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Life of the Virgin, Flight into Egypt, Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528)

The Holy Innocents

Sunday December 28, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

High Mass

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

Organ Prelude

In dulci jubilo, BuxWV 197 Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Mass Setting

Missa de Angelis

Plainsong

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn

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

Introit Proper

Out of the mouth of very babes, O God, and of sucklings, hast thou perfected praise: because of thine adversaries. *Ps.* O Lord, our Governour: how excellent is thy Name in all the world. Glory be ... Out of the mouth ...

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Collect

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, receive, we pray, all innocent victims into the arms of your mercy. By your great might frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children

by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same spirit, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 31:15-17

Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

VII.2.



Psalm 124

Nisi quid Dominus.

- ¹ If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may /s-ra-el say; / **if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose *up* a-*gainst* üs;**
- ² **They had swallowed *us* up a-live, / when they were so wrathfully dis-*pleas*-ed at üs;**
- ³ Then the *wa*-ters^had drown^èd us, / and the torrent had gone o-ver our söul;
- ⁴ **Yea, then the *ra*-ging wa-ters / had gone even o-ver our söul.**



⁵ But *prais-èd* be^the Lord, / who hath not given us over for a prey *un-to* their tēeth.

⁶ Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the *snare* of^the fowl-er: / the snare is broken, and we *are de-liv^er-èd*.

⁷ Our help standeth in the *Name* of the Lord, / **who hath made *hea-ven* and *eärth*.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

29 *A great and mighty wonder*

Es Ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen

Gradual Proper

Our soul is escaped even as a bird : out of the snare of the fowler.
 ✠. The snare is broken, and we are delivered : our help standeth
 in the Name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.
 Alleluia, alleluia. ✠. Praise the Lord, ye children : O praise the
 Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 2:13-18

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 Matthew, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Canon David Rath

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Offertory Proper

Our soul is escaped, even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler :
the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

Offertory Hymn

39 *In the bleak mid-winter*

Cranham

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Preserve your people from cruelty and indifference to violence, that the weak may always be defended from the tyranny of the strong. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Communion Proper

In Rama a voice was heard, lamentation and great mourning :
Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted,
because they are not.

Music at Communion

61 *Lully, lulla*

Coventry Carol

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us this day at the table of life and hope. Teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Post-Communion Hymn

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Organ Postlude

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her
(‘From heaven above to earth I come’), verses 3-4
Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

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