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TO BE A BEACON RADIATING GOD'S LOVE AMONG ALL PEOPLE

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)



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THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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THE QUIET RADIANCE:

A REFLECTION ON BEING A BLESSING THIS CHRISTMAS

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ,

We thank God that we are together this Christmas as we remember our loved ones whom we love but see no longer. They have been a blessing to us in word and deed and we are encouraged to be the same for others.

Christmas is a time when many are hoping for a miracle - when many are hoping to be blessed and the Christmas story is the greatest incentive for being that vehicle of God's grace.

To be a blessing is not necessarily about performing grand, public gestures, or achieving monumental acts of charity. Instead, we find it is a far quieter, more consistent practice—a daily choice to embody goodness in the small, often unseen, interactions of life. It is the intention to leave every person and every place slightly better than we found them, driven by the understanding that true fulfillment lies not in what one acquires, but in what one contributes.

The essence of being a blessing is a radical shift in perspective: moving from a scarcity mindset focused on personal lack, to an abundance mindset focused on shared resources of time, empathy, and kindness. It

means consciously stepping outside the natural human inclination toward self-preoccupation to notice the needs, visible or invisible, of those around us. This awareness turns simple acts—like listening without judgment, offering sincere encouragement, or simply being a stable presence in a moment of chaos—into powerful gifts. These are the moments when we are most truly "blessed" in the transitive sense, acting as conduits of grace rather than merely recipients of it.

What is perhaps most profound about this practice is the creation of a genuine ripple effect. A single act of intentional kindness is rarely a closed loop. The energy of being supported, seen, or relieved of a burden tends to propagate outwards. The person who received a timely compliment might then pay for the coffee of the person behind them. The colleague who felt truly heard during a stressful meeting might approach their next interaction with renewed patience. It is through this chain of quiet generosity that the world's shared burdens become lighter. Our own well-being is intrinsically tied to the well-being of our community, and by nurturing them, we inevitably nurture the environment that sustains us.

Furthermore, being a blessing is a potent antidote to cynicism. In a world that often feels fractured and overwhelming, actively choosing to bring light, even in a small way, grounds us in purpose. It reminds us that we have agency—that our hands are capable of healing, even if only by wiping away a tear or typing a supportive message. The deepest, most enduring joy we have

experienced has consistently followed an action that eased another's suffering or amplified their happiness. This paradoxical reality—that we gain by giving—is the quiet truth at the heart of the matter.

Ultimately, being a blessing is not a status to be achieved, but a continuous way of living. It requires humility, consistency, and a persistent willingness to see the good in others and to reflect that goodness back to them. It is the gentle, daily work of making one's life a quiet, radiant source of warmth in the lives of others.

Let us be the blessing that our world needs this Christmas.

A joyous Christmas to you and a year filled with countless blessings.

Your friend and pastor

Canon Beverley

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ORGAN PRELUDE

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OPENING SENTENCE: CHRISTMAS

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

Alleluia.

Galatians 4. 45

HYMN FOR THE PROCESSION: 83

1. Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.
2. * At his word they were created;
he commanded; it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean
in their threefold order one;
all that grows beneath the shining
of the light of moon and sun,
evermore and evermore.
3. O that birth for ever blessed!
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Saviour of our race,
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,

evermore and evermore.

4. O ye heights of heaven, adore him;
angel-hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King:
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.
5. This is he whom seers and sages
sang of old with one accord;
whom the writings of the Prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected:
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore.
6. * Hail, thou Judge of souls departed!
hail, thou King of them that live!
On the Father's throne exalted
none in might with thee may strive;
who at last in judgement coming
sinners from thy face shalt drive,
evermore and evermore.
7. Now let old and young men's voices,
join with boys' thy name to sing,
matrons, virgins, little maidens
in glad chorus answering;
let their guileless songs re-echo,
and the heart its praises bring,
evermore and evermore.

8. Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant, and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore.

INTROIT HYMN 73

1. Joy to the world , The Lord is come!
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, The Saviour reigns!
let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as, the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove

the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, and wonders, of his love.

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Alleluia! Alleluia*).

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
(*Alleluia! Alleluia*).

THE PRAYER OF INTENT

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. *Amen*.

The following may also be said:

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

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.

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT:

THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL - CHRISTMAS EVE

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

or this

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. *Amen.*

or this

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 52:7 - 10

The prophet has urged the people to rise out of their despondency. They are in exile, and yearn to return to Jerusalem. They believe that God has deserted them for their infidelity. Now God speaks: my people will know about me; “therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak: here am I”.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 52, beginning at the seventh verse.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces
peace,

who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord

The people:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

This psalm is a song of thanksgiving and praise to the victorious Lord, who has made righteousness known and shown faithfulness to God's people.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the
sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the

Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son: *
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now: *
and shall be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 1: 1 - 4 (5 - 12)

The Book of Hebrews stresses the importance of salvation through Christ - perhaps to Jewish Christians who were tempted to return to Judaism, or to Jews who were interested in becoming Christian. Christ is the perfect priest: he is mediator between the Father and humans, and purifies us of our sins.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 1, beginning at the first verse.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[For to which of the angels did God ever say,

*"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?*

Or again,

*"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?*

*And again, when he brings the firstborn into the
world, he says,*

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

*"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."*

But of the Son he says,

*"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of
your kingdom.*

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

*therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your
companions."*

And,

*"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;*

*they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;*

*like a cloak you will roll them up, and like
clothing they will be changed.*

*But you are the same,
and your years will never end."]*

The people: **The Word of the Lord**
 Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 91

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
 all seated on the ground,
 the angel of the Lord came down,
 and glory shone around.
2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
 had seized their troubled mind);
 'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
 to you and all mankind.
3. 'To you in David's town this day
 is born of David's line
 a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
 and this shall be the sign:
4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
 to human view displayed,
 all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
 and in a manger laid.'
5. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
 appeared a shining throng
 of angels praising God, who thus
 addressed their joyful song:
6. 'All glory be to God on high,
 and to the earth be peace;
 good will henceforth from heaven to men
 begin and never cease."

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-14

John wrote his account of the gospel so that we “may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah [the Christ], the Son of God, and that through believing we may have life in his name”. John begins with a summary of the faith.

Gospeler: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

*Gospeler: A Reading from the Holy Gospel
according to John.*

All: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of Christ
The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(NRSV)

SERMON:

THE CREED: HYMN: 561

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.

We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit,
in one church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,

one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end..

THE INTERCESSION: FORM D:

LEADER: Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for the Church and the World, and let us thank God for His goodness.

Silence may be kept.

LEADER: We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this Diocese, our Bishops, Michael, John, Rufus and Wilfred and all the people of God.

ALL: Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

LEADER: We pray for our country and for all the nations of the world, especially Haiti, with its many social and economic challenges; and for all peoples in their various callings.

ALL: Direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.

LEADER: We pray for our own community, for this parish, for our families, friends, and all who live and work with us.

ALL: Give grace to all our friends and neighbours in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.

LEADER: We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the handicapped; all who have requested our prayers and all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

ALL: Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all those who remember and care for them.

LEADER: We commemorate the departed, especially those who have died in your faith.

ALL: We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.

Silence may be kept.

LEADER: Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

ALL: *Amen.*

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1: 8 - 9)

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

PRESIDENT: We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Song of Peace: : Let There Be Peace

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 77

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:

Refrain

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
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:

Refrain

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
'Glory to God in the highest:'

Refrain

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy
morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

CHRISTMAS:

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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

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!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: FORM C

PRESIDENT:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to
us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and, above all, in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent Him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In Him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For, on the night that He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: "Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And 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.

PRESIDENT:

Therefore, Father, according to His command:

All: **We remember His death;
 We proclaim His resurrection;
 We await His coming in glory.**

PRESIDENT:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the sacrament
of the Body of Christ
and His Blood of the New Covenant.
Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice
that we, made acceptable in Him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation:

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, now and ever.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL: Though we are many we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI

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

THE INVITATION

PRESIDENT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL: Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

COMMUNION HYMN: 63

1. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they said that his name was Jesus.

Refrain:

*He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh yes, believer, oh yes, believer.
He come from the glory,
he come from the glorious kingdom.*

2. The angels sang when the babe was born,
the angels sang when the babe was born,
the angels sang when the babe was born,
and proclaimed him the Saviour Jesus.

Refrain

3. The wise men saw where the babe was born,
the wise men saw where the babe was born,
the wise men saw where the babe was born,
and they saw that his name was Jesus.

Refrain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body
live His risen life;
we who drink His cup
bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines
give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness
to your Word, so we and all your children shall be
free,
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING:

CHRISTMAS

Christ, who by His incarnation gathered into one, all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen

THE DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Please feel free to depart during the
postlude, mindful of those who
remain to listen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 68

1. Hark! The herald-angels sing
glory to the new-born 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.'

Refrain:

*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.

Refrain

3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
 Hail, the Sun 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.

Refrain

Services for the Christmas Season, 2025 (Year A)		
DATE	TIME	SERVICE
Sunday, Dec. 28	7:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m.	• The First Sunday of Christmas
Wednesday Dec 31	9:00 p.m.	• Eve of the Holy Name • Old Year Devotions & Holy Eucharist
Sunday, Jan. 4	7:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m.	• The Second Sunday of Christmas

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