

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH | HARVARD SQUARE



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

Thursday, December 24th, 2020

5pm (Parish Mass), 7.30pm (Solemn Mass)

Organ Preludes

5pm		TBC	TBC
7.30pm	<i>Von Himmel hoch</i> BWV 606 <i>Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ</i> BWV 604 from <i>Orgelbüchlein</i>		J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
	<i>À la venue de Noël</i> <i>Joseph est bien Marie</i> <i>Puer Nobis Nascitur</i> from <i>Troisième Livre d'Orgue</i> (1685)		Nicolas-Antoine Lebègue (1631-1702)
	<i>The Holy Boy – A Carol for the Nativity</i>		John Ireland (1879-1972) (arr. Alec Rowley)
	<i>Es ist ein Ros entsprungen</i> Op. 122, No. 8		Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

Portions of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung to the following settings:

5pm Mass: *Missa Brevis in D Major* K. 194 - W.A. Mozart (1756-91)

7.30pm Mass: *Missa ad Praesepe* - George Malcolm (1917-97)

ORDER OF MASS

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

Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu,
ego hodie genui te. Quare fremuerunt
gentes et populi sunt inanania? Gloria
Patri &c.

*The Lord said unto me: you are mine own Son,
I have begotten you this day. Why this uproar
among the nations, and among the people such
asinine murmuring? Glory be &c.*

Processional Carol

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
*O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

2. God of God, light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created:
*O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest:
*O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
*O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

Words and Music: J.F. Wade (1711-86)
Descant by David Wilcocks

Introductory Rites

Kyrie

Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy.**

*Κύριε, ἐλέησον.
Χριστέ, ἐλέησον.
Κύριε, ἐλέησον.*

Gloria

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.

Collect



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 9.1-6

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!

Psalm

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the all the earth. O sing to the Lord
bless his name.

Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell
among the nations his glory, and his
wonders among all the peoples.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be
glad; let the sea and within it thunder
praise.

Let the land and all it bears rejoice. The will
all the trees of the wood shout for joy.

At the presence of the Lord, for he comes, he
comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with justice; he will
govern the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading

Titus 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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord said unto me: you are mine own Son, I have begotten you this day.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 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



The Nicene Creed

said by all

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

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified (*all bow*), who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Motet

5pm Mass

1. 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.

2. O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing – let “Glory!” ring
with peace to all on earth!
For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond’ring love.

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of the heav’ns.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-93)

Music: A Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

7.30pm Mass

1. Born in a stable so bare
Born so long ago
Born 'neath light of star
He who loved us so
Far away, silent he lay
Born today, your homage pay
For Christ is born for aye
Born on Christmas Day

2. Cradled by mother so fair
Tender her lullaby
Over her son so dear
Angel hosts fill the sky
Far away, silent he lay
Born today, your homage pay
For Christ is born for aye
Born on Christmas Day

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

sung at 7.30pm Mass

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus
Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria
tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Mystery of Faith

said by all

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Lord's Prayer

said by all

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.

Agnus Dei

said by all

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Agnus Dei from the musical mass setting will be sung as one of the communion motets.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed under **one** kind and only in the hand. It is imperative that social distancing be maintained on your way to and from the Communion station. Please approach the Communion station wearing a mask. The host will be dropped into your outstretched hands. Please step to the side, remove your mask, and consume the host. Should you feel that the risk is too high to receive Communion at this time, please make an *Act of Spiritual Communion*.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Communion Antiphon

In splendoribus sanctorum ex utero
ante luciferum genui te.

*In the splendour of the saints, out of the
womb, before the morning star I begot
thee.*

Communion Motet

5pm Mass

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk, And Mary she bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:

*And Mary she bore Jesus our Saviour for to be,
And the first tree that's in the greenwood, it was
the holly.*

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
And Mary she bore Jesus, who died on the cross: *And Mary bore...*

7.30pm Mass

1. 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.

2. 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.

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal, And Mary she bore Jesus, who died for us all: *And Mary bore...*

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,
Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead: *And Mary bore...*

Words: Anon. Cornish 19th Century
Music: Traditional arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

3. 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.

4. What can I give Him,
Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give Him, —
Give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-94)
Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Post-Communion Motet

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!

2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

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!

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)
Music: Franz Gruber (1787-1863)
arr. Theodore Marier (1912-2001)



Prayer After Communion

Concluding Rite

Recessional Carol

1. Hark! The herald-angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald-angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald-angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King"

3. Hail the Heaven-born Prince of
Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"

Words: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)
Music: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Organ Voluntary

9.30am
11am

TBC
Toccata (from *Symphonie No. 5*)

TBC
C-M Widor (1844-1937)

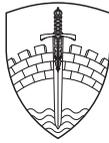


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The music at the 5pm Mass was led by
Mr. Maks Adach, *Assistant Director of Music*
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The music at the 7.30pm Mass was led by
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