

# Joy to the World



Christmas Day

December 25, 2023 9:00 A.M.

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Prelude | NOEL Grand Jeu Et Duo

Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Hymn | O come, all ye faithful (Adeste fideles)

*hymnal 83, stanzas 1, 3 and 6*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.**

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

**People: And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.**

Collect for Purity

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.**

Musical Response (Gloria)

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee – Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**See him in the manger laid whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.**  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading | Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *The congregation joins in singing the verses in bold print.*

Howard Hughes, SM



- 1 Sing a new song to God, \*  
who has done marvelous things.
- 2 With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm \*  
you have won for yourself the victory.
- 3 You have made known your victory; \*  
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- 4 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to God with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who  dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before God, ~ who will come to judge the earth.**
- 10 God shall judge the world in righteousness \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

The Second Reading | Hebrews 1:1-4,(5-12)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,  
and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;  
they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like clothing;  
like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.  
But you are the same,  
and your years will never end."]

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)

*hymnal, number 87*

The Holy Gospel | John 1:1-14

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed

**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 of the Holy Spirit and 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.**

The Peace

May the Peace of Christ be always with you  
And also with you!

Welcome, Celebrations and Invitation

## Holy Communion

The Offering

Tenor Solo | A Christmas Blessing

words and music by Richard Horn (1938-2004)

May the song of the angels surprise you;  
May the fear of the shepherds enthrall you;  
May the star over Bethlehem brighten your home with the light of Emmanuel's birth.  
May the love of the Father enfold you,  
And the joy of his mother surround you:  
May the peace of God rest on your doorstep,  
and the Child at the foot of your hearth.

Offertory Response – With gratitude and humble trust (Forest Green)



1. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to  
2. A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and



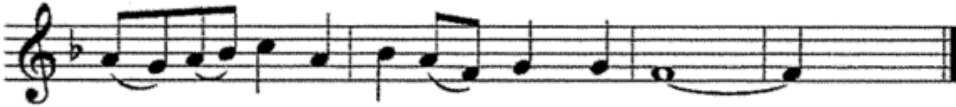
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i -  
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may



ty. O\_\_ thou who gav - est\_\_ us\_\_ thy self in  
live; the\_\_ Church of Christ is\_\_ call - ing us to



Je - sus Christ thy Son,\_\_ help us to give our -  
make the dream come true:\_\_ a world re - deemed by



selves each day un - til life's work is done. \_\_\_\_\_  
Christ-like love all life in\_\_ Christ made new. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

### Sursum corda | sung



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: The musical score for 'Sursum corda' consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

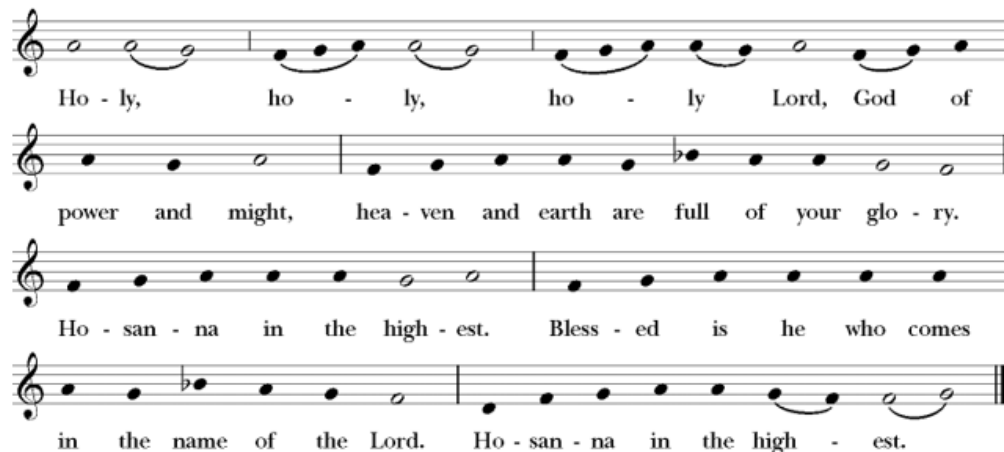
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus | Holy, holy, holy



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

Detailed description: The musical score for 'Sanctus' consists of four staves of music. The first staff has the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of'. The second staff has the lyrics 'power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third staff has the lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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,

*Celebrant and People*

### **Memorial Acclamation**

*Celebrant*  
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

*Celebrant and People*  
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

*People and Celebrant*

### Lord's Prayer *sung*



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### Music at the Communion

Tenor Solo | Panis angelicus

César Franck (1822-1890)

#### Latin Text

*Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum  
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum  
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum  
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis  
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis*

#### English Translation

The angel's bread becomes the bread of men  
The heavenly bread ends all symbols  
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish  
The poor, poor, and humble servant  
The poor, poor, and humble servant

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Carol: Joy to the World (Antioch)

*hymnal, number 100; stanzas 1, 2 and 4*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude | Voluntary on *In dulci jubilo*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Thank you today to tenor soloist Andrew Kaiser his gift of voice and song!

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