

THE EUCHARIST

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2021 ✠ 4:00 P.M.



TRINITY

Episcopal Church & Preschool

Vero Beach, Florida

Trinity's Kids

Trinity is a family-friendly church, and we have many opportunities for children throughout Sunday morning.

Trinity has childcare for children ages 6 months and up, and Sunday School for children PreK through 5th grade beginning at 9:45 AM in the Education Building. Once Sunday School is over, children are brought to their parents in church shortly before Communion. Or children up to age 5 can remain in the Nursery until parents pick them up after the service. If you are interested in bringing your child to Sunday School or childcare, please see one of the Ushers to direct you to childcare and the Sunday School classrooms.

However, if you prefer your children to be with you in church, we offer activity packets and crayons for the children, which can be found on the table in the narthex of the church. These packets include, coloring pages, mazes, word searches, etc., which pertain to the gospel reading for that day. Feel free to pick one up as you enter church.

Trinity also has a *Quiet Room* located in the back of the church that welcomes families with small children under the age of 18 months. There, parents have the benefit of participating in the service while caring for their young children.

After the service and during Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall, Trinity has many engaging activities for children of all ages, in addition to the beautiful playground that God has blessed us with. There is a corner of the Parish Hall that is dedicated to young children that is filled with age-appropriate activities, is gated so that the young children are safely contained and has a Sunday School teacher/child caregiver to monitor the children while they are playing. In addition, there is a corner of the Parish Hall for older children who like to make crafts, play games, draw on the white board, etc., and a corner of the Parish Hall dedicated to older children where they can play games such as ping pong, air hockey, etc. To ensure the children stay safe, the Sunday School teachers and child caregivers will help parents monitor the children in each of these areas in addition to the playground.

Finally, Trinity offers a Youth Group for young adults, grades 6 through 12. The Youth Group meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. The youth have Biblical discussions, play games and have dinner.

If you have any questions regarding the children's programs, please contact Kathy Rodriguez in the Church office at (772) 567-1146 or krodriguez@TrinityVero.org. If you have any questions regarding the Youth Group, please contact Father Josh Gritter in the Church office or via email at jgritter@TrinityVero.org.

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Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church!

This service booklet will guide you through the Anglican service of the Christmas Eucharist, starting with the Processional hymn on the following page.

Trinity Episcopal Church is a friendly and fast-growing parish. Our mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Traditional Worship and Biblical Preaching in a Family-focused environment. We invite you to visit our Welcome Table for additional information about Trinity Episcopal Church or check us out on the web at www.TrinityVero.org.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Chris Rodriguez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Fr." and "Chris" on the first line and "Rodriguez" on the second line, ending with a small cross symbol.

Fr. Chris Rodriguez
Rector

Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m. Service

Friday, December 24, 2021

Recital of Music for Brass and Organ

Fantasy on *Veni Emmanuel*

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

Prelude on *Greensleeves*

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, BWV 147

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

God rest ye merry gentlemen

arr. Richard Price

Silent night

arr. Richard Price

Noël X: *Grand Jeu et Duo*

Louis-Claude D' Aquin (1694-1772)

A Christmas Prelude

Nancy Plummer Faxon (1914-2005)

The Word of God

Hymn 83 Sung by all, standing.

1 O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from_____. Light from Light e - ter - nal,_____.
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,_____.
*4 See how the shep-herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,_____

1 come ye, O come_____. Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors_____. Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw_____. nigh to gaze;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son____ of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God,____ glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal, 1906*

All standing, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Celebrant says:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are 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 Celebrant continues:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Hymn 96



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?



Refrain Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.; Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

The Collect for Christmas

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad by the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

All sit.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-9 *Sung by the Choir. Remain seated.*

Anglican Chant

- 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 salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his honour unto the heathen:*

and his wonders unto all peoples.
- ⁴ For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised:*

he is more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:*

but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
- ⁶ Glory and worship are before him:*

power and honour are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples:*

ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
- ⁸ Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name:*

bring presents, and come into his courts.
- ⁹ O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:*

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son;
 And to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
 World without end. Amen.

The service continues on the following page.

Hymn 100 All stand. Stanzas 1-2 are sung before the Gospel; stanzas 3-4 sung after the Gospel.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing,
joy,
found,
love,
and heaven, and heaven
peat, re - peat
far as, far as
and won - ders, won - ders
sing.
joy.
found.
love.

heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing
as the curse is
won - ders of his
sing,
joy,
found,
love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The People turn to face the Gospel as it is read.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town.⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed *All stand.*

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 his 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;
by 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, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
 and glorified;
who speake 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.

Prayers of the People *All kneel.*

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for all thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says:

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a 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, devoutly kneeling.

Celebrant and People.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who 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.**

The Celebrant says:

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Hear also what St. Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what St. John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

I John 2:1-2

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

The Peace is exchanged.

All sit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *Romans 12:1*

Offertory Anthems *Sung by the Children's Choir.*

Douglas Wagner/Gene Grier

Sing for joy, sing hallelujah.
Listen to the music play.
Sing for joy, sing hallelujah.
Jesus Christ is born today.

Joy to the world, all the bells now ring.
Joy to the world, clap your hands and sing!

Sing for joy, sing, hallelujah.
Hear the words the angels say.
Sing for joy, sing hallelujah.
Jesus Christ is born today!

Joy to the world, all the bells now ring.
Joy to the world, clap your hands and sing!

Sing for joy, sing hallelujah.
Listen to the music play.
Sing for joy, sing hallelujah.
Jesus Christ is born today!

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
arr. John E. West

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, when Christ was born.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand;
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need, he guardeth us from danger;
Behold your king, before the Lowly bend!

J. S. Dwight

*During today's offertory anthem, we invite you to make your offering at
<https://trinityvero.org/giving/>.*

Thank you for your generosity.

As the Offering is brought forward, the People stand and sing.

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving

All standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Celebrant proceeds.

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.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-125, Proulx

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The first staff begins with "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord," followed by "God of pow - er and might," and "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The second staff continues with "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The third staff begins with "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." The fourth staff continues with "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The fifth staff concludes with "Ho -". The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes connected by beams and others separated by vertical stems.

Music: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright © 1971, 1977 GIA Publications, Inc.

All kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, 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. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; 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 Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People.

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, that that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation.

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Celebrant and People:

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Invitation to Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion, and those who do not desire to receive Communion may come to the rail to receive God's blessing.

An Usher will direct you to approach the Altar for Communion or a blessing. Please kneel at the Altar.

To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed and facing up.

If you would like to receive the consecrated wine, please leave the consecrated bread in your palm and the Chalice bearer will intinct the host into the wine and place it on your tongue. Please do not personally intinct the host into the chalice.

Music During Communion

Carols Sung by the Choir

This Christmastide (Jessye's Carol)

Donald Fraser

Green and silver, red and gold,
And a story born of old.

Children sing of peace and joy
At the birth of one small boy.

*Truth and love and hope abide,
This Christmastide, this Christmastide.*

Holly, ivy, mistletoe,
And the gently falling snow.

Let the bells ring loud and clear,
Ring out now for all to hear.

From a simple ox's stall
Came the greatest gift of all.

Trumpets sound and voices raise
In an endless stream of praise.

Green and silver, red and gold
And a story born of old.

Jane McCulloch

Ecce, novum gaudium
 Ecce, novum mirum!
 Virgo parit filium
 Quae non novit virum.
 Sed it pirus prium,
 Gleba fert papyrus
 Florens lilyum
 Ecce, quod natura
 Mutat sua iura!
 Virgo parit pura
 Dei filium.

*Behold, a new joy,
 Behold, a new wonder!
 A Virgin, who knew not a man,
 Bears a son.
 She knew not a man, but as the pear-tree bears the pear
 The flourishing papyrus brings
 The lily from the soil.
 See how nature
 Changes her laws!
 A pure virgin bears
 The son of God.*

Text from Piae Cantiones (1582)

Still Still Still

arr. Norman Luboff (1917-1987)

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.
 For all is hushed, the world is sleeping,
 Holy Star its vigil keeping,
 Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.
 The night is peaceful all around you,
 Close your eyes, let sleep surround you,
 Sleep, sleep, sleep, tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.
 While guardian angels without number
 watch you as you sweetly slumber.
 Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

Marilyn Keith and Alan Bergmann

Born in a stable so bare,
Born so long ago,
Born 'neath light of star
He who loved us so.

Wise men from distant far land,
Shepherds from starry hills
Worship this babe so rare,
Hearts with his warmth he fills.

*Far away silent he lay,
Born today, your homage pay,
For Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day*

Cradled by mother so fair,
Tender her lullaby;
Over her son so dear
Angel hosts fill the sky.

Love in that stable was born
Into our hearts to flow;
Innocent dreaming babe,
Make me thy love to know.

John Rutter

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All kneel.

Celebrant and People.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

The Priest blesses the People, saying:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 87 All stand.

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

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!
hail, the Sun of Right-eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Carols for Brass

arr. Richard Price

Carol of the Bells; We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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