



Christmas Eve

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The Word of God

Celebrant

Alleluia. To us a child is born:

People

O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*

People

Amen.

St. Alban's Online Christmas Eve Pageant:

A Christmas News Broadcast: A Nativity Reenactment

Lewis and Eley

Please sing along with the hymns!

Scene One: O come, O come Emmanuel, vs 1 & 7 Hymnal #56

Verse 1 *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Verse 7 *O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Scene Two: The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, vs 1-3 Hymnal #265

Verse 1 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow,
his eyes as flame "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!*

Verse 2 *"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!*

Verse 3 *Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God,"
she said, "my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

Scene Four: Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord, vs 1-4 Hymnal #438

Verse 1 *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!*
(Solo) *Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

Verse 2 *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.*

Verse 3 *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*

Verse 4 *Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!*

- Scene Six: O little town of Bethlehem, vs 1** **Hymnal #79**
*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*
- Scene Seven: Once in Royal David's City, vs 1 & 2** **Hymnal #102**
Verse 1 *Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*
- Verse 2 *He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*
- Scene Eight: Go, tell it on the mountain, vs 1 & 2** **Hymnal #99**
Refrain *Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!*
- Verse 1 *While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*
- Refrain *Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!*
- Verse 2 *The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth.*
- Scene Nine: Away in a Manger** **Hymnal #101**
Verse 1 *Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord
Jesus asleep on the hay.*
- Verse 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 side
until morning is nigh.*
- Verse 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.*

The Prayers of the People

Leader With angel song bursting through the heavens, shattering the stillness of this night, you have our attention, God! We praise your name, your gift of yourself, with a joyful noise.

With those who have lived before us and those who come after us, we praise you. As your Church, we are amazed at your goodness. Give your church a sense of awe and wonder as we open our hearts to receive the gift of your very self among us.

All **May our lives reflect the joy of your good news.**

Leader We pray for our leaders, who pass laws and make decisions that impact lives around the world. May their decisions reflect wisdom and justice and peace.

All **May our lives reflect the joy of your good news.**

Leader With people around the world, we rejoice at your presence in our world. With people around the world, we weep with those who are oppressed, hungry, and living with fear of violence.

All **May our lives reflect the joy of your good news.**

Leader We pray for those who live and work in our neighborhoods, who rush to our sided when we are in crisis. For those who are citing this night from pain, from broken relationships, from loneliness; with those struggling to be born and with those who are dying, we ask your healing and wholeness. We remember especially all those on our prayer list.

All **May our lives reflect the joy of your good news.**

Leader For those who have died and entered the larger presence of your love, we pray.

All **May our lives reflect the joy of your good news.**

Joys and Concerns may be offered.

Celebrant Offers a prayer

Offertory Sentence

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar or your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn **Silent Night** **Hymnal #111**

Verse 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.*

Verse 2 *Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

Verse 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.*

Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

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