



Georges du Mesnil de La Tour, 1593-1652. *Birth of Christ*, detail,
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CHRISTMAS EVE

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

December 24, 2021 | 9:00 PM

You are welcome here.

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer. Scan the code or visit sprchicago.org/new to complete a *Let's Get Connected* form.



Children's Formation

Nursery, 9:00am-12:30pm | Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, Sundays, 9:30am-9:45am | During the sermon at the 9:15 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

Godly Play, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn about volunteering with Godly Play, contact director of children's formation Dafne del Risco-Nolla (nolla@sprchicago.org). **Godly Play will resume on January 9, 2022.**

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

We strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, give online at sprchicago.org/give-online or scan this code. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!



Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the **+** indicates that.

Youth Ministries

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Join us for youth formation (grades 6-12). We gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion. **Youth Formation will resume on January 9, 2022.**

Youth Group, Sundays, 5-7pm | All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join the youth group at any time throughout the year. For details, contact director of youth formation Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org). **Youth Group will resume on January 9, 2022.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prelude on "Away in a manger"

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Hirtensinfonie (Shepherd Symphony) *from* Weinachts-Oratorium (Christmas Oratorio), BWV 248

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), arr. Curt Böhme

Kerstin Wellbery, *violin*

O Holy Night

Music: Adolphe Adam (1803-1856), arr. Carl Deis

Jane L. Florine, *flute*

Wiegenlied (Lullaby), *Op. 79d, No. 1*

Music: Max Reger (1873-1916)

Kerstin Wellbery, *violin*

Entrance Hymn

All sing.

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to
2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, lo! he ab - hors not the
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye cit - i - zens of
4. See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, leav - ing their flocks, draw
5. Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, we would em - brace thee, with

Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Vir - gin's womb; on - ly - be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther;
heaven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
nigh to gaze; we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
love and awe; 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*

The Hymnal 1982 - #83 "O come, all ye faithful"

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

Music: *Adeste fideles*, Irr., present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; reharm. and descants by Noel Rawsthorne (1939-2019); David Willcocks (1919-2015); Daniel Fortune; R. Middleton. Streamed under OneLicense.net #A-704721.

Welcome

+ Blessed are you, holy and living One.

You come to your people and set them free.

All sing.

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy,
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the ground;
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove

let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
he comes to make his bless - ings flow
the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, and won - ders of his love.

The Hymnal 1982 - #100 "Joy to the world"

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, CM with Refrain, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872). Descant by William Bradley Roberts, Copyright © 2003, William Bradley Roberts. Streamed under OneLicense.net #A-704721.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,

you have caused this holy night

to shine with the brightness of the true Light:

Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth,

may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven;

where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns,

one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Spiritual at the Gradual

All sing.

1. The Vir - gin Ma - ry had a ba - by boy, the Vir - gin Ma - ry had a ba - by boy,
2. The an - gels sang when the ba - by born, the an - gels sang when the ba - by born,
3. The wise men saw where the ba - by born, the wise men saw where the ba - by born,

the Vir - gin Ma - ry had a ba - by boy, and they say that his name was Je - sus.
the an - gels sang when the ba - by born, and they say that his name was Je - sus.
the wise men saw where the ba - by born, and they say that his name was Je - sus.

He come from the glo - ry, he come from the glo - rious king - dom.

Oh, yes! be - liev - er! Oh, yes! be - liev - er!

He come from the glo - ry, he come from the glo - rious king - dom.

My Heart Sings Out #67 "The Virgin Mary had a baby boy"

Words: West Indian Carol

Music: West Indian Carol, acc. Robert J. Batastini (b. 1942)

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A reading from the letter to Titus.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Spiritual at the Sequence

All sing.

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. Fine

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth,
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

Be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shown a ho - ly light.____
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sa - vior's birth.____
 And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.____ D.C.

The Hymnal 1982 - #99 "Go tell it on the mountain"

Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967)

Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, 76. 76 with Refrain, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009)

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At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Luke 2:1-20

Glory to you, Lord 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy (Rector)

Prayers of the People

All stand as able.

Let us pray in the peace of God, that all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days be but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's Word made flesh this night. And from grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying,

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the child born to us find in our hearts a warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this time of gift giving, may we become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the rejoicing of this day be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the joy and consolation of the wonderful Counselor enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the blessed hope we celebrate at Christmas be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word in our flesh.

May our words of prayer and praise echo the song of the angels, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. **Amen.**

Adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Carols at the Offertory

Sung by the choir

What cheer? Good cheer!
Be merry and glad this good New Year!
"Lift up your hearts and be glad
In Christ's birth", the angel bade,
Say each to other, if any be sad:
"What cheer!"

Now the King of heav'n his birth hath take,
Joy and mirth we ought to make:
Say each to other, for his sake:
"What cheer?"

Words from Richard Hill's *Commonplace Book* (16th c.)
Music: William Walton (1902-1983)

When Christ was born of Mary free,
In Bethlem in that fair city,
Angels sung e'er with mirth and glee,
In excelsis gloria.

Herdmen beheld these angels bright
To them appeared with great light,
And said, "God's son is born this night":
In excelsis gloria.

Words: anon. (15th c.)
Music: Reginald Jacques (1894-1969)

I tell you all with heart so free:
Right welcome ye be to me;
Be glad and merry for charity!
What cheer? Good cheer!
What cheer? Good cheer!
Be merry and glad this good New Year!

This King is come to save his kind,
In the scripture as we find;
Therefore this song have we in mind:
In excelsis gloria.

Then, dear Lord, for thy great grace,
Grant us the bliss to see thy face,
Where we may sing to thy solace:
In excelsis gloria.

Presentation

Please stand as able when the clergy go to the altar.

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
4. Where chil - dren pure and hap - py pray to the bles - sed Child,

1. A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2. while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
4. where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;

1. yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
4. where char - it - y stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,

1. the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2. and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
3. where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
4. the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.

The Hymnal 1982 - #79 "O little town of Bethlehem"

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: *St. Louis*, CMD, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n _ and earth _ are
full _ of your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the high - est. Ho san - na in the
high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes _ in the name _ of the Lord.
the high - est,
Ho san - na in the high - est, _ Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Music: from *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1927-2010)

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We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979. Eucharistic Prayer D.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

All sing.



5. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and en - ter in,
be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings
tell; O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

The Hymnal 1982 - #79 "O little town of Bethlehem"

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: *St. Louis*, CMD, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Anthem during Communion

Sung by the choir.

Thou must leave Thy lowly dwelling,
The humble crib, the stable bare.
Babe, all mortal babes excelling,
Content our earthly lot to share.
Loving father, Loving mother,
Shelter Thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus, we implore Thee
With humble love and holy fear.
In the land that lies before Thee,
Forget not us who linger here!
May the shepherd's lowly calling,
Ever to Thy heart be dear!

Blest are ye beyond all measure,
Thou happy father, mother mild!
Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure,
The Prince of Peace, The Holy Child!
God go with you, God protect you,
Guide you safely through the wild!

The Shepherds' Farewell *from L'Enfance du Christ, Op. 25*

Words: Paul England (n.d.)

Music: Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)

Hymn during Communion

All sing.

1. What feast of love___ is of - fered here,___ what ban - quet come_ from heav - en?
 2. What light of truth___ is of - fered here,___ what cov - en - ant___ from heav - en?
 3. What wine of love___ is of - fered here,___ what ho - ly drink___ from heav - en?

What food of ev - er - last - ing life,___ what gra - cious gift___ is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life,___ what won - drous word___ is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life,___ what pre - cious blood___ is giv - en?

This, this___ is Christ the king,___ the bread come down___ from heav - en.
 This, this___ is Christ the king,___ the sun come down___ from heav - en.
 This, this___ is Christ the king,___ the sweet - est wine___ of heav - en.

Oh, taste___ and see and sing!___ How sweet___ the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see___ and hear and sing!___ The Word___ of God___ is giv - en!
 Oh, taste___ and see and sing!___ The Son___ of God___ is giv - en!

"What feast of love"

Words: Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939)

Music: Greensleeves, 8 7 8 7 6 7 6 7, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Notes: Delores Dufner is a member of the Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN, and a prolific hymn-writer.

Postcommunion Hymn

All sing.

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is dark save the light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child, Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
 glo - ries stream_ from hea - ven a - far, Heav - en - ly hosts_ sing al - le - lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams_ from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 yon - der where_ thy sweet vig - ils keep, o'er the Babe who in si - lence sleep;

sleep in heav - en - ly peace._____ Sleep_ in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!_____ Christ,_ the Sa - vior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth._____ Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 rest in hea - ven - ly peace._____ Rest_ in hea - ven - ly peace.

The Hymnal 1982 - #111 "Silent night"

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

Music: *Stille Nacht*, Irr., melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910), alt. harm. Noel Rawsthorne (1939-2019),

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Sending Forth & Blessing

Please stand as able.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Presider blesses the people. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

+ May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal Hymn

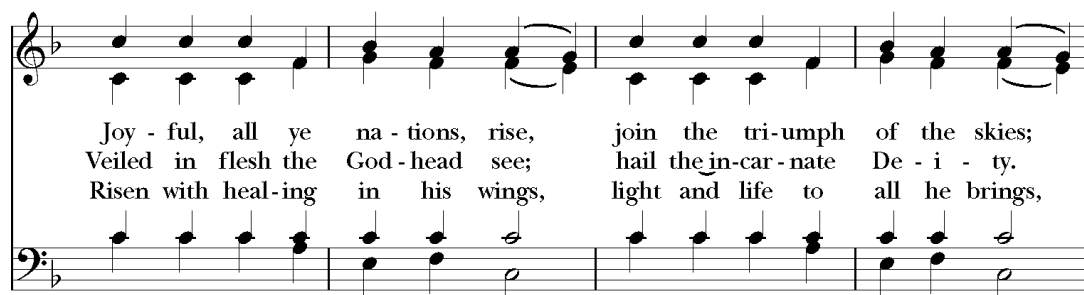
All sing.



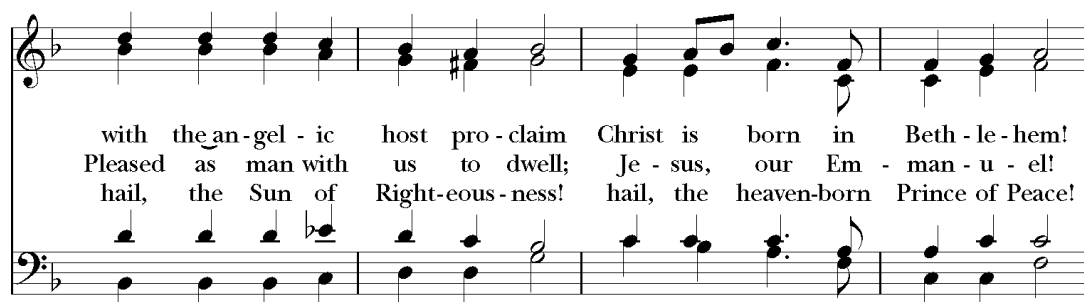
1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Mendelssohn, 77. 77. D with Refrain, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915); reharmon. Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019), Copyright © 1991 Kevin Mayhew; reharmon. and descant David Willcocks (1919-2015). Streamed under OneLicense.net #A-704721.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude & Fugue in B Major, *Op. 7, No. 1*

Music: Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Thank you to both our volunteer instrumentalists for enriching our worship this evening!

Thank you to all our choir members for their gift of song in celebration of Christmas!



**We wish you and your loved ones a very
Merry Christmas
and many blessings in the New Year!**

Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25): 10:00 AM

Our Christmas Day worship will be a simple service with Eucharist and a selection of favorite Christmas carols!

First Sunday of Christmas (Sunday, December 26): 8:00 & 10:00 AM

On the Sunday after Christmas, we will have combined worship services at 8:00 & 10:00 AM.

Serving Today

December 24, 2021

Presider: The Rev. KJ Oh

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Deacons: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Music Leader: Christian Clough

Acolyte: Matthew Erlec

Lectors: Mel Parks, David Wellbery, Frances Spaltro

Vestry Greeter: Tayo Adegoke

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, *Associate Minister*

Christian M. Clough, *Director of Music*

Dafne del Risco-Nolla, *Director of Children's Formation*

Ross Fogg, *Director of Youth Formation*

Lukasz Jedrzejewski, *Sexton*

Gretchen R. Eng, *Children's Music Assistant*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

Nursery Teachers

Bridget Skaggs & Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

The Rev. KJ Oh, *Assistant Priest*

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate*

The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, *Priest Associate*

Vestry

Twila Jones, *Warden*

Jordan Lanfair, *Clerk*

O. Michael Agina

Nicholas Bellomy

Jonathan Foiles

Meryl Prochaska

Kerstin Wellbery

Frances Spaltro, *Warden*

Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Traci Beck

Jared Beverly

Vicky Legge

Jeffrey Stackert

Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoemith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.