

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 31, 2023

Entrance Hymn

Once in Royal David's City #455

Responsorial Psalm #86

Psalm 128: Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

Communion Hymns

This Is Jesus #2071

Silent Night #441

Away in a Manger #448

O Little Town of Bethlehem #446

Closing Hymn

Angels We Have Heard #430

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Readings

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First Reading:
Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Second Reading:
Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel:
Luke 2:22, 39-40



St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Once in Royal David's City 455



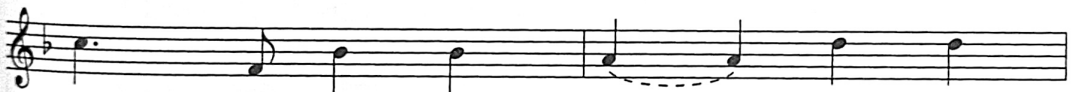
1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is
3. And, through all his won - drous child - hood, He would
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly
day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y
sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall. With the
maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian
help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew. And he
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove. And he



was that moth - er mild; Je - sus
poor and meek and low - ly Lived on -
chil - dren all should be Kind, o -
feels for all our sad - ness, And he
leads his chil - dren on To the



Christ, her lit - tle child.
earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
be - dient, good as he.
shares in all our glad - ness.
place where he is gone.

First Reading

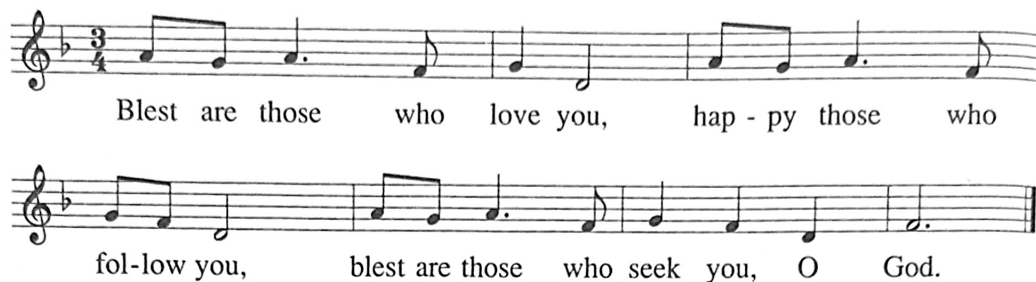
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.
My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm

86 Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain I



Blest are those who love you, hap - py those who
fol - low you, blest are those who seek you, O God.

Verses

1. Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;
you will find what you long for: the riches of our God.
2. Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,
your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table.
3. May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,
may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart.

Second Reading

Col 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.
And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel

Lk 1:26-38

When the days were completed for their purification
according to the law of Moses,
They took him up to Jerusalem
to present him to the Lord,
just as it is written in the law of the Lord,
Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,
and to offer the sacrifice of
a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,
in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.

This man was righteous and devout,
awaiting the consolation of Israel,
and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
that he should not see death
before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

He came in the Spirit into the temple;
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus
to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,
He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;
and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,

“Behold, this child is destined
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted
—and you yourself a sword will pierce—
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna,
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.

She was advanced in years,
having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,
and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.

She never left the temple,
but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.

And coming forward at that very time,
she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child
to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions
of the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee,
to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

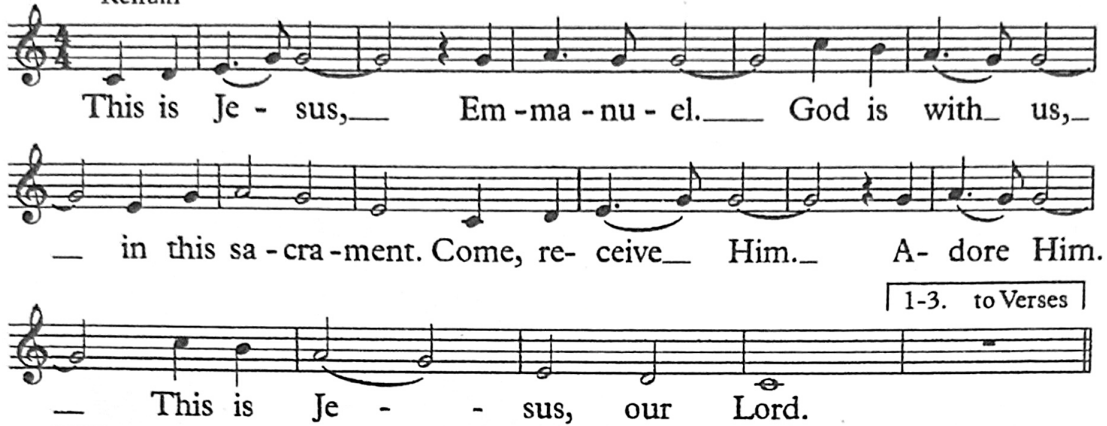
Communion Hymns

This Is Jesus

2071

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b.1952

Refrain

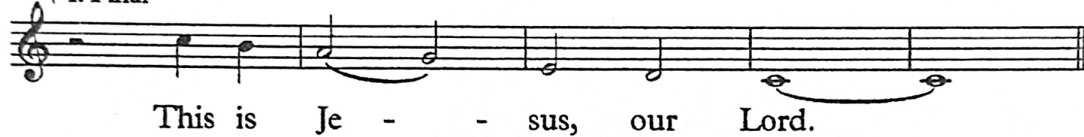


This is Je - sus, Em - ma - nu - el. God is with us,
in this sa - cra - ment. Come, re - ceive Him. A - dore Him.

1-3. to Verses

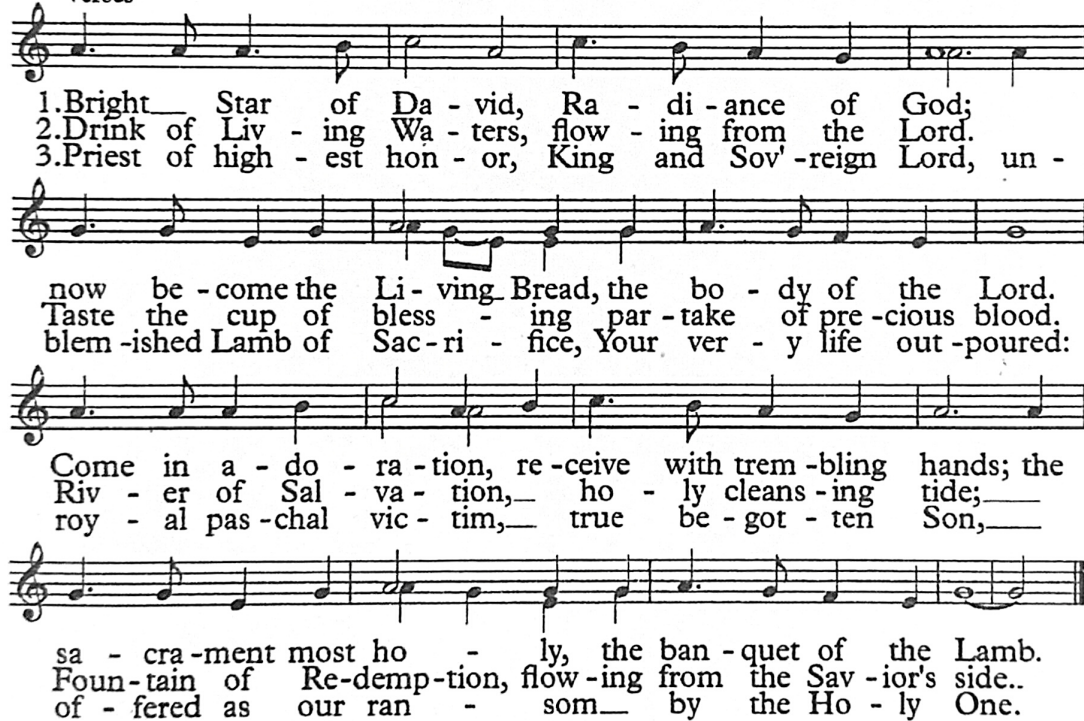
This is Je - - sus, our Lord.

4. Final



This is Je - - sus, our Lord.

Verses



1. Bright Star of Da - vid, Ra - di - ance of God;
2. Drink of Liv - ing Wa - ters, flow - ing from the Lord.
3. Priest of high - est hon - or, King and Sov' - reign Lord, un -
now be - come the Li - ving Bread, the bo - dy of the Lord.
Taste the cup of bless - ing par - take of pre - cious blood.
blem - ished Lamb of Sac - ri - fice, Your ver - y life out - poured:
Come in a - do - ra - tion, re - ceive with trem - bling hands; the
Riv - er of Sal - va - tion, ho - ly cleans - ing tide;
roy - al pas - chal vic - tim, true be - got - ten Son,
sa - cra - ment most ho - ly, the ban - quet of the Lamb.
Foun - tain of Re - demp - tion, flow - ing from the Sav - ior's side..
of - fered as our ran - som by the Ho - ly One.

441 Silent Night / Noche de Paz



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

1. ¡No-che de paz, no - che de a - mor! To - do duer - me en
 2. ¡No-che de paz, no - che de a - mor! O - ye hu - mil - de el
 3. ¡No-che de paz, no - che de a - mor! Mi - ra qué gran



all is bright Round yon vir - gin
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
 de - rre - dor, En - tre los as - tros que es -
 fiel pas - tor, Co - ros ce - les - tes que a -
 res - plan - dor Lu - ce en el ros - tro del



moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant so
 heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing
 thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re -
 par - cen su luz, Be - lla, a - nun - cian - do al ni -
 nun - cian sa - lud, Gra - cias y glo - rias en
 ni - ño Je - sús, En el pe - se - bre, del



ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
 ñi - to Je - sús, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de
 gran ple - ni - tud, Por nues - tro buen Re - den -
 mun - do la luz, As - tro de e - ter - no ful -



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 paz, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de paz.
 tor, Por nues - tro buen Re - den - tor.
 gor, As - tro de e - ter - no ful - gor.

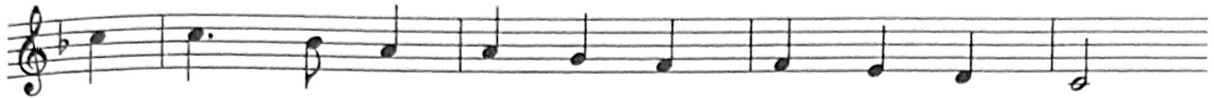
448 Away in a Manger



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you 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 you, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

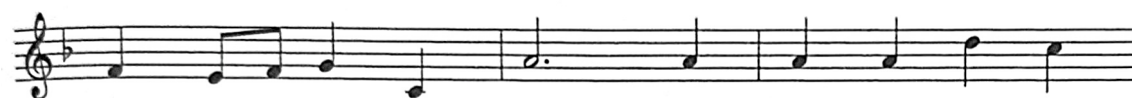
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O Little Town of Bethlehem 446



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y And,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and
 gath - ered all a - bove While mor - tals sleep, the
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to
 scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
 en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in the dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 No ear may hear his com - ing, But
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The



ev - er - last - ing Light. The hopes and fears of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing to
 in this world of sin, Where meek souls will re -
 great glad tid - ings tell; O come to us, a -



all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King, And peace to all on earth!
 ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Closing Hymns

Angels We Have Heard on High 430



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the choirs of



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply
strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee
an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,



Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
While our hearts in love we raise.



Gló - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cé - sis De - o. Gló - - - - -



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

Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French, c. 18th C.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862
Tune: GLORIA, 7777 with refrain, French traditional