

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Vigil of Christmas, 4pm, December 24th, 2021

Service of Carols, 3:30 pm

**Indicates an item sung solely by the Schola Cantorum.*

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

St. Michael Hymnal #548

Choral Anthem*

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Leo Nestor (1948-2019)

*All my heart this night rejoices as I hear, far and near sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing, till the air everywhere now with joy is
ringing. Hark! a voice from yonder manger, soft and sweet, doth entreat:
"Flee from woe and danger! Brethren, come! From all that grieves you you are
freed; all you need I will surely give you." Thee, dear Lord, with love I'll cherish;
live to thee, and with thee dying, shall not perish. But shall dwell with thee forever,
far on high, in the joy that shall alter never. Come, then, let us hasten yonder!
Here let all, great and small, kneel in awe and wonder! Love him who with love is
yearning! Hail the star that from far bright with hope is burning!*

Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Michael Hymnal #666

Choral Anthem*

Hush, My Dear

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

*Hush! my dear, lie still and slumber; holy angels guard thy bed!
Heavenly blessings without number gently falling on thy head.
Soft and easy is thy cradle, coarse and hard thy Savior lay
When his birthplace was a stable and his softest bed was hay.
See the kindly shepherds round him, telling wonders from the sky!
Where they sought him, there they found him, with his Virgin Mother by.
May'st thou live to know and fear him, trust and love him all thy days;
Then go dwell forever near him, see his face and sing his praise!*

Organ Voluntary

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

St. Michael Hymnal #611

Choral Anthem*

The Holly and the Ivy

arr. Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

*The holly and the ivy when they are both full grown;
Of all the trees that are in the wood the holly bear the crown.*

Refrain: *O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

*The holly bears a blossom as white as any flower;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior. R.*

*The holly bears a berry as red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. R.*

*The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn. R.*

*The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all. R.*

Organ Voluntary

24 Pièces de Fantaisie:

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Suite No.3: VI. Carillon de Westminster

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 4 pm

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

St. Michael Hymnal #648

Kyrie

Missal VIII "De Angelis"

St. Michael Hymnal #105

Gloria

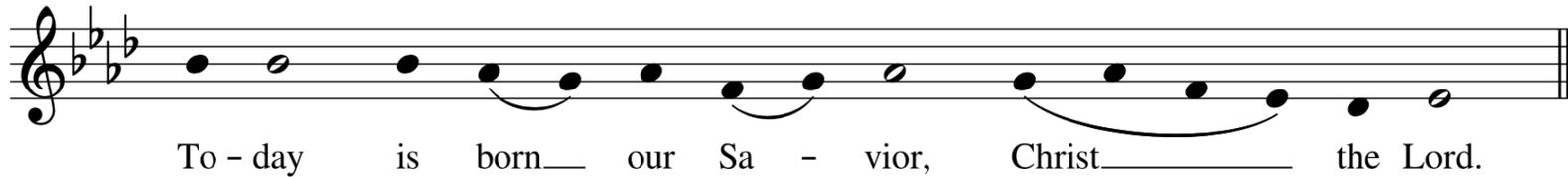
Missal VIII "De Angelis"

St. Michael Hymnal #106

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!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 96: 1-3, 11-13



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands.

Sing to the Lord; bless his name. Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. R.

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.

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.

Music: Samuel F. Rowe (b. 1994)

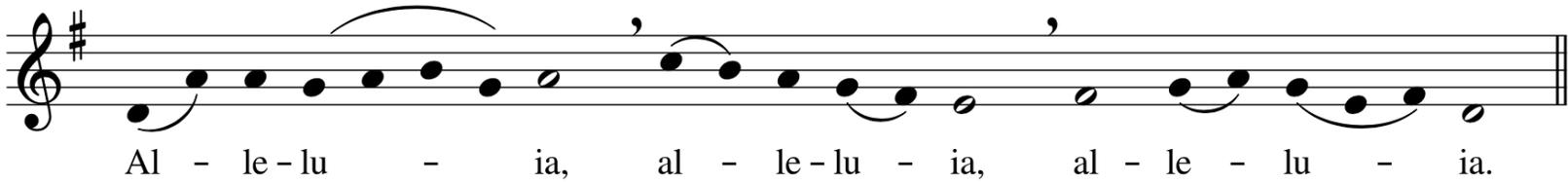
Second Reading

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk. 2: 10-11



*V. I proclaim to you good news of great joy:
today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.*

Music: Samuel F. Rowe (b. 1994)

Gospel

Lk. 2: 1-14

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.”

Homily

Nicene Creed

St. Michael Hymnal p. 23

Universal Prayer

Offertory Voluntary

Sonata No. 2:

I. Allegro

Domenico Gabrielli (1659-1690)

Sanctus

Missae VIII "De Angelis"

St. Michael Hymnal #107

Memorial Acclamation

Roman Missal Chant

St. Michael Hymnal #128

Agnus Dei

Missae VIII "De Angelis"

St. Michael Hymnal #108

Communion Antiphon*

Cf. Is. 40: 5; Ps. 23: 1-6

Revelábitur glória Dómini: et vidébit omnes caro salutáre Dei nostri.

- V. 1. *Dómini est terra, et plenitúdo ejus, orbis terrárum, et qui hábitant in eo.*
2. *Quia ipse super mária fundávit eum et super flúmina firmávit eum.*
3. *Quis ascéndet in montem Dómini, aut quis stabit in loco sancto ejus?*
4. *Innocens mánibus et mundo corde, qui non levávit ad vana ánimam suam nec jurávit in dolum.* 5. *Hic accípiet benedictiónem a Dómino et justificatióem a Deo salutári suo.* 6. *Haec est generátio quaeréntium eum, quaeréntium fáciem Dei Jacob.*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God. V. 1. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof: the world, and all they that dwell therein. 2. For he hath founded it upon the seas: and hath prepared it upon the rivers. 3. Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place? 4. The innocent in hands, and clean of heart, who hath not taken his soul in vain, nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbor. 5. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God his Savior. 6. This is the generation of them that seek him, of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Communion Motet*

Verbum Caro Factum Est à 6

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis et vidimus gloriam ejus gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre plenum gratiae et veritatis.

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Marian Antiphon

Alma Redemptóris Máter

St. Michael Hymnal #423

St. Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil
spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World

St. Michael Hymnal #594

Postlude

Sonata No. 2:

Domenico Gabrielli (1659-1690)

III. Presto

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Father James Boric, *Rector of the Basilica*

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Samuel F. Rowe, *Director of Music and Organist*

Andrew Balio, *trumpet (principal trumpet, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra)*

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