

## ENTRANCE HYMN

### HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,  
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,  
3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye  
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -  
2. God-head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as  
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

### FIRST READING

**SIR 3:2-6,12-14**

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins —a house raised in justice to you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****PS 128:1-2,3,4-5****R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored. **R/**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table. **R/**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R/**

**SECOND READING****COL 3:12-17**

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**The Word of the Lord****R/ Thanks be to God****ALLELUIA****COL 3:15A,16A**

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL****LK 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until

she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

**R/ Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

### AWAY IN A MANGER

MUELLER

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The  
 2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I  
 3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky — looked down where he lay, The  
 2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And  
 3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
 2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885;  
 verse 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

Arranged by Tom Booth

Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king, to

1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While  
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The  
 3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 3. 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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion** My good Jesus, I thank You with all my heart for giving me Yourself, the Source of all graces, in holy communion. I thank You for all the blessings that I have received from You, especially through the Holy Eucharist, in which You are ever present to console us and to help us in our needs. In thanksgiving of all Your favors, I offer You all that I am and have. Dispose of me according to Your pleasure. May Your will be done in me and through me, now and forever.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA  
 Arranged by Dean Baskerville

Verses

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing  
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the  
 4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the an - gels

1. o'er the plains, And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o  
 2. strains pro-long? Say what may the tid - ings be Which in -  
 3. an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the  
 4. praise a - bove; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we

1. back their joy - ous strains.  
 2. spire your heav'n-ly song?  
 3. Lord, the new-born King.  
 4. raise our hearts in love.

Glo—ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o! De-o! In ex-cel-sis De-o!

