



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ | 10:30AM

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## The Word of God

Prelude

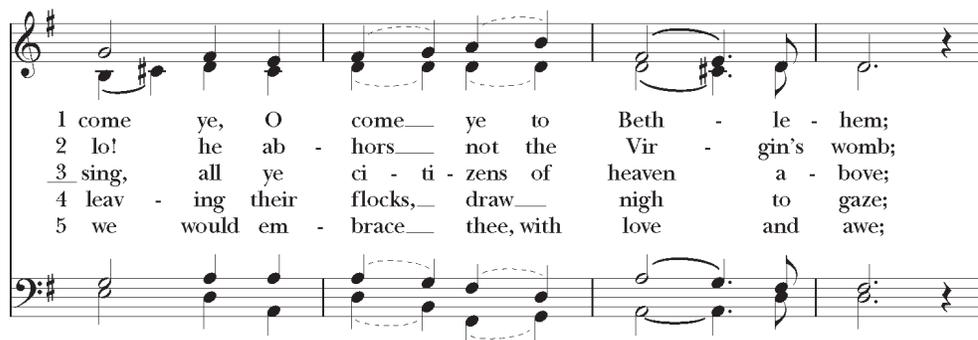
### Entrance Rite

#### ENTRANCE OF THE MINISTERS

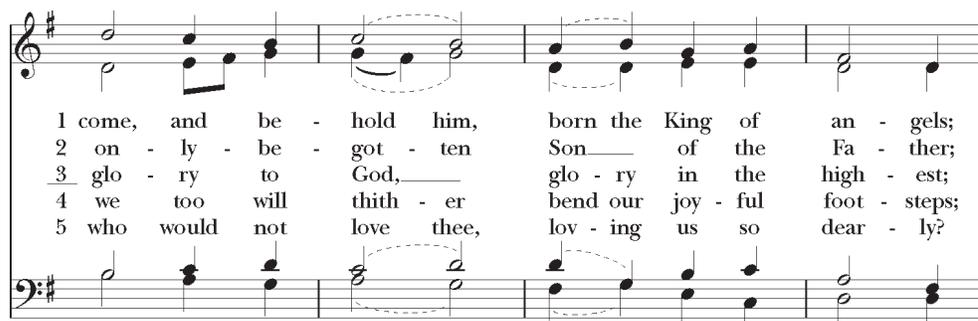
HYMN 83 'O come, all ye faithful'



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,

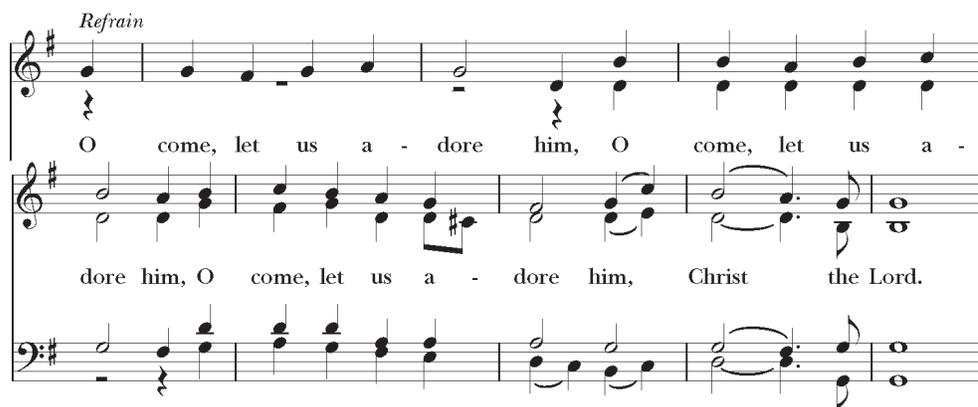


1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



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*

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
 Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE 96 'Angels we have heard on high'

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.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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.

*People* Amen.

## The Lessons

LESSON Isaiah 52:7-10

*Lector* 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.

NRSV

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

*All* 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.  
2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.  
3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
4 He remembers his 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 the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.  
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 the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

*Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven,  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly  
lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*For he is our lifelong pattern;  
daily, when on earth he grew;  
he was tempted, scorned, rejected,  
tears and smiles like us he knew.  
Thus he feels for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all our gladness.*

*And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that child who seemed so helpless  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.*

## THE GOSPEL John 1:1-14

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Gospeller* 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.

NRSV

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Trawin Malone, *Interim Vicar, Good Shepherd on the Hill*

## The Nicene Creed

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*Officiant* We believe in one God,  
*All* 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.

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus.

¶ *After each petition:*

*People* Hear our prayer.

¶ *The Officiant adds a concluding Collect*

*Officiant* 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.

*People* Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### We pray for those...

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#### In need of comfort

Jerry Kenyon  
Ann  
Jeff Ryan  
Henry Brigham  
Ann Bahan  
June Rector  
Martha Sheppard  
Jane Ryan  
Nada Lulic  
Tom  
Nancy McAllister  
Julia Fish  
Maegan McKerrow  
Elizabeth  
Herman Barnett  
Will  
Kris Wright  
Cathy Holland  
Peter Fuller  
Ernie Dean  
Julia Fish  
Ann Whiting  
Jean Nelle  
Ann Reysa  
Robin  
Sam Perry  
Susan Novak  
Pat Jones  
Mollie Shands  
Tom  
Paul  
William  
Felicia Retiz  
Julie Harrington  
Will  
Charlotte Brady  
Melissa  
Marjorie  
Coleman Horton  
Leonard  
Anne  
Harriet Rutland  
Michael  
Taylor  
Covert family  
Monteith family  
Collins family  
Carper family

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their  
2 The shep - herds feared and  
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang  
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

*Repeat Refrain*

hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

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**Expecting the birth  
of a child**

Courtney Patton  
Nicole Olesh  
Courtney Moreland Lippe  
Lillyan Duck  
Katie Crowley  
Jessica Sherrets  
Allison Sjoberg Leatherman  
Cathleen Naumann  
Sarah Brayne  
Blair Nelson  
Courtney Schlegel  
Allyson Jones Clayton  
Kristen Dillavou  
Kathryn Richter

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**Births**

Charles Eugene McNamara  
Lucy Gray

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**Deaths**

Duke Covert

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**Serving in the armed forces**

Staton Jobe  
Shay Archer  
Connor Downing  
Alexandra Mauro  
Michael Hart  
Nico Barrangan  
Joseph Turner  
Davis Brown  
Brandon Sharp  
Katy Whitbeck  
Clayton Baker  
Jim Lively  
Andrew Gray  
Claten Bechtol  
Zachary Pierce

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

*All* 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.

## The Dismissal

### BLESSING

¶ *The Officiant blesses the people*

*People* Amen.

### DISMISSAL

¶ *The Officiant dismisses the people*

*People* Thanks be to God.

**“Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.”**

EPHESIANS 5:2

Amid the ongoing pandemic, the Church's mission to embody the love of Christ continues.

Your financial support allows our ministries to continue and enables us to continue paying all of our employees, including hourly employees unable to work during this time.

We encourage you to make your offering to Good Shepherd by visiting our website ([www.gsaustin.org](http://www.gsaustin.org)) then clicking “give.” You can also provide vital assistance to those in need by supporting El Buen Samaritano, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Thank you for your support.

## Postlude