

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Day 2025

The Church of the Holy Faith Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Church of the Holy Faith welcomes all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord. We believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and the Authority of Scripture. We honor our Anglican heritage and praise God with solemn liturgy, traditional Prayer Book worship, and music to exalt the spirit. We strive to live as a community with compassion for one another and the world around us. We worship together in peace to praise and thank God, to transcend division, and to celebrate the mystery of faith.

This service will be broadcast via livestream on Holy Faith's YouTube channel.



Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God. Before the Service, speak to the Lord; during the Service, let the Lord speak to you; after the Service, speak to one another.

The voices of small children are always welcome!

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, please stand.

The Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful Hymnal 83

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 323

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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

The Celebrant

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie Hymnal S 96

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in excelsis Deo Hymnal 96

Angels we have heard on high

The Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

First Reading Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the Lord in remembrance, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary." Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." And they shall be called The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought out, a city not forsaken.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

Setting by James Turle (1802-1882)

Chanted by the choir

Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King; let the earth rejoice; * let the multitude of the isles be glad.

- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, * righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him * and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; * the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, * at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, * and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! * Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments, O LORD.

- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; * you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
 he preserves the lives of his saints
 and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, * and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, * and give thanks to his holy Name.

Please stand.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Second Reading Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Please stand.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

Hymnal 94

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 treasured 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon Mother Lynn Finnegan

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 327

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon Today, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus, let us pray that we and the whole world

experience the reality that God is truly here with us.

Pray for God's holy church throughout the world, that it may faithfully proclaim God's Good

News of salvation, and that it care for the needs of God's people everywhere.

People We pray to thee, O Lord.

Deacon Pray for our government, for our President, and for all in positions of public trust throughout

the world, that each may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

People We pray to thee, O Lord.

Deacon Pray for peace in our troubled world, especially in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine; that the darkness

of war, terrorism, and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace, love, and reconciliation.

People We pray to thee, O Lord.

Deacon Pray for all families, that they may experience the peace and joy of the Holy Family we celebrate

this season.

People We pray to thee, O Lord.

Deacon Pray for those in need of our prayers and care: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry; those

who are sick or recovering from illness; and for those who struggle to experience joy in their life

during this season.

People We pray to thee, O Lord.

Deacon In thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. Pray that

we, like them, may remain faithful to God, and be witnesses to all of his faithfulness.

People We pray to thee, O Lord.

Celebrant Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for, that the

world may see and know the reality of thy Son's Incarnation; through Jesus Christ our Lord we

pray. Amen.

Confession of Sin BCP p. 393

Deacon Let us also pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Please kneel.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in thy compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by thy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Absolution

The Celebrant, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant continues

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 *John* 2:1-2

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.



The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter Harold Darke (1888-1976)

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, Heaven cannot hold Him, Nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign. In the bleak mid-winter, A stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom cherubim, Worship night and day, A breast full of milk, And a manger full 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.

Hymn for the Presentation

Please stand.

The first Nowell (v. 6) Hymnal 109

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II BCP p. 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with thy spirit.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus Hymnal S 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,heaven and earth are full of your glory.Hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal S 119

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

Agnus Dei Hymnal S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God:
 have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins:
 have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Regarding Communion

We believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

To receive wine, you may sip from the chalice. You may also decline the chalice, as Communion in one kind constitutes a full Communion.

Please do not place the wafer in the wine yourself.

Our priests are happy to do so for you and place the wafer on your tongue.

If this is your preference, please keep your hands folded as a sign to the priest to give you Communion in this manner.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, you may cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Children who have been baptized may receive according to the discretion of their parents.

Those watching via live-stream are invited to pray the following prayer at this time

A Prayer for those who are not present to receive

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the physical presence of my community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and the life to come. *Amen*.

Communion Anthem

O Magnum Mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn

Good Christian friends, rejoice

Hymnal 107

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 339

Please kneel.

People and Celebrant

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

Christmas 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*.

Retiring Hymn

Please stand.

Hark! The herald angels sing

Hymnal 87

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing

in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

The Ministers of the Service

The Very Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge Celebrant

The Reverend Simon R. Carian Deacon of the Mass and Preacher

Van Swift
Subdeacon

Pam Jones, Doug Ash, Ken Duran, and Judith Allison *Acolytes*

Jim Vandernaald *Lector*

Nancy Parthan, King Price, and Charles Rountree *Ushers*

Grant Taylor Livestream Ministry



The Holy Faith Choir Canon Mark Edw. Childers Director of Liturgy & Music

Christmastide

at The Church of the Holy Faith

Friday, December 26th

The Feast of Saint Stephen 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 27th

The Feast of Saint John 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 28th

The First Sunday after Christmas Day 7:30 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Rite I 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I

Monday, December 29th

The Feast of the Holy Innocents 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 30th

6:00 p.m.

Taizé Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Thursday, January 1st

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Dan & Martha Barnes – In memory of Kathryn Moore

Chris Biemesderfer & Rebecca Jensen – In memory of Merle R. Jensen & C. Daniel Biemesderfer

Jim & Anita Caldwell – In thanksgiving for Elizabeth Caldwell, Matt Mawby & Malia Mawby

Lynn Campbell – In memory of Frank Campbell, Evelyn & Lee Hefner Combs

George Case - In honor of The Case & Salazar Families

Elaine Coleman - In memory of The Rev. Robert H. Dinegar

Ann & Bill Daily – To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our beloved parents, Martha Redding Murphy & Bertram Hugh Murphy, and Dorothy Mary Daily & Frederick Maurice Daily

Bill and Karen Gahr - In thanksgiving for: Our friends and family

Shelby Green - In memory of Jere L. Green

Jeff & Peter Indall - In thanksgiving for Jon & Mary Indall

Phyllis Lehmberg – In memory of Stanford Lehmberg, Margaret Williford, and Sharon Cooper

Mike Morrissey – In memory of Clair & Elizabeth Stone, parents of Joanne Morrissey and Edward & Winifred Morrissey, parents of Mike Morrissey

Lora Morton – *In memory of James, Cary, and Christopher Morton*

Marcus Parker – In thanksgiving for Claire Parker

Mary & Jamie Polk - In memory of Rev. Carroll & Martha McPherson and Gen. James H. & Josephine Polk

Nicola Renison – In memory of our dearly loved parents & grandparents Marise Agnes Jones, Ronald Gomer Jones, Harriet Plume Penison, and John Paul Renison

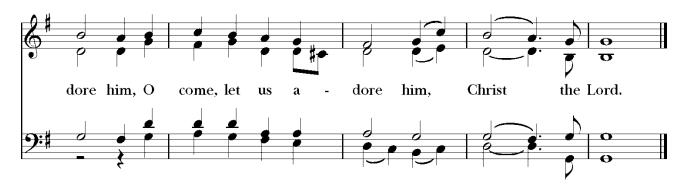
Nicola Renison - In memory of Roger I. Sekera, dearly loved friend

Rebecca Tobey – In memory of my Assisi sisters in heaven, Sharon Cooper, Mary Dale Gordon, Anna Jane Hayes, and Kay Swindell, forever in my heart.

Christine Williams – *In memory of David Williams*

Jason Williams – In thanksgiving for Mtr. Lynn Finnegan's service to The Church of the Holy Faith and all the volunteers who donate their time to this church.

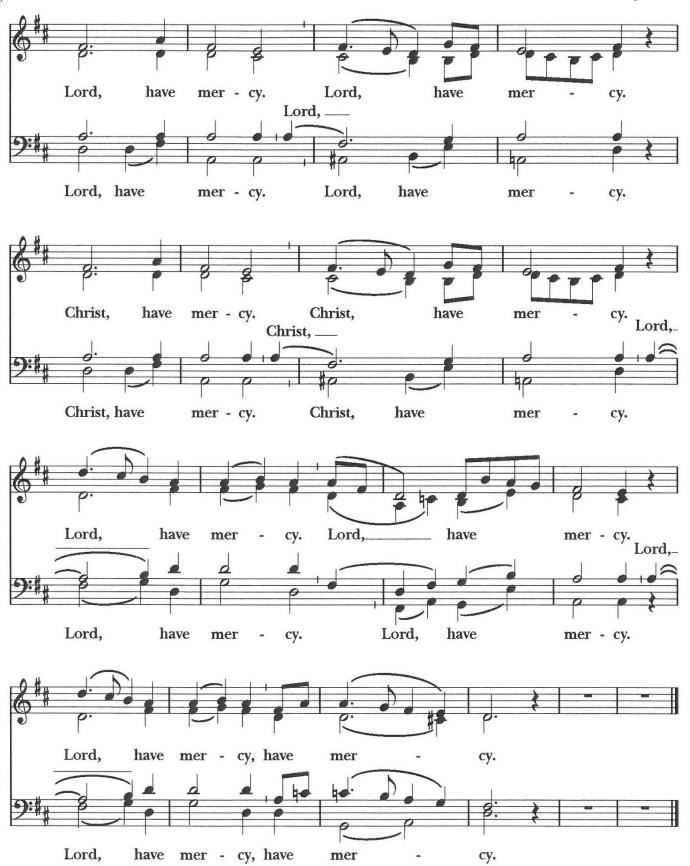




6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Kyrie Hymnal S 96







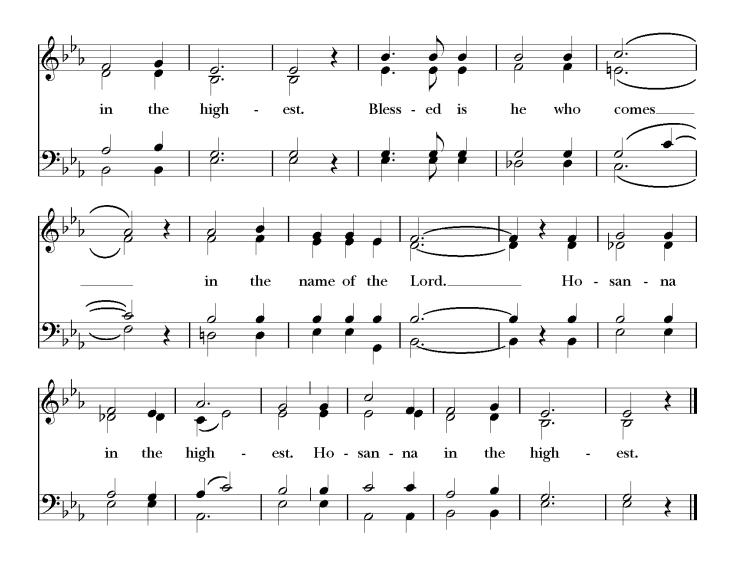


6 "All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal S 130



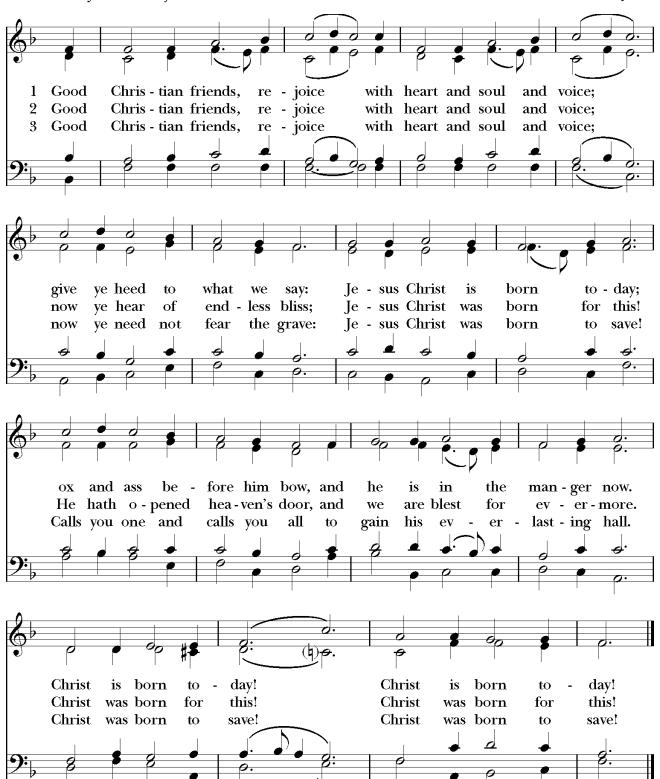


Agnus Dei Hymnal S 164



Good Christian friends, rejoice

Hymnal 107









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The Reverend Simon R. Carian, Associate Rector
The Reverend Madelynn Johnston, Assisting Priest
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