



The
Nativity of
Jesus Christ

Christmas Day 10:00 am

You Are Welcome

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

Our Vision

We seek to become a community that mirrors the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus. We do that in five important ways: We praise God, invite all, connect lives, nurture faith, and serve neighbor.

Let's Get Connected

Fill out one of these cards, which you can find in the backs of the chairs and drop it in the offering basket or give it to a member of the clergy.

OR

Stop by the Welcome Table, which is near the west entrance to the church.

AND

Check-in and follow SPR on social media: [facebook.com/sprchicago](https://www.facebook.com/sprchicago) and [@sprchicago](https://twitter.com/sprchicago)



Become a Member

All are welcome to be here and explore without exception. If you would like to learn more about our parish and meet interesting people, plan on attending an SPR 101 class. Look for the next one in the new year.

Some Helpful Things to Know Today

Can I receive Communion?

Yes. Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive Communion.

When am I supposed to stand?

At any point in the service, it's perfectly fine for you to remain seated as you're comfortable. We do have customary times when we stand or kneel; these are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. There are also times when it is customary to cross ourselves, and if you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

Are children welcome here?

Yes. Children are invited to participate actively in the service. Also, coloring pages, crayons, and books are at the entrances to the church. Nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The Nursery is down the southwest stairs. And finally, changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the Nursery.

Where are the restrooms?

There are single-user, gender-neutral restrooms down the southwest stairs and also through the northeast door of the sanctuary.

How do I find my way around?

There's a map at the Welcome Table near the west entrance to the church. Also feel free to ask anyone to help you around.

Is there wheelchair accessibility?

Yes. An accessible restroom is through the northeast door of the sanctuary. An elevator is being installed this Fall. Everyone is invited to remain seated at any point during the service as they need.

How about hearing assistance?

We can help there, too. Hearing-assistance devices are available from the ushers.

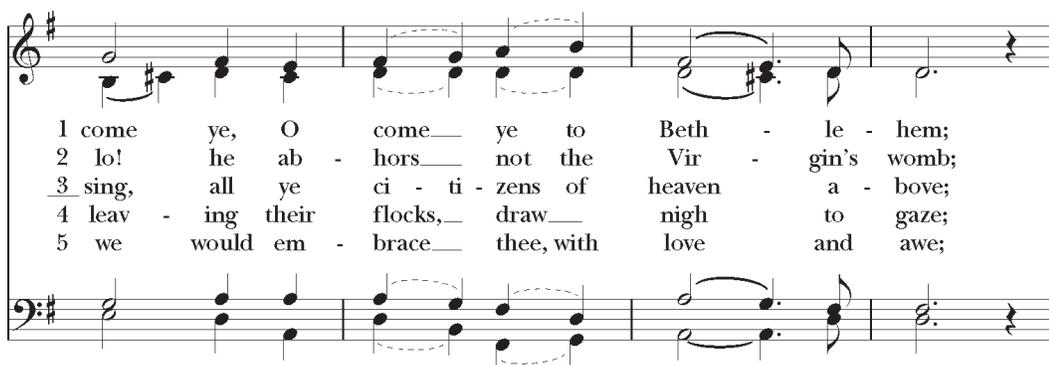
Looking for a room? Find a map on the Welcome Table at the west entrance of the church.

The Word of God

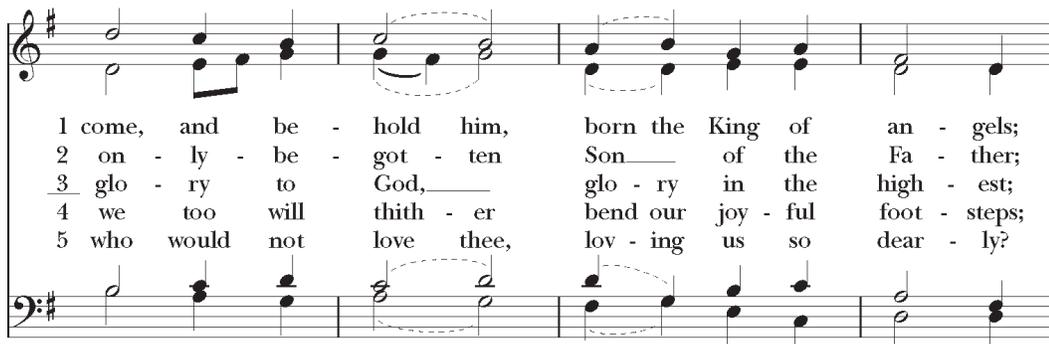
When the bell rings, all stand as able and sing:



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,



1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

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



Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, Irr., present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
 Glory to God, for ever and ever.

God be with you.
 And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2-7

All sing:

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.
 Music: *Gloria*, 77. 77 with Refrain, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958);
 v. 4 reharmonization and descant Bruce Neswick (b. 1957)

A reading from the letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Titus 2:11-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

All sing:

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
Music: Mendelssohn, 77. 77. D with Refrain, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)
v. 3 descant Daniel J. Fortune

At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over your heart.

**+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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!”

Luke 2:1-14

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Tonight's Preacher: The Rev'd Roger Ferlo, Priest Associate

We ask that parents take crying infants to the Narthex or the Nursery downstairs.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

All stand.

Let us pray in the peace of God, that all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days be but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's Word made flesh this night. And from grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying,

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the child born to us find in our hearts a warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this time of gift giving, may we become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the rejoicing of this day be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May the joy and consolation of the wonderful Counselor enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness, including **Samuel** Tryba and his parents (friend of Sally Wolcott), **Bruce** Plummer, **Barbara** Brown (sister of Crystal Plummer), **Pam** Anderson, **Frances** Framer (sister of Brenda Kilpatrick), **Lee** Allen (friend of Jane Stuart), **Ann** St. John (friend of Robert & Sheila Bator), **John** O'Dowd (father of Maureen Jesuthasan), **Suzanne** (mother of Betsy Ko), **Barbra** Goering, **Rudy** White (husband of Greg Colombe), **Kenneth** Larsen (father of David Larsen), and **George & Olive** Whitley.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word in our flesh. May our words of prayer and praise echo the song of the angels, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this night and forever. **Amen.**

Adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People

The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

All greet one another and return to their seats for the rest of the service.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Please stand as able when the clergy go to the altar.

All sing:

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
4. Where chil - dren pure and hap - py pray to the bles - sed Child,

1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2. while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
4. where mi - se - ry cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;

1. yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
4. where char - it - y stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,

1. the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2. and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3. where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
4. the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.

The Hymnal 1982 #79 "O little town of Bethlehem", stanzas 1-4
Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)
Music: St. Louis, CMD, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right ...

All sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n___ and earth___ are
full___ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes___ in the name___ of the Lord.
the high - est,
Ho - san - na in the high - est,___ Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Music: from *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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We give thanks to you ...

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And we offer ...

... Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

All sing:

The musical score is written for four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell; O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!"

The Hymnal 1982 #79 "O little town of Bethlehem", stanza 5 only
 Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)
 Music: St. Louis, CMD, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive Communion. Please find a spot anywhere along the altar platform.

If you want gluten-free bread, tell the priest. If you would like a blessing in place of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

All sing:

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

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus lay down His sweet head,
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes;
Close by me for ev - er, and love me, I pray;

The stars in the sky — looked down where He lay,
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

Words: sts. 1-2 anonymous, st. 3 John T. McFarland (1851-1913)
Music: Mueller, 11 11 11 11; James R. Murray (1841-1905)

All sing:

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Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born. **Fine**

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled, when lo! a - bove the earth,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

Be - hold through-out the heav-ens there shown a ho - ly light.____
Rang out the an - gel cho-rus that hailed the Sa - vior's birth.____
And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.____ **D.C.**

Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967)
Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, 76. 76 with Refrain, African-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009)
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Sending Forth

Let us pray.

Please stand.

Loving God,

we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Presider blesses the People. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

All sing:

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

- 1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
- 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
- 3 far as the curse is found, far
- 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
 Music: *Antioch*, CM with Refrain, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759);
 adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
 v. 4 descant Daniel J. Fortune

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

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