

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

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Christmas, Midnight Mass, 12 am, December 25th, 2021

Service of Carols, 11:30 pm

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

Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

St. Michael Hymnal #428

Choral Anthem*

Adam Lay Ybounden

John Ireland (1879-1962)

*Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long,
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
As clerkès finden written in their book.
Né had the apple taken been The apple taken been,
Né had never our lady abeen heavené queen.
Blessèd be the time that apple taken way.
Therefore we moun singen Deo Gracias!*

Hymn

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

St. Michael Hymnal #530

Choral Anthem*

This Is the Truth Sent From Above

Ralph Vaughn William (1872-1958)

*This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from the door, but hearken all, both rich and poor.*

*The first thing that I will relate, is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I tell woman was made with man to dwell.*

*Thus we were heirs to endless woes till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run: that He would redeem us by his Son.*

*And at this season of the year our blest Redeemer did appear,
He here did live, and here did preach, and many thousands he did teach.*

*Thus he in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what he did say.*

Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

St. Michael Hymnal #611

Organ Voluntary

24 Pièces de Fantaisie:

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Suite No.3: VI. Carillon de Westminster

Solo

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 12 am

Christmas Proclamation

The Twenty-fifth Day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Introit*

Ps. 2: 7; 1, 2, 8

Dominus dixit ad me: Fílius meus es tu, ego hódie génui te.

Ps. Quare fremuérunt gentes: et pópuli meditáti sunt inánia?

V. Glória Patri et Fílio, et Spirítui Sáncto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

The Lord said unto me: You are my Son, today I have begotten you.

Ps. Why do the nations conspire and the people plot in vain?

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

Missa VIII "De Angelis"

St. Michael Hymnal #105

Gloria*

Missa O Magnum Mysterium

G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Glória in excélsis Déo et in térra pax homínibus bónae voluntátis. Laudámus te, benedícimus te, adorámus te, glorificámus te, grátia ágimus tíbi propter mágnam glóriam túam, Dómine Déus, Rex coeléstis, Déus Páter omnípotens. Dómine Fíli unigénite, Jésu Chríte, Dómine Déus, Agnus Déi, Fílius Pátris, qui tóllis peccáta mún-di, miserére nóbis; qui tóllis peccáta mún-di, súscipe deprecatió-nem nóstram.

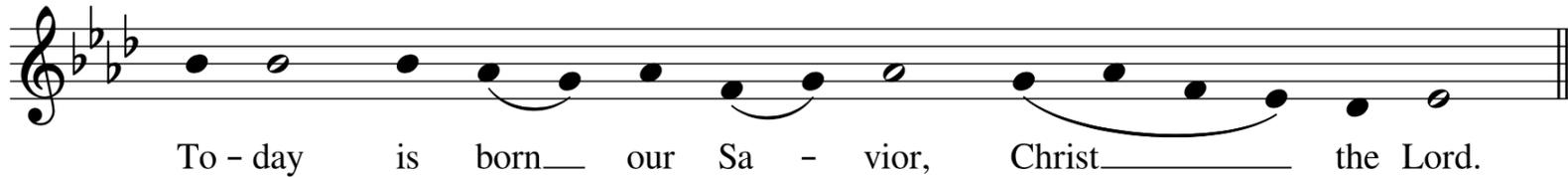
Qui sédes ad délixteram Pátris, miserére nóbis. Quóniam tu sólus Sánctus, tu sólus Dóminus, tu sólus Altíssimus, Jésu Chríte, cum Sáncto Spírítu: in glória Déi Pátris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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)

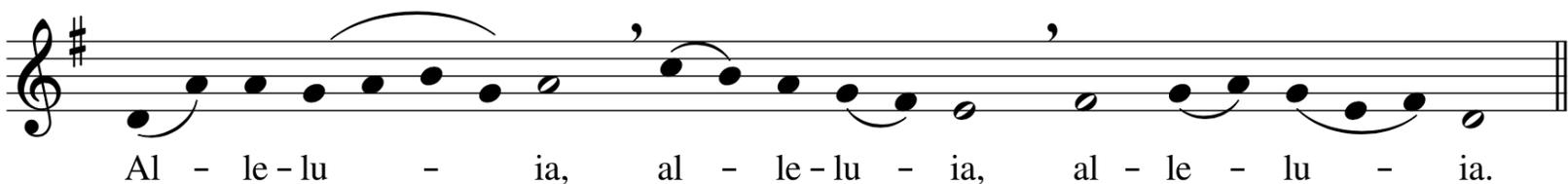
Second Reading

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 Motet*

O Magnum Mysterium: Prima Pars

G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepe.
Natum vidimus et choras Angelorum collaudantes Dominum. Alleluia!*

*O great mystery and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the newborn Lord lying in a manger!
The newborn we saw and choirs of angels praising the Lord. Alleluia!*

Sanctus

Missae VIII "De Angelis"

St. Michael Hymnal #107

Memorial Acclamation

Missae Jubilate Deo

St. Michael Hymnal #102

Agnus Dei

Missae VIII "De Angelis"

St. Michael Hymnal #108

Communion Antiphon*

Ps. 109: 3

In splendóribus sanctórum, ex útero ante lucíferum génui te.

*Amidst the splendors of the heavenly sanctuary, from the womb,
before the morning star, I have begotten you.*

Communion Motet*

O Magnum Mysterium: Secunda Pars

G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Quem vidistis, pastores, dicite, annuntiate nobis, in terris quis apparuit?
Natum vidimus et choros angelorum collaudantes Dominum, Alleluia.*

*Whom did you see, shepherds? Speak and tell us: who has appeared on earth?
We saw the newborn and choirs of angels praising the Lord, Alleluia.*

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

St. Michael Hymnal #648

Postlude

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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