

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

6PM



2024



CATHEDRAL OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

ADELAIDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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!*

God of God, Light of Light, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God, begotten not created

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all you citizens of heaven above; Glory to God in the highest

Words: JF Wade c1711-86. tr F Oakley 1802-80, W Mercer 1811-73, et al. Music: ADESTE FIDELES, JF Wade c1711-86

Psalm Antiphon *Ps 95*: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

HYMN

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem:
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel:
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,

born to give them second birth:
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King.

Words: Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt. Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 1809-47, adapt WH Cummings 1831-1915

COMMUNION HYMN ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song

Come to Bethlehem and see, him whose birth the angels sing
come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn king

Text: French traditional carol, trans James Chadwick 1813-1882, alt.
Tune: GLORIA (LES ANGES DANS NOS CAMPAGNES) 77.77 with refrain; French traditional, alt.



COMMUNION HYMN SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child; holy infant, so tender and mild:
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night. Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour is born, Christ, the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night. Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord, at the birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr 1792-1848, tr John F Young 1820-85 alt. Music: SILENT NIGHT, Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787-1863.



GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

A manger his throne, a stable his court;
the King of creation in humble attire.
No fanfare, no trumpet, yet angels sing on high:
"Proclaim the good news, the Savior is born!"

*For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son,
that all who believe in him might live. We praise his holy birth,*

*God's love revealed to earth;
God's heart of compassion, given in Christ our Lord.*

Human like us in all things but sin;
the King of creation knew hunger and pain.
Born into weakness, yet Son of God Most High:
Singing our salvation, the Savior is born!

Alleluia, alleluia. Praise to Almighty God on high. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let us rejoice, let us be glad;
Come, let us sing of salvation in Christ.
All of the nations have seen the pow'r of God:
Sing out a new song, the Savior is born!

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy the world! The Saviour 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.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748 based on Psalm 98
Music: ANTIOCH G F Handel 1685-1759, arr Lowell Mason 1792-1872

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