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*Nativity, Albrecht Altdorfer (c.1480-1538)*

# *The Nativity of Our Lord*

24 December 2024

Procession, Blessing of the Crèche and Solemn High Mass

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation.

Organ Prelude

Pastoral and Fugue on "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her"

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Mass Setting

Missa Brevis No. 4 in E major ('Corde natus')

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Gloria and Creed: Missa de Angelis

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn

Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia.

**In the name of the Lord. Alleluia.**

**28**      ***Of the Father's heart begotten***      **Divinum Mysterium**

The Lord's Prayer      p. 15

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Blessing of the Crèche

Thanksgiving and honour and glory be unto Thee, Almighty God, who for us and for our salvation didst give Thine only Son to be born in great humility of the Virgin Mary his mother. Accept and bless ✠ to our use this Christmas Crib, that it may set before us the exceeding love of our Saviour, and bring us with the shepherds and kings to pay to Him our true devotion; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, all praise and worship, world without end. Amen.

Hymn

**48**      ***Silent night! holy night!***      **Stille Nacht**

## Devotional Prayers

O Almighty God, who by the birth of thy holy Child Jesus hast given us a great light to dawn upon our darkness: grant, we pray thee, that in his light we may see light to the end of our days; and bestow upon us, we beseech thee, that most excellent Christmas gift of charity to all men, that so the likeness of thy Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Father, who hast declared thy love to all by the birth of the Holy Child at Bethlehem: Help us to welcome Him with gladness and make room for him in our common days; so that we may live at peace with one another and in goodwill with all thy family; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Hymn

**36      *Good Christians all, rejoice***

**In dulci jubilo**

### Introit Proper

Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given : and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his Name shall be called, Angel of mighty Counsel. *Ps.* O sing unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things. Unto us ... Blessed be ...

Salutation p.2

Kyrie p.2

Gloria p.3

Collect

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 9:2-7

Pew Bible, p.573

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

*Cantate Domino.*

- <sup>1</sup> O sing unto the Lord a new song; / sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; / be telling of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his honour among the nations, / and his wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; / he is more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but idols; / but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

- <sup>6</sup> Honour and majesty are before him: / strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples, / ascribe unto the Lord glory and power.
- <sup>8</sup> Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; / bring presents and come into his courts.
- <sup>9</sup> O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; / let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- <sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King; / he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously.
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; / let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.
- <sup>12</sup> Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; / then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord;
- <sup>13</sup> For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, / and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

### Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Pew Bible, p.998

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn

**56     *While shepherds watched their flocks by night***

**Winchester Old**

## Gradual Proper

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God : O be joyful in God, all ye lands. *℟*. The Lord hath declared his salvation : in the sight of the heathen hath he openly shewed his righteousness. Alleluia, alleluia. *℟*. A hallowed day hath dawned upon the earth; come, ye nations, and worship the Lord : for on this day a great light hath descended upon the earth. Alleluia.

## Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

KJV

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, beginning at the first verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,

which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

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Offertory Motet

Resonet in laudibus Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

*“Let praises resound with joyous acclaim: to Sion's faithful the child born of Mary has appeared.”*

Offertory Proper

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; thou hast laid the foundations of the round world, and all that therein is : righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.

Offertory Hymn

***O come, all ye faithful***

**Adeste fidelis**

<sup>1</sup> 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:  
O come, let us adore him,

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

<sup>2</sup> God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, Begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore him...

<sup>3</sup> Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
Glory to God In the highest;  
O come, let us adore him...

<sup>4</sup> See how the Shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither Bend our joyful footsteps:  
O come, let us adore him...

<sup>5</sup> Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.  
O come, let us adore him...

### Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

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### THE CANON OF THE MASS

#### Proper Preface

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Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.





## Organ Postlude

Chorale Prelude on “In Dulci Jubilo” (BWV 729)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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