

# CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

**January 3, 2021**

**Holy Eucharist at 11:00 a.m.**

Our worship is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*. This leaflet contains everything you will need to participate actively.

PRELUDE

Noël: *Où S'en vont Ces gais bergers*

Claude Balbastre

INTROIT

German, 1599, harm. Praetorius

O Rose, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

*All stand.*

HYMN 82

tune: *Divinum mysterium*



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

*This hymn may be performed in equal note values:* ♩ ♪ ♪ ♪

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.  
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## THE WORD OF GOD

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

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.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
 good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,  
 we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give  
 thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

8. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; 9. thou

on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.\_\_\_\_

A - - - - - men.

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14 *All sit.*

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.

PSALM 84 (read responsively)

- 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.**

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield;  
he will give grace and glory;**

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.

**12 O LORD of hosts,  
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

SECOND LESSON: 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.

HYMN 128 *All stand.*

tune: Three Kings of Orient



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*

O star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

*The stanzas may be sung by three soloists: 1 and 5 by the ensemble; 2-4 by individuals; and the refrain by all.*

## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

*Clergy:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

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

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.

*Clergy:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Richard S.J. Pike

NICENE CREED *All stand.*

*All:* **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 the 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;  
through him all things were made;  
who for us 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 spake by the Prophets.**  
**And I believe in 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 sit or kneel.*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andrew, Allen and Mary, our Bishops, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

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

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President, Joe, our President Elect, Andrew, our Governor, and all those who serve with them, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

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

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We continue to lift up all those affected by the coronavirus both here and abroad, and we remember

those on our parish prayer list: Augustine, Tom, Leonor, Lou, Margery, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Liz, Carla, Frank, Al, Jim, Joan, Roger, Andrea, Nadia, Mihail, Padmini, Rosalyn, Miriam, Wendell, Holly, Juliana, Alysse, Bob, Meredith, Adriana and Brian; and those we name now in silence or aloud.

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

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

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant:* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*All:* **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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

THE PEACE *All stand and face the high altar.*

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

*All:* **And with thy spirit.**

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Each week, an offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit [www.churchoftheincarnation.org](http://www.churchoftheincarnation.org).  
Thank you for your generosity.

SOLO

The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius

(Organ: "How bright appears the Morning Star")

Three kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star;  
And this the quest of the travellers three, where the new-born King of the Jews may be.  
Full royal gifts they bear for the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way,  
And there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see;  
Their royal gifts they show to the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the kings are travelling, travel with them!  
The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting-place.  
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King,  
Offer thy heart!

HYMN 380 (stanza 3) *All stand.*

tune: Old 100th

**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.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

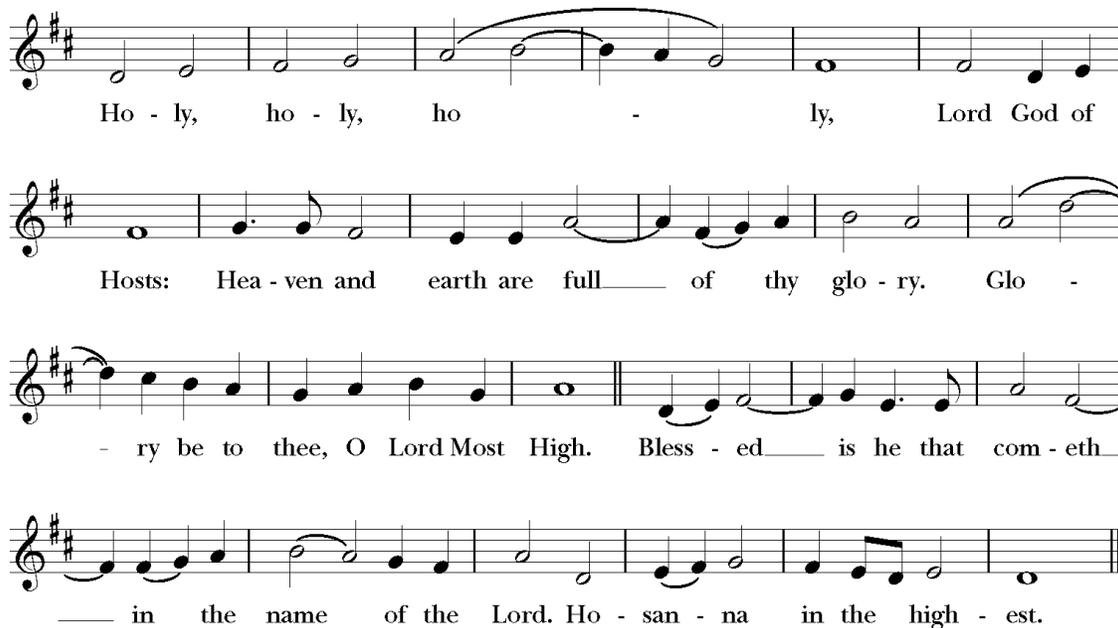
The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the 'Celebrant' and 'People' respectively. The third and fourth staves are also for the 'Celebrant' and 'People' respectively. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord. Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.'

*Celebrant:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to 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

S 114



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

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *All sit or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* 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 Spirit 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,

*All:*           **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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant:*   Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:*       **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI

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O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. O Lamb of God, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered in person and online. All those who are unable to be present are able to receive a Spiritual Communion, as the Prayer Book directs on page 457: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth."*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All:** 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 thy 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

*Celebrant:* Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 100 *All stand.*

tune: Antioch

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

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

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*All:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Sortie sur un Noël Angevin

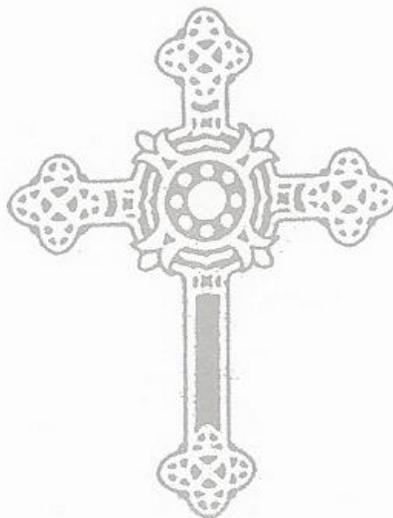
César Franck

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Interim Priest in Charge*  
The Rev. Richard S.J. Pike, *Interim Associate*  
David Ralph, *Interim Director of Music*  
Dr. Uche Akwuba II, *Master of Ceremonies*  
Jacquelyn Carson, *Head Usher*  
Enrico Shillingford, *Sacristan*

Florin Georgescu, *Lay Reader and Prayer Leader*  
Janara Kellerman, *Alto*

**A Prayer for Spiritual Reception of Communion**

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I pray you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affection of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. **Amen.**



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