

CHURCH OF THE *ASSUMPTION*

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR *The Solemnity of The Holy Family*

December 27, 2020

*If you are worshipping with us from home, you are invited to sing the hymns. If you are with us at church, please refrain from singing out loud for everyone's safety.

The Introductory Rites

OPENING HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly
1. cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by
1. In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y was that
1. moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.

Text: Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, Tune: IRBY

GLORIA FOR CHRISTMAS

Angels We Have Heard On High
GLORIA

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Sirach 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.

Or

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

PSALM

Psalm 128
Haugen

SECOND READING

Colossians 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Luke 2:22, 39-40

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. 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.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Verses

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may;

1. Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day

1. To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.

Refrain

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and joy;

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

The image shows musical notation for the verses and refrain of the carol 'God Rest You Merry Gentlemen'. It consists of five staves of music. The first three staves are labeled 'Verses' and each has a line of lyrics below it. The last two staves are labeled 'Refrain' and have two lines of lyrics below them. The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: '1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may;', '1. Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was born on Christ - mas Day', '1. To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.', 'O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and joy;', and 'O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.'

Text Traditional English Christmas Carol, Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those worshipping with us at home)

**My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment
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.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Concluding Rites

DISMISSAL

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Go Tell It On The Mountain
Traditional African-American Spiritual

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