

**THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**  
**CHURCH | 5:00 PM**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2018**

## **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS GO TO OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

All of the offerings given at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services at Saint Michael and All Angels will go to local, national, and international outreach ministries serving refugees and displaced people. The offerings will be given equally to:

### **Gateway of Grace**

Reaching refugees in Dallas with Christ's love.

### **Episcopal Relief and Development/US Disaster Program**

Helping disaster victims make a full and sustained recovery.

### **Joel Nafuma Refugee Center at St. Paul's Within the Walls Episcopal Church in Rome**

Serving the needs and aspirations of refugees and asylum seekers in Rome.

## WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS AT SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The angel said to them, "... I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people!"

Luke 2:10

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Incarnation of God's Holy Word, the gift of hope to us all. As we hear the Good News of God in the beauty of our Christmas worship, hearing the words is not the end. Together, we are called to become the good news of Jesus, to become the hands and feet of God's love in the world.

With God's help, we can make the great promise of living a life of hope and love a reality. When we commit to one another in this church, the work we do at Saint Michael and All Angels is more than good. The work we do at Saint Michael, the relationships we build, and the vision we carry brings us all closer to God's kingdom on earth, now.

As we celebrate the beauty of Christmas and prepare to move into a new year, I pray renewed strength and energy upon each one of us, that our passion will spread and that together, we will inspire our world.

*Christopher Ogiata +*

The Reverend Dr. Christopher D. Girata

*Rector*

We extend our gratitude to the hundreds of people who have given generously of themselves to make this Advent/Christmas season of Saint Michael and All Angels such a joy.

We are grateful for those who have made special contributions for the adornment of church and chapels, in memory and/or in thanksgiving of their beloved.

Separate acknowledgement booklets are available in the narthex and the South entrance.

# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude

“Christmas” Concerto Grosso, Op. 6, No. 8

Archangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

*Standing*

### Processional Hymn

Hymn 102, v. 1 & 2 soloist and choir “Once in royal David’s city” *Irby*

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
 \*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
 \*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

# The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.

## Hymn of Praise

### Hymn 96 "Angels we have heard on high"

*Gloria*

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?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

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?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*  
Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

The Collect For the Nativity of Our Lord

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Seated*

The First Lesson *Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson *Titus 2:11-14*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from

all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 83, v. 1-3 & 6 "O come all ye faithful"

*Adeste fideles*

*Standing*

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O  
2 God from God, 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,  
\*5 Child, for us sin-ners poor and in the man-ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;  
2 lo! he ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of heaven a-bove;  
4 leav-ing their flocks, draw-nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em-brace thee, with love and awe;

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;  
5 who would not love thee, lov-ing us so dear-ly?

*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*

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Gospeler*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

## A Christmas Litany

*Lector* Sisters and brothers, on this holy occasion when we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord, let us pray for the peace, joy, hope and strength offered by God's Word made flesh:

*Lector* For the Church, that it may faithfully and boldly proclaim to every human heart the Good News made known this Christmas that salvation has come to God's holy people.

**People Lord, empower your Church.**

*Lector* For peace in our troubled world, that every darkness of war, injustice, persecution and oppression may be cast out by the light shed into the world by the Prince of Peace.

**People Lord, grant peace to all.**

*Lector* For our families and all those, far and near, to whom we are bound by the love of Christ, that the bonds which unite us may be strengthened.

**People Lord, build our love.**

*Lector* For all those in need, those whom we might otherwise forget at this joyous time: the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, the sick, the grieving, those in prison, those caught by addictions, and all who know any great trial or sadness this Christmas.

**People Lord, comfort them.**

*Lector* For all who labor during this season on behalf of others: physicians, nurses, medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, the military and all whose duty prevents them from sharing this holy time with those they love.

**People Lord, sustain them.**

*Lector* For all who have known the wonder of God's presence in their earthly pilgrimages and who now live in larger life, remembering especially those in whose loving memory the church and chapels are adorned, that following their example we may remain faithful to the end of this earthly life and live forever in the light of Christ's eternal glory.

**People Lord, hear our prayers.**

## Concluding Collect

*Celebrant* Almighty Father, we rejoice in the coming of Christ our Lord.

We pray that, as he has taken on our humanity, through your grace and goodness we may share in your divinity, and so partake in the radiance of your glory; through him who came down for us and is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

## The Absolution

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Kneeling*

*Standing*

*Please be seated for the Announcements*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthems

Sir Christèmas

William Matthias (1934-1992)



*“Sir Christèmas” is a traditional English carol, which can be found in sources at least as far back as the late fifteenth century. This setting by William Matthias features a recurring refrain on the word “nowell”. Listen for the way this refrain’s jaunty rhythm makes it stand out from the rest of the music.*

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell.

Who is there that singeth so, nowell?

I am here, Sir Christemas.

Welcome, my lord, Sir Christemas!

Welcome to all, both more and less, come near.

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell.

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs,

(God bless you at this beautiful time,)

Tidings I you bring:

A maid hath borne a child full young, which causeth you to sing:

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell.

Christ is now born of a pure maid,

In an ox stall he is laid,

Wherefore sing we at a brayde:

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell.

Buvez bien par toute la campagne.

(Drink well all the company.)

Make good cheer and be right merry,

And sing with us now joyfully:

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell!

In the bleak midwinter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
    Water like a stone;  
    Snow has fallen,  
    snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter  
    Long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him  
    Nor earth sustain;  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away  
    When he comes to reign:  
    In the bleak midwinter  
    A stableplace sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty  
    Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim  
    Worship night and day,  
    A breastful of milk  
    And a mangerfull of hay;  
Enough for him, whom angels  
    Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
    Which adore.

What can I give him,  
    Poor as I am?  
    If I were a shepherd  
    I would bring a lamb,  
    If I were a Wise Man,  
    I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give him,  
    Give him my heart.

- Christina Rossetti



*Harold Darke's tender setting of Christina Rossetti's poignant poem has been one of the most beloved Christmas choral pieces since the composer wrote it in 1941 when he became music director and organist at King's College, Cambridge. Alternating solo verses with choral verses, Darke offers much beauty and depth in simplicity.*

Hymn 100, v. 1 & 2 "Joy to the world!"

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 Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*All baptized persons of any age regardless of their denomination and tradition are welcome to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper. Worshippers are invited to come forward to the communion rail at the direction of our ushers.*

Hymn S 130 Sanctus and Benedictus

Franz Schubert

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

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

*Kneeling*

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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.*

*Celebrant and People*

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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.

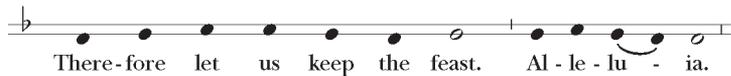
Fraction Anthem: S152

Ambrosian Chant

*Cantor*



*People*



*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Kneel at the rail as you are able, and receive the wafer in the palm of your outstretched hands. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, to dip lightly into the chalice for yourself. If you are not receiving, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. If you are unable to physically come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat.*

Communion Anthems and Hymns

A spotless rose

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

A spotless Rose is blowing,  
Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,  
Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds yo light  
Amid the cold, cold winter,  
and in the dark mid-night.

The Rose which I am singing,  
Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing  
In Mary, purest Maid;  
For through our God's great love and might  
The Blessed Babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night.



*Herbert Howells, one of the great composers of the Anglican tradition, composed this carol for the Christmas season exactly one year after the end of the first World War. Dedicated to his mother, the jazzy, modal harmonies help to evoke the calm and stillness of the "...cold, cold winter's night," in which the "rose" (a traditional, poetic symbol for the Virgin Mary) bears the baby Jesus.*

Hymn 101 "Away in a Manger"

Cradle Song

*Please join in the singing of the Communion Hymn*



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
\* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.



*Written in 1942, Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols has become one of the most important additions to the carol repertoire in the 20th century. In "This Little Babe," Britten uses repeating musical motives to depict the infant Christ in the role of leading an army against the gates of Hell. Pounding chords in the accompaniment and insistent rhythms in the choral parts combine to create an intense, militant mood that carries through the end of the piece. Listen for the change of character in the last two lines of the poem, as the music amplifies the text's exhortation to follow the Christ child.*

This Little Babe (*from A Ceremony of Carols*) Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

This little Babe so few days old,  
Is come to rife Satan's fold;  
All hell doth at his presence quake,  
Though he himself for cold do shake;  
For in his weak unarmèd wise  
The gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,  
His naked breast stands for a shield;  
His battering shot are babish cries,  
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,  
His martial ensigns Cold and Need,  
and feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitchèd in a stall,  
His bulwark but a broken wall;  
The crib his trench, haystalks his stakes;  
Of shepherds he his muster makes;  
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,  
The angels' trumps alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;  
Sticks to the tents that he hath pight.  
Within his crib is surest ward;  
This little Babe will be thy guard.  
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,  
then flit not from this heavenly Boy!

# Hymn 115 "What child is this?"

*Greensleeves*

*Please join in the singing of the Communion Hymn*

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

## The Post Communion Hymn

## Hymn 111 "Silent night"

*Stille Nacht*


Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - dian beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

## The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### Concluding Hymn

*Standing*

### Hymn 87 "Hark! the herald angels sing"

*Mendelssohn*

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!

The Dismissal

*Priest*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Overture, from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major, BWV 1068

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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