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The Nativity of the Lord



December 24th, 2021

Festival of Christmas Songs and Carols
at 6:30PM, *Vigil Mass* at 7:00PM

*“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him
Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”*

Matthew 1:24

Festival of Christmas Songs and Carols
The Basilica Contemporary Ensemble and Friends

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emanuel

Piano, Cello
arr. Steven Sharp Nelson, Jon Schmidt, Al Van Der Beek

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Piano, Cello, Violin, Choir
arr. Don Wyrzten

Joy to the World *

(*Please join in singing!)

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us, our songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains; Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings known, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove; The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love; and wonders, wonders of his love.

A Darkness Covers Bethlehem

Piano, Cello, Violin, Choir
Music by Joseph Davisson and Kevin Keil, Text by Kate Bluett and Edmund Sears

1. A darkness covers Bethlehem; no stars we see on high. We search in vain for sight of them, as hope begins to die. A distant thunder as of war disturbs our sleepless night. We whisper in our hearts once more, Come, Lord, and bring us light."

2. The road we took to Bethlehem was difficult and long, from our first steps in Eden's glen, when we were whole and strong. We now approach with broken steps and stumbling through the night, the stable where a fam'ly sleeps worn out in search of light.

3. In sorrow throughout Bethlehem, we keep our watch and pray. But from the stable comes a gleam of long-awaited day. A baby cries, and light shines out to challenge sorrow's night. And from the skies we hear a shout in praise of newborn light.

4. We journey on from Bethlehem; above us shines a star. Within our hearts, an answ'ring flame begins to fight the dark. We see our road leads on through gloom; we dare to walk its night for at its end an empty tomb pours forth a flood of light.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear *

(*Please join in singing!)

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world. Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angel sings.

3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suffered long; Beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong. And warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring; O hush the noise and cease your strife, and hear the angels sing.

Christmas Morning

Piano, Cello, Violin, Flute
Jordan Grigg

O Little Town of Bethlehem *

(*Please join in singing!)

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by; Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O, morning-stars, together proclaim the holy birth. And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

3. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n. So, God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sins and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide in us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

Jesus Comes

Mary Louis Bringle, Sally Ann Morris

In a far-off place, Jesus comes to earth. Sheep and cattle graze the site. As the angel songs begin, like the whisper of the wind, nature's hope awakes again; Jesus comes.

For the poor in heart, Jesus comes to earth. Humble shepherds start the news. For each homeless infant born, for the meek and those who mourn, for the weary and the worn, Jesus comes.

In our deepest night, Jesus comes to earth. Radiant star to light our way. Summer's heat or winter's chill, with a warm and loving will, to a world that needs him still, Jesus comes.

Greensleeves

piano, cello, violin
arr. Matt Riley

Traditional

GATHERING

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-
1. Ad - e - ste fi - de - les, lae - ti, tri - um -
 2. ‡ God of God, Light of
 3. ‡ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul -
 4. ‡ Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py

um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to
phan - tes, ve - ni - te, ve - ni - te in
 Light, ‡ Lo! He comes forth from the
 ta - tion, ‡ sing, all ye cit - i - zens of
 morn - ing, ‡ Je - sus, to thee be all

Beth - le - hem; come and be -
Beth - le - hem. Na - tum vi -
 Vir - gin's womb. Our ver - y
 heav'n a - bove! Glo - ry to
 glo - ry giv'n; Word of the

hold him, born the King of an - gels;
de - te, Re - gem an - ge - lo - rum.
 God, be - got - ten not cre - at - ed,
 God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do -

come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do -

dore him, Christ, the Lord!
re - mus Do - mi - num.

Text: *Adeste fideles*; John F. Wade, c.1711–1786; English tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, alt.; Spanish tr. by Juan Bautista Cabrera, 1837–1916
 Tune: ADESTE FIDELES, Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, c.1711–1786

PENITENTIAL RITE

Confiteor

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, *All strike their breastbones once with their right hand through my fault, 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.

KYRIE

Mass of Joy and Peace

Tony Alonso

CHRISTMAS GLORIA

Daniel Laginya

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

COLLECT

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5, 13

For 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.

The Word of the Lord

R Thanks be to God

PSALM 89

Setting by Stephen Pishner

For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the

Lord, the good - ness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-27, 22-25

When 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 God-fearing, 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.'" *The Word of the Lord* **R Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Joy and Peace



GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

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.

The Gospel of the Lord **R Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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, *(at Christmas, 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

R Lord, hear our prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *Away in a Manger* arr. Tony Alonso

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

*2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
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.*

*3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.*

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885;
verse 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905

Priest: Pray... acceptable to the almighty Father.

People: **R May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

HOLY

Mass of Creation

Marty Haugen

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.

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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.

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GREAT AMEN

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

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LAMB OF GOD

Cantor: *Assembly:*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

To repeat

world, have mercy on us.

Last time

world, grant us peace.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The Communion Procession will be guided by the ushers. Please **remove any face covering before receiving Communion.***

Priest: Behold.... of the Lamb. **R Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

MEDITATION

Ave Maria

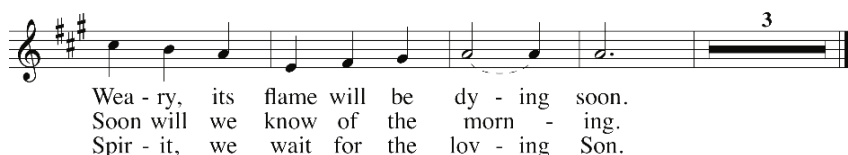
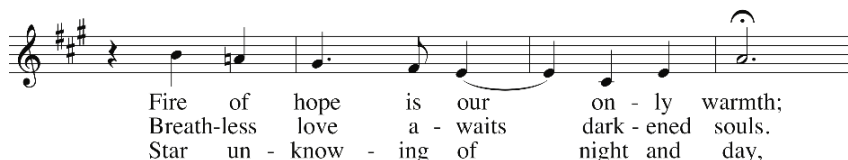
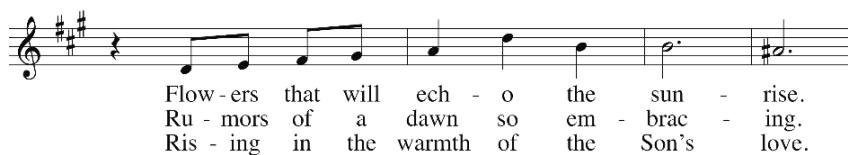
Piano, cello, violin
Bach-Gounod

COMMUNION SONGS

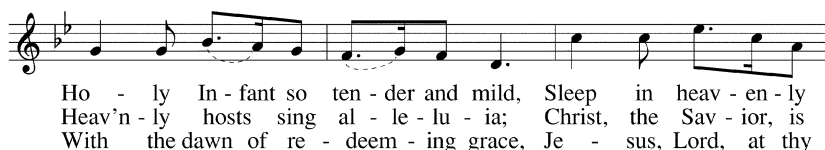
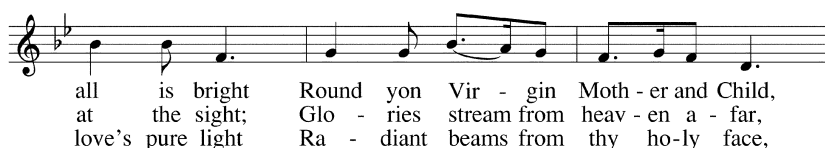
Night of Silence/Silent Night

1. Cold are the peo - ple, win - ter of life, We
2. Voice in the dis - tance, call in the night, On
3. Spir - it a - mong us, shine like the star, Your

trem - ble in shad - ows this cold end - less night.
wind you en - fold us, you speak of the light.
light that guides shep - herds and kings from a - far.



Text: Daniel Kantor, b.1960
Tune: Daniel Kantor, b.1960
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Text: *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht*; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
Tune: STILLE NACHT, 66 89 66; Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863

CONCLUDING RITES

R Thanks be to God

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

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. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



new - born King! Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord! Late in time be - hold him come,
Right-cous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



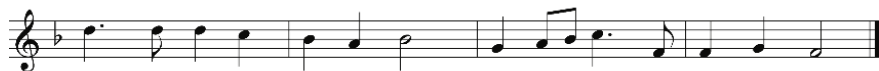
God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God-head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, ult.

Tune: MENDELSSOHN, 77 7 D with refrain; Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

POSTLUDE

Christmas Joy Medley

Piano, violin, cello, flute

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Janet Kile, flute, alto

Brittany Hammock, soprano

Lynne Leach, soprano

Denise Ellis, soprano/alto

Alan Felizzi, tenor

Richard Schulz, tenor

Jerry Ryfinski, bass

James Thompson, bass

Randy Moore, pianist

Matthew DeGuire, director



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