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## The Nativity of Our Lord 2024



St. Stanislaus Cathedral  
Cathedral Chapel of Our Savior, Tripp Park

PRELUDE *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

arr. Wilbur Held

OPENING HYMN *67 Wśród Nocnej Ciszy – In Midnight Silence*

Wśród nocnej ciszy głos się rozchodzi:  
W stańcie pasterze Bóg się wam rodzi;  
Czemprędzej się wybierajcie,  
Do Betleem pospieszajcie, przywitać Pana.

In midnight silence, came a voice so clear:  
“Rise up, O Shepherds, Christ your Lord is here.  
Leave your flocks, forsake your watching.  
In a manger wrapped in swaddling,  
You shall find the Lord.”

Greetings, O Savior, long expected Word.  
We, like the prophets, waited for You, Lord.  
Many thousand years awaited, Looked for, sought, anticipated,  
Lord Emmanuel.

Songs of the angels sound from heav'n on high.  
Come join the chorus, praise and magnify:  
“Glory, laud to God on high, To the Lord of earth and sky,  
Peace on earth below.

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INTROIT

Isaiah 9:2a,; Psalm 118: 27a, 29b

C: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. 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. **R: The Lord is God and has given us light, Whose love endures forever.** C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE

O'Connor

GLORIA

Elfman

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, the Incarnation of Your only-begotten Son has banished the darkness of this world. Through His wondrous birth, drive the darkness of sin from us, and brighten our hearts with the glory of Your grace. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

## ~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62: 11-12

See, the Lord proclaims to the ends of the earth: say to daughter Zion, your savior comes! Here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. They shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord, and you shall be called "Frequented," a city that is not forsaken.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Palm 96:1-3, 11-13, Luke 2:11

REFRAIN:  
To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord!

The musical notation is for a two-part setting of the refrain. The top part is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom part is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

**R. (Lk 2:11) Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and what fills it resound;  
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.  
**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;  
for he comes to rule the earth.  
He shall rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with his constancy.

**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

### SECOND LESSON

Titus 3: 4-7

Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **R. Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA

Psalms 97:11

arr. Rebecca Elfman  
Choir or cantor,  
then all: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is for a two-part setting of the Alleluia. The top part is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom part is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** C: Light dawns for the just; gladness, for the honest of heart. **R: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

*This is the gospel of the Lord. R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Come, Thou Creator* (1, 4)

Come, Thou Creator Spirit blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid, Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,  
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

All glory while the ages run be to the Father and the Son,  
Who gave us life the same to Thee, Who gave us life the same to Thee,  
O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - *Contemporary Mass*

**R: Lord hear our prayer.**

**~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~**

OFFERTORY VERSE

Isaiah 9:6

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.

OFFERTORY DUET *O Savior Sweet*

J. S. Bach, arr. Clarence Dickinson

O Savior sweet, O Savior kind, Thy Father's will has all Thy mind;  
From heav'n Thou hast vouchsafed to come, with men, as Man, to make Thy home,  
O Savior sweet, O Savior kind.  
O Savior sweet, O Savior kind, the way to please Thee we would find.  
Whate'er we have, it comes from Thee. O, let us ever near Thee be,  
O Savior sweet, O Savior kind.  
Thee with tender care I'll cherish, live to Thee, die to Thee;  
Thus I shall not perish, but with Thee abide for ever, joyfully, peacefully,  
Where life endeth never.

Dr. Barbara Nowicki, soprano; Rebecca Elfman, mezzo-soprano

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Loving Father, may this offering prove worthy of this day's commemoration and be a source of peace for us. As Jesus, Who was born as man, also shared in the God-head, so may the partaking of these gifts fill us with that which is divine. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Mushalko/Harrig

**~ CANON ~**

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Alstott

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 45 *Dzisiaj w Betlejem/Hear the Glad Tidings*  
(1-Polish 1, 2, 3- English)

Dzisiaj w Betlejem, dzisiaj w Betlejem, wesola nowina,  
Ze Panna czysta, ze Panna czysta, porodzyła Syna.  
(Chrystus się rodzi, nas oswobodzi, anieli grają, króle witają,  
Pasterze śpiewają, Bogu chwała dają, cuda, cuda ogłaszają.)

Hear the glad tidings, hear the glad tidings, o'er the hills of Bethl'em.  
Sweet Virgin Mary, sweet Virgin Mary bore the Holy Infant.

*Refrain* (Born is the Savior, Christ, our Redeemer.

Angels are playing, kings, tribute paying;  
Shepherds now are singing, cattle low are kneeling,  
what a wonder each proclaiming.)

Mary the maiden, Mary the maiden tends the little Baby.  
Joseph so loving, Joseph so loving, watches o'er them gently. *Refrain*

Born in a manger, born in a manger, yet He is the Savior.  
Soon He will save us, soon He will save us. Hail to our Redeemer! *Refrain*

COMMUNION VERSE

Zechariah 9:9a

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See your King shall come to you, a just Savior is He.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God, we have received the Holy Eucharist with faith and joy as we celebrate the birth of Your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches You have revealed in Him, Who is our Lord. We ask this through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Let us bless the Lord! **R: Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN 80 *Joy to the World* (1, 2, 4)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns. Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

POSTLUDE *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

setting, Johann Pachelbel