



Processional

O Come All Ye Faithful

(C.P 118)

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

2 God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created:
[Refrain]

*I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the peoples; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2:10-11)*

Celebrant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All

And also with you.

Celebrant

Almighty God,

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest: **[Refrain]**

4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; **[Refrain]**

5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: **[Refrain]**

All

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the holy child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord., who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader

A reading from the book 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.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

- Celebrant* Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- All* **Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim
the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- Celebrant* Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
- All* **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- Celebrant* As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- All* **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his
presence!
Oh, the power and the splendour of his
sanctuary!**
- Celebrant* Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.
- All* **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- Celebrant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- All* **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- Celebrant* Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- All* **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**

**before the Lord when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

- Celebrant* He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.
- We worship you, God of glory, in the beauty of holiness, and
we joyfully proclaim your just and righteous rule, established
for all, through your Son Jesus Christ the Lord.**

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to 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.

Reader **The word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory (C.P.143)*

1 Angels, from the realms of
glory,
wing your flight o'er all the
earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and
worship
worship Christ, the new-born
King.

2 Shepherds in the field
abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by
night,
God with us is now residing;

3 Sages, leave your
contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and
worship
worship Christ, the new-born
King.

4 Saints before the altar
bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and

yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and
worship
worship Christ, the new-born
King

worship
worship Christ, the new-born
King.

5 Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

The Gospel

Luke 2:8-20

Celebrant

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

All

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (2:8-20)

All

Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

Gospeller

The Gospel of Christ

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Canon Gloria **Christmas Reflection**

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All

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: Holy Eucharist 189 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

The Prayers of the People Incarnation

Intercessor In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "**Lord, grant us peace.**"

Intercessor By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

All **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

All **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

All **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

All **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

All **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

All **Lord, grant us peace.**

Litany for the Incarnation

Intercessor Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

All **Lord, grant us peace.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All

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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant

The God of love who calls you, guide you this day and always: God's might uphold you, God's love enfold you, God's peace empower you; and the blessing of God

almighty: father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this
day and always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World

(C.P. 154)

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is
come:
let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him
room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and
nature sing.

3 No more let wrongs and
sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings
flow
far as our sin is found,
far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin is found.

2 Joy to the world! The Saviour
reigns:
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth
and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his
love.