



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26, 2021

✠ Gathering Hymn

BB #103

Once in Royal David's City
Text: Cecil Frances Alexander Tune: IRBY



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 mean 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 has gone.



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895
Tune: IRBY, 8 7 8 7 7 7; Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876; harm. by Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

Greeting

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

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Celebrant/Deacon: Lord, have mercy
Celebrant/Deacon: Christ, have mercy
Celebrant/Deacon: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy
All: Christ, have mercy
All: Lord, have mercy

Gloria

BB #914

Mass of Christ the Savior, D. Schutte

Collect - Celebrant: (...) for ever and ever.

All: Amen

The congregation may be seated

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(BB¹ p. 53)

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 (17C)

Responsorial salm

(BB p. 54)

Psalm 84, Owen Alstott



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Second Reading

(BB p.54)

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel Acclamation

R./ Alleluia

Music: Walker'O'Carroll

Vs.: I bring you news of great joy, joy for all nations, for today is born our savior, Christ the Lord." - R./

Gospel

(BB p.55)

Luke 2:41-52

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from (...) according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Homily

Profession of Faith:

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

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

All respond: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Conclusion to the Universal Prayer (All)

Most high and glorious God, lighten the darkness of our hearts and give us sound faith, firm hope, and perfect love. Let us, Lord, have the right feelings and knowledge so that we can carry out the task you have given us in truth. Dispel all cynicism, fear, despair and negativity so that we can proclaim the Gospel with joyful hope and be united in our faith. Heal our wounds and awaken our hearts to see the presence of your Son, whose birth we celebrate.

¹ BB = Breaking Bread 2022, the hymnal / missalette in the pews

Celebrant: Loving God, hear all of our prayers today and those in hearts throughout the world,
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

✠ Preparation Hymn

(BB #88)

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY, trad. English



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came,
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,



1. Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day
2. And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
3. This day is born a Sav - ior Of Vir - gin pure and bright,
4. And with true love and char - i - ty Each oth - er now em - brace;



1. To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
2. How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
3. To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
4. This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Is filled with heav'n - ly grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

Text: 86 86 86 with refrain; trad. English carol, 18th cent.

Music: Trad. English carol; melody fr. *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1846.



Invitation to Prayer

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church

Preface Dialogue

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations

Mass of Christ the Savior, Dan Schutte

Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, Lamb of God

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lord.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed

Communion Hymns

✠ The First Nowell BB #108 Tune: FIRST NOWELL, trad. English

✠ O Little Town of Bethlehem BB #87 Tune: St. LOUIS

Hymn for Going Forth BB #104 Angels from the Realms of Glory
Tune: REGENT SQUARE



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, Bright-er vi - sions
4. Though an in - fant now we view him, He shall fill his
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther,



1. all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
2. flocks by night, God on earth is now re - sid - ing;
3. beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of Na - tions,
4. Fa - ther's throne, Gath - er all the na - tions to him;
5. Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing,



1. Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: } Come and wor-ship,
2. Yon - der shines the in - fant light: }
3. Ye have seen his na - tal star: }
4. Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down: }
5. To the e - ter - nal Three - in - One: }



1-5. come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text: 87 87 87; verses 1-3, James Montgomery, 1771-1854; verse 4, *Christmas Box*, 1825; verse 5, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879.

Merry Christmas

