



CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2022, 4:00 PM
ST. WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

GATHERING HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills
and ev'rywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus
Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks
by night, Behold, throughout the heavens There shone
a holy light. **Refrain**
2. The shepherds feared and trembled When high above
the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our
Savior's birth. **Refrain**
3. And lo, when they had heard it, they all bowed down
and prayed; They traveled on together To where the
Babe was laid. **Refrain**

READING I

Is 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing,
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
will be burned as fuel for flames.
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains
by judgment and justice,
both now and forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

READING II

Ti 2:11-14

Beloved:
The grace of God has appeared, saving all
and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires
and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,
as we await the blessed hope,
the appearance of the glory of our great God
and savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness
and to cleanse for himself a people as his own,
eager to do what is good.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*



Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (SUNG RESPONSE):

Come let us adore Him!

PRESENTATION HYMNS

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

**Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song. **Refrain**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Away in a Manger MUELLER

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.



O Come, Little Children

IHR KINDERLEIN, KOMMET

1. O come, little children; come one and come all,
O come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall,
And see what our Father in heaven above
Has sent to us all on this earth with his love.
2. O see in the manger so meek and so mild,
O see in the soft light the heavenly Child,
In swaddling clothes folded, his beauty more sweet
Than angels, whose voices his lowly birth greet.
3. His bed, little children, a manger with hay.
His Mother and Joseph in ecstasy pray,
The shepherds in wonder their glad worship bring,
While chorus of angels, sweet Glories sing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Silent Night Stille Nacht

1. 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.
2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. 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 thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The First Nowell The First Nowell

1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay a keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World ANTIOCH

1. 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.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns.
Let us our songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. 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.

