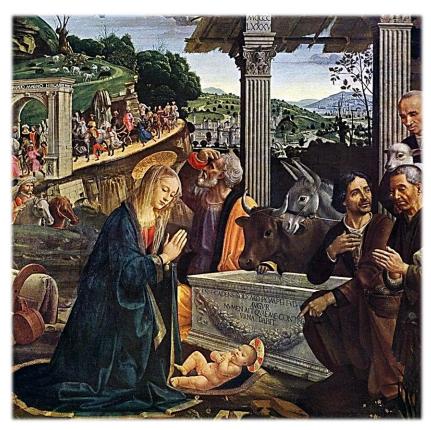


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The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil Mass)

Thursday, December 24, 2020 • 4PM

Prelude

(Starts 3:40pm)

Est Is Ein' Ros' Entsprungen Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

CAROL

ORGAN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Veni, Veni, Emmanuel Vs. 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

- Vs. 2 O Come O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily, To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain.
- Vs. 3 O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,

And close the path to misery. Refrain.

CAROL





3 Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all To gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

CAROL Angels, We Have Heard on High Gloria

Vs. 1 Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Vs. 2 Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain.

Vs. 3 See him in a manger laid Whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise. Refrain.

SOLO

"Alleluia" From Exultate Jubilate

W. A. Mozart

(1756-1791)

ORGAN

Noël huron

Denis Bédard

(b. 1950)

Order of Mass

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

"O come, all ye faithful"

(descant: David Willcocks) Adeste fidelis

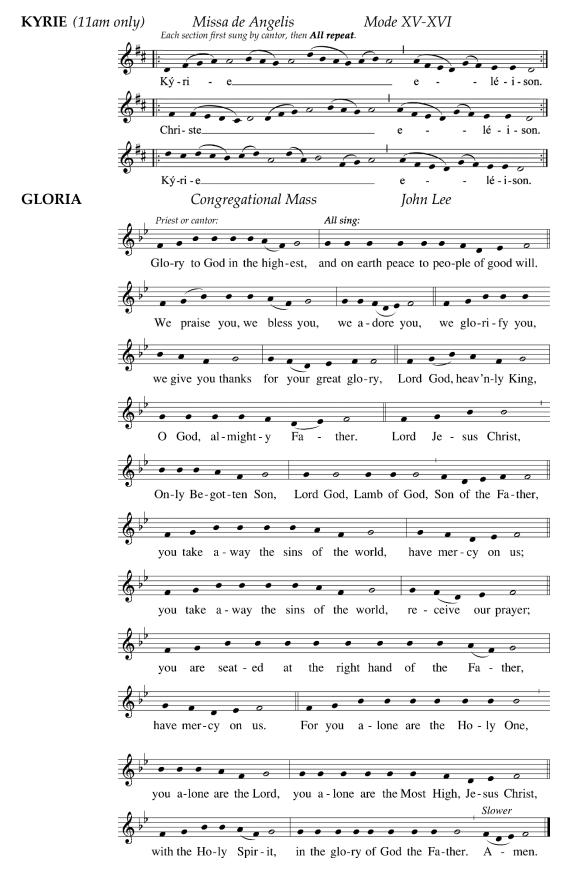
1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels.

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 from Light Eternal, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Our very God, begotten not created. Refrain
- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest. Refrain
- 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. Refrain

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, [striking the breast] through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

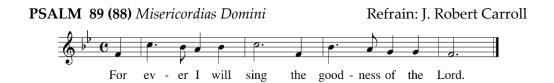


LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

or Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.



SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Then Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are Godfearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt.

With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"



GOSPEL Matthew 1:1-25

he book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of

Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ. Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Canon Gary S. Linsky, VF

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

(please kneel at the words in italics)

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, [all KNEEL] 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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

ILITURGY OF THE ILUCHARIST

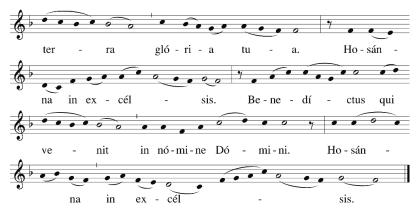
ANTHEM

"Little Donkey"

Eric Boswell (1921-2009)

Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load. Been a long time, little donkey through the winter's night Don't give up now, little donkey Bethlehem's in sight. Ring out those bells tonight: Bethlehem, Bethlehem. Follow that star tonight: Bethlehem, Bethlehem. Little donkey, little donkey had a heavy day. Little donkey, carry Mary safely on her way. Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road There are wise men waiting for a sign to bring them here. Do not falter, little donkey there's a star ahead It will guide you, little donkey to a cattle shed.





MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

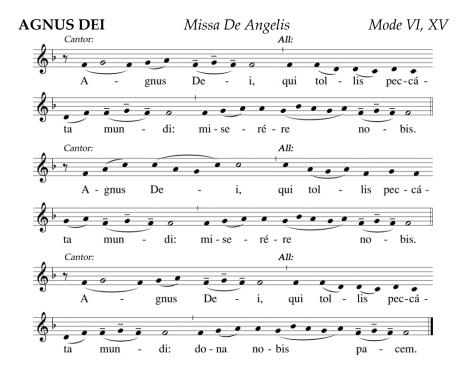
Plainsong











An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

COMMUNION MOTET



HYMN DURING THE ABLUTIONS



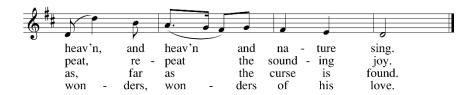
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Amen.







POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Keith Chapman (1945-1989)

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