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CHRISTMAS EVE



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CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

We **celebrate Holy Communion** (the Eucharist) this evening. We invite all to participate in the Lord's Supper, and welcome all to the table. If you receive bread and wine in your own church, we invite you to share the real presence of Christ among us. God's promises assure us of forgiveness and strength as we share together in grace.

For reasons of health, a limited amount of grape juice and gluten-free bread are available by asking the communion assistant.

Regarding the Liturgy, the Congregation's responses are marked with a **C**. **P** is for Pastor.

Candle Lighting—Ushers will bring the light to the first worshipper in each pew, who passes on the light. Please hold the lit candle upright, and tilt the unlit candle to pass on the light. When everyone's candle is lit, we will sing Silent Night. You may extinguish it after the reading from John.

Thank you to all who have prepared and participated in tonight's worship: the Tree Crew, decorators, bread bakers, Altar guild, ushers, acolytes, choir, and musicians. We appreciate your service and devotion.

Please silence your cell phones and pagers, unless you are on emergency duty. Thank you.



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive its
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make his bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

Prelude — Choir Processional

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray . . . Holy God

C **your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love, come among us, send your spirit to bring good news to the oppressed, the brokenhearted, the hearts in need of comfort. . In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

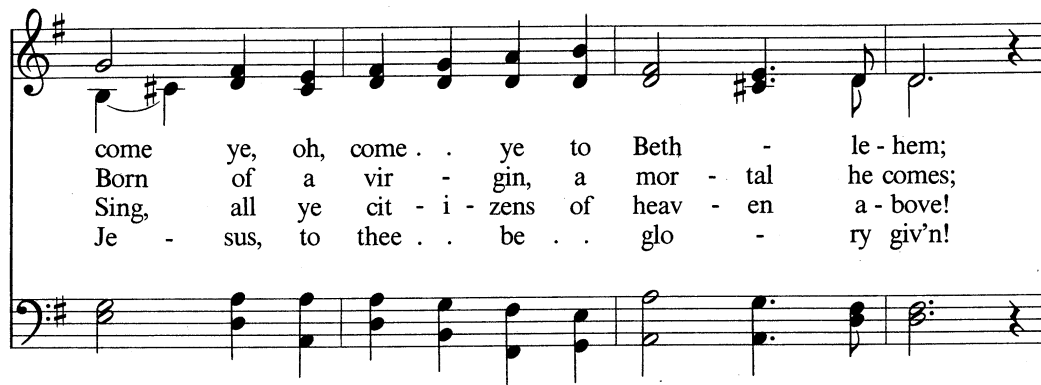
P God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God gives you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you and all the hurting world, now and always.

C Amen.

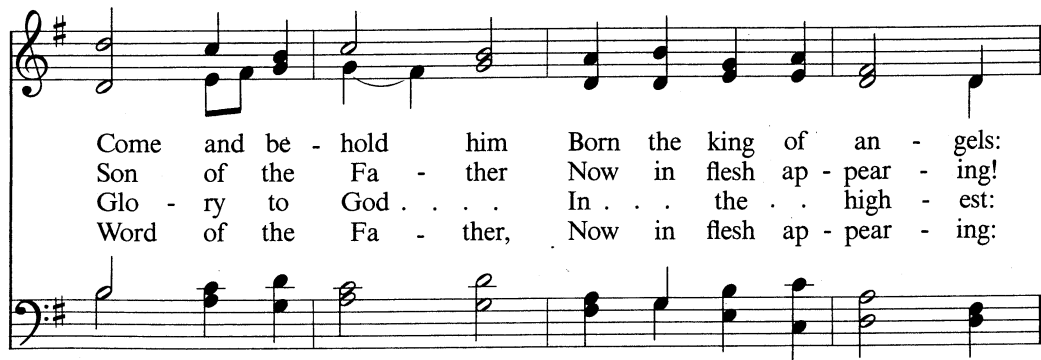
Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, Light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;

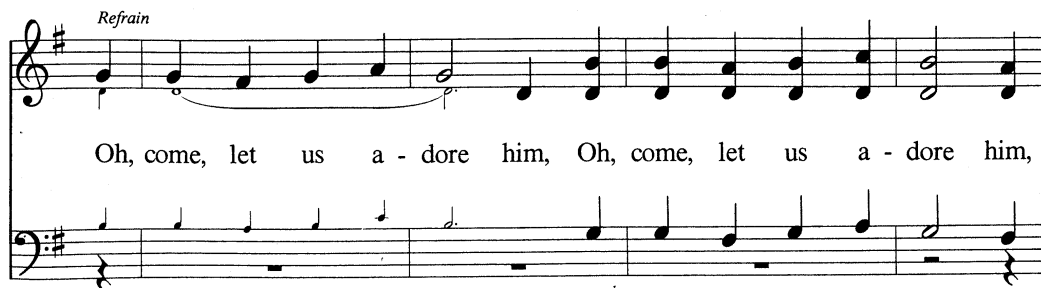
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come ye, oh, come . . ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee . . be . . glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . In . . . the . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Oh, come, let us a - dore him,



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

- P** God of wonder,
C in your Son we behold the light of the world. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading from John 1

Benediction and Dismissal

- P** And now may the Spirit of the Lord rest on you:
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and love of the Lord;
 the blessing of God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit, be with you always.
C Amen. Alleluia!

Joy to the World! (next page)



When all have returned to their seats, the ushers will light the candles and we sing:

Silent Night, Holy Night!

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - dant

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
beams from your ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at your birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Children's Story

Away in a Manger

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

A Reading from Isaiah

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled."
Late in time be-hold him come, Off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Go Tell It On The Mountain



Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

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 lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

The First Noel

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin-ing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -

Refrain

night that was so deep.
tin-ued both day and night.

No - el, No - el, No -

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

A Reading from Titus

Sung in two parts:

- ☐ (1) Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
(2) *(Sing Hallelujah to the Lord)*
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(2) *(Sing Hallelujah)*
- (all) Sing Hallelujah, Sing Hallelujah
- (1) Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
(2) *(Sing Hallelujah to the Lord)*

The Gospel

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.
 - ☐ Glory to you, O Lord.
- (after the reading)
- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
 - ☐ Praise to you, O Christ.

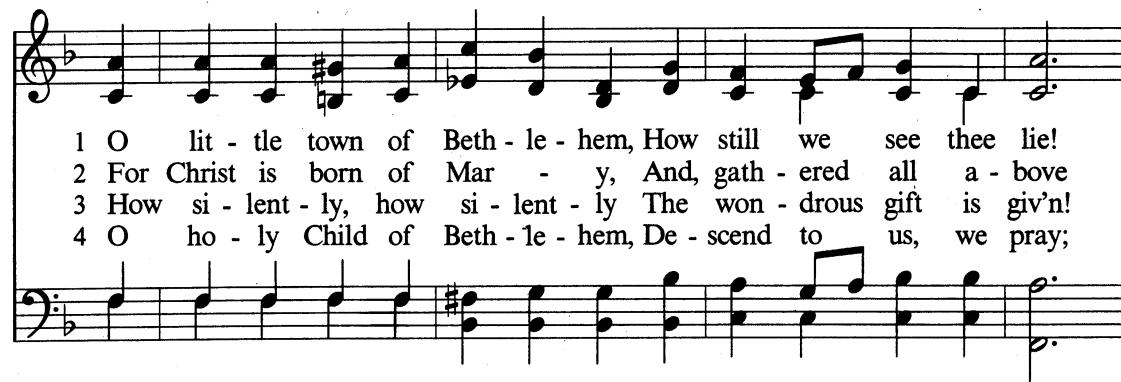
Choir Anthem

Sermon

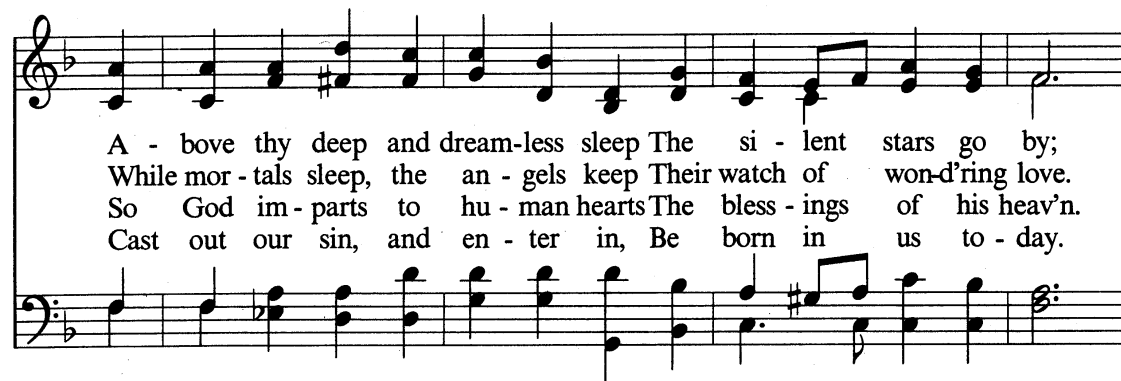
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Offertory Hymn

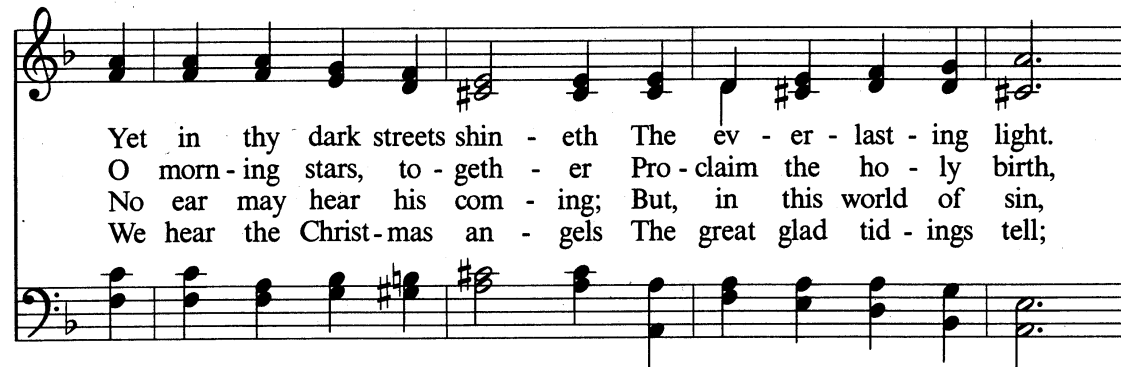
O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



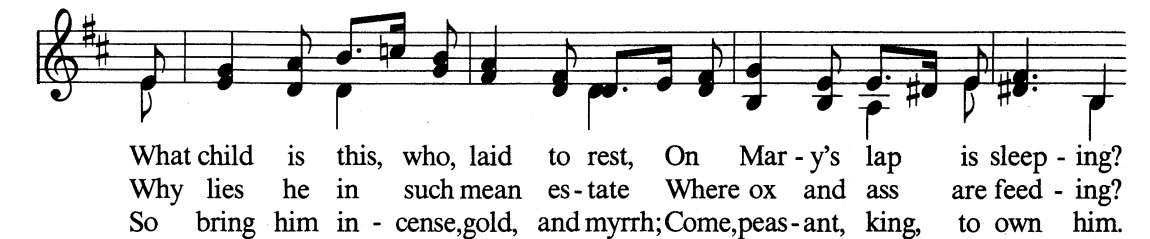
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



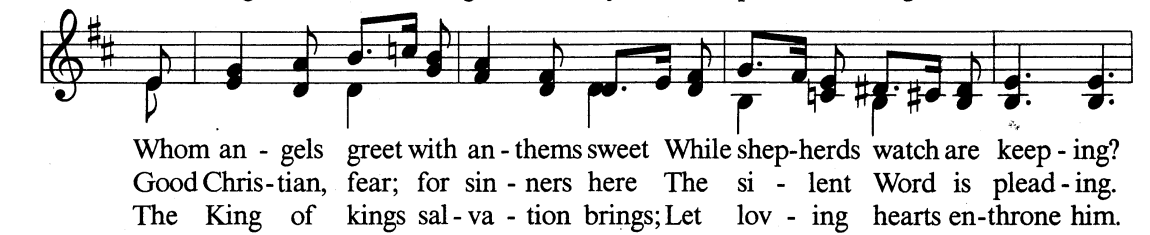
Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; But, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

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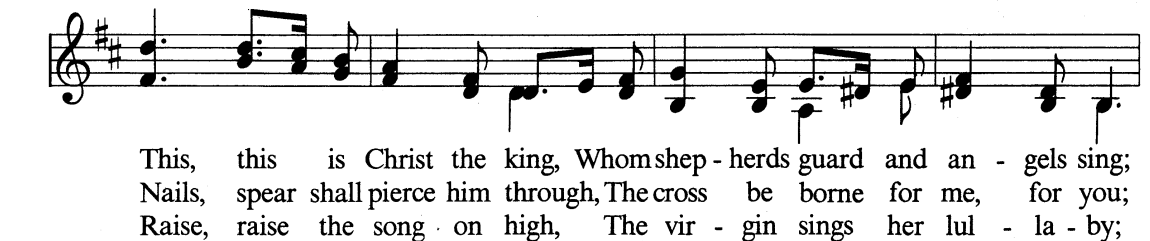
What Child Is This



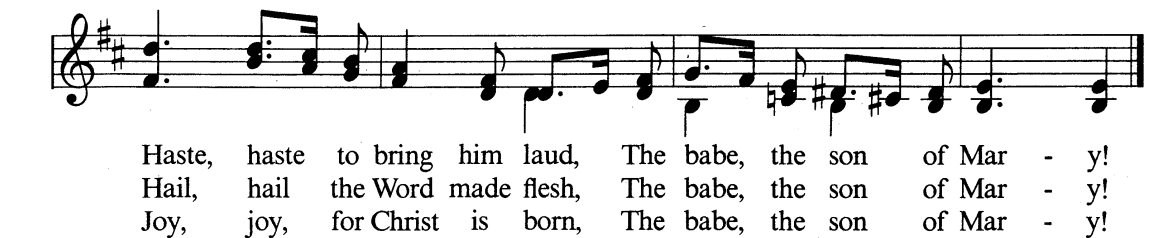
What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for my remembrance.*

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us,
his death and resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children,
shining with the light of your Son.

☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

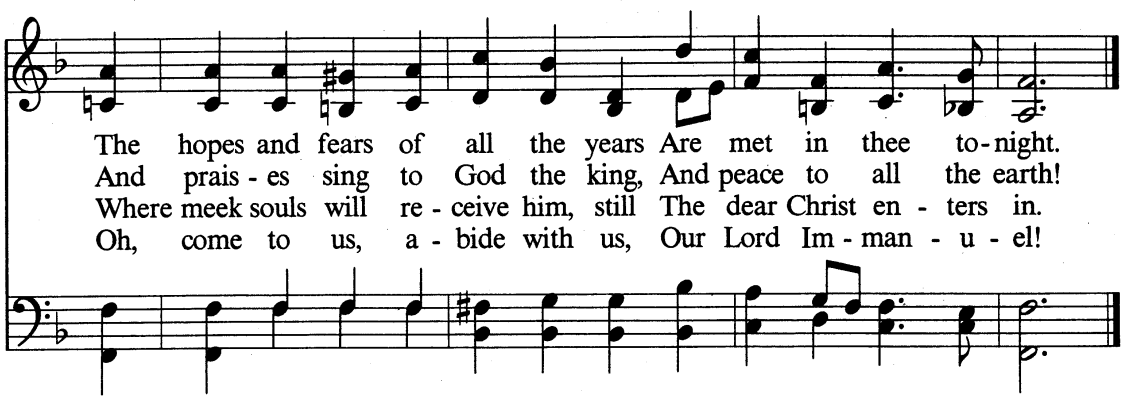
☩ Amen.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**☩ 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, forever and ever. Amen.**



P Generous God,
☩ you have given us life, this community, and the gifts of the earth. Move in our hearts, that we might bring hope and blessing to the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

P Brothers and sisters, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, for all people according to their needs, and for all of creation.

After each petition

P Lord, in your mercy, . . .

☩ Receive our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is truly right . . . in adoring song:

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

P Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life,
at the birth of time your word brought light into the world.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

C Amen.

*Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in the night he was given to betrayal and death,
took bread, gave thanks; broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for my remembrance.*