

# A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

DECEMBER 24, 2023 AT 8.00 PM



BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, AND BEAR A SON,  
AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL.

—ISAIAH 7:14

Trinity Episcopal Church  
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THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN WITH THE SINGING OF SOME CAROLS FROM THE HYMNALS THAT ARE FOUND IN THE PEWS. PLEASE REFER TO THE HYMN BOARD AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH AND USING THE FRONT SECTION OF THE HYMNAL, YOU WILL LOCATE THOSE HYMNS.

AFTER THE SINGING OF CAROLS FROM, THE ORDER OF WORSHIP BEGINS WITH THE SOLOMN CANDLE LIGHTING AND SINGING OF SILENT NIGHT ON PAGE 3 OF THE SERVICE BULLETIN.

THE TEXTS OF THE ANTHEMS ARE PROVIDED BELOW IF YOU WISH TO FOLLOW.

## COMFORT, MY PEOPLE

IAN CALLAHAN

*Comfort, my people, and calm all your fear; the day of salvation is quickly drawing near.  
The One you long to see will soon set you free. O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*Silence the thunder, silence sounds of war. End all destruction and comfort those who mourn.  
Your dream draws near; your vision is here. O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*Be light in the darkness; be truth for our lives. Be strength for the helpless, the poor and lost who cry.  
O saving voice, I living choice, O come, Lord Jesus, come.*

## IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

HAROLD DARKE

*In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter long ago.*

*Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain;  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter a stableplace sufficed the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a Wiseman I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give my heart.*

*The people stand, as able. Please pass the light to the person next to you.*

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

*The people remain standing at the procession, as able.*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6      Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
           born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906.

**ACCLAMATION**

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Celebrant      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People         And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

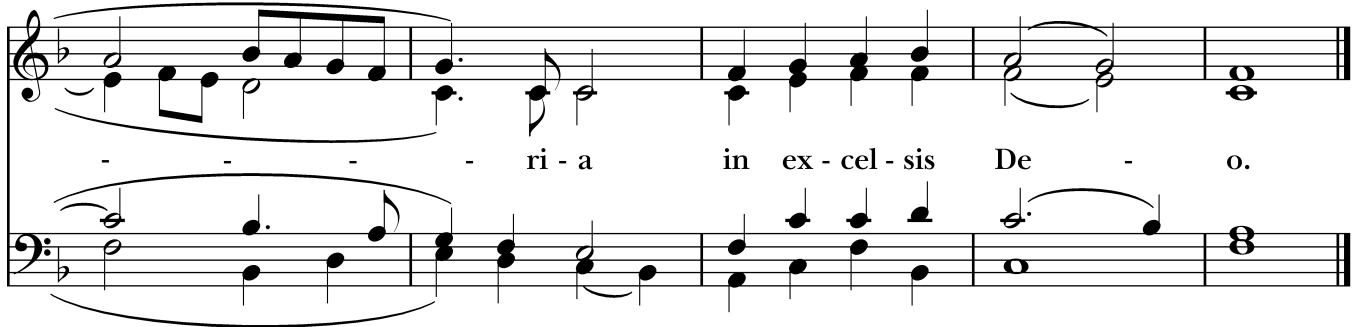
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

**ISAIAH 9:2-7**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from the time on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL HYMN 87

## HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

*The people stand, as able.*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!

born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;

Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
hail, the Sun of Right-eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

LUKE 2:1-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary reassured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant     The Gospel of our Lord.  
People        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON

THE REVEREND GEORGE SHERRILL

*The people are seated as indicated by clergy.*

## ANTHEM

COMFORT, MY PEOPLE

IAN CALLAHAN

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*Text may be followed on Page 2.*

## THE NICENE CREED

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*The people stand, as able.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*The Leader and **People** pray responsively*

Leader In joy and wonder, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Increase the joy of your people who gather this night to celebrate the arrival of your Anointed One. Send us out to announce all that you have done for your people. Hear us, O God.

**People Your mercy is great.**

Leader Bring glad tidings of peace to every nation. Break the rod of the oppressor. Cover the global community in the compassionate authority of your Son, our Sovereign. Hear us, O God.

**People Your mercy is great.**

Leader Give birth to hope in the lives of those who are lost or helpless. Send your Spirit of healing and comfort to all who are in need, especially all those on our Prayer Intentions List. Hear us, O God.

**People Your mercy is great.**

Leader As you made yourself manifest in Christ, our Savior, make your salvation known also through us, his body. Shape us into a people who are zealous for good and righteous deeds. Hear us, O God.

**People Your mercy is great.**

Leader All the saints rejoice in the eternal light of your salvation. Inspire us to rejoice in all things, trusting your promises fulfilled, until you come among your people again. Hear us, O God.

**People Your mercy is great.**

Leader Almighty God, we entrust to you all for whom we pray, confident that you fulfill your promises through Christ our Savior and Lord.

**People Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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## WELCOME

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# THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM

IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

HAROLD DARKE

*Text may be followed on Page 2.*

PRESENTATION HYMN 115

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

*The people stand, as able.*

*The sacrament and offering are presented during the Verse 3.*

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,  
Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -  
an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds  
 guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The image shows a musical score for a three-part setting of the Christmas carol 'This, this is Christ the King'. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.' The word 'shepherd' is hyphenated as 'shep - herds'.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant    The Lord be with you  
 People        **And also with you.**  
 Celebrant    Lift up your heart.  
 People        **We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Celebrant    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 People        **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant    It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. 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.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say):

## SANCTUS

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O ho - ly, most ho - ly the God of cre - a - tion, for - e - ver ex - al - ted in  
 pow'r and great might. The earth and the hea - vens are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na ho - san - na and praise in the height! How bles - sed is he who is sent to re -  
 deem us, who puts ev - 'ry fear and in - jus - tice to flight; who comes in the  
 name of the Lord as our Sa - viour. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na and praise in the height!

*The people remain standing or kneel, as able.*

**Celebrant** We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**People**      **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

**Celebrant**      Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Diocesan Bishop Lawrence, GERALYNN his assistant bishop, and Daniel and William his assisting bishops, and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,  
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.  
People AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

### FRACTIONAL HYMN 87

### HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING -Vs. 2

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Let in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

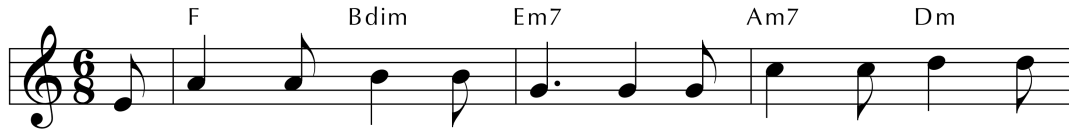
### THE INVITATION

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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your  
hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people are seated.*





1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed whose glow shall wake the  
 2 This child through Da - vid's cit - y shall ride in tri - umph  
 3 Yet he shall be for - sak - en, and yield - ed up to  
 4 But now, as at the end - ing, the low is lift - ed



sky; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall  
 by; the palm shall strew its branch - es, and ev - ery stone shall  
 die; the sky shall groan and dark - en, and ev - ery stone shall  
 high; the stars shall bend their voic - es, and ev - ery stone shall



cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, and  
 cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, though  
 cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, for  
 cry. And ev - ery stone shall cry, in



straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall har - bor  
 heav - y, dull, and dumb, and lie with - in the  
 hearts made hard by sin: God's blood up - on the  
 prais - es of the child by whose de - scent a -



heav - en, a stall be - come a shrine.  
 road - way to pave his king - dom come.  
 spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain.  
 mong us the worlds are rec - on - ciled.

The doubled lines in each stanza of this reflection on Christ's birth and death echo his saying (Luke 19:40) that creation will praise him if people are silent. This text by a former Poet Laureate of the United States is set to a lullaby-like tune specially composed for it.

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 MUSIC: David Hurd, 1984  
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 Music © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*The people stand, as able.*

Celebrant Let us pray,  
People 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.

THE CHRISTMAS BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 100

JOY TO THE WORLD

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the  
ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
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 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

## THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ, our newborn King! Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

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