

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

8PM



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

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

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

Yes, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

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

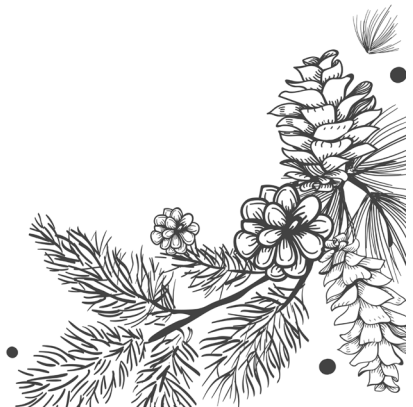
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Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song

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

See him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary, Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise

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.

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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