

Merry Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH



4th Sunday of Advent - December 24, 2023

The Nativity of the Lord - December 25, 2023

Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Parish
1975 Daytona Dr. - Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the Son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To Him be glory and praise forever.



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2023

God's covenant gloriously shines forth in the birth of Jesus, son of David.

Pastor's Corner: Thankful & Grateful

Beloved Parishioners,

This week I wish to defer my message so that you can hear a message from the heart of one of our beloved parishioners who has been so moved by the kindness and generosity of the parish community. Her message to the parish follows.

Dear Friends, some of whom we have not met yet,

We want to express our deepest gratitude for your prayers and very generous help in this difficult time of need. I am in awe of this beautiful, open-hearted community and its support to us. I can honestly say I have never in my life felt this level of love and support pouring towards me from complete strangers. As you know, my daughters Oktavia 17 and Aurelia 13 were run over by an SUV on Swanson Ave. on Oct. 28th and immediately flown to Las Vegas for surgeries. They have undergone surgeries, have long metal screws in their bodies and are both home now. Oktavia came home 2 weeks ago and Aurelia who turned 14 at the hospital has been home for 2 days now. I am incredibly happy that they are home for Christmas. In my testimony I want to say that God is Very Real and Absolutely Incredible. My girls kept fighting me that they should not have to wear helmets on their moped because 1) Arizona law says they don't have to, 2) because Oktavia is such a good and careful driver, 3) because this is a small town, and nothing will ever happen. On the day of the accident, they had all the reasons NOT to wear helmets as I was in Utah dealing with a repair, so I was not here to pester them. Good Father, God's will was that they both wore their helmets and thanks to this they are both alive! Their sustained injuries could have been so much worse than they were. With SO MANY broken bones, their organs were not pierced. 2 RNs stopped immediately at the scene of accident to help my daughters. Many people gathered and did anything they could to help. God is Incredible!! Tears of thankfulness are pouring down

my face as I am writing this testimony. So many things happened right after the accident that seemed completely Divinely coordinated. When I received the phone call that my children were badly injured and were being flown to Vegas, I started screaming in pain like a wild animal in the middle of a Home Depot Store in Utah. All these women started gathering around me knowing that something really bad had happened, created a circle, put their hands on my back and just prayed even though I was in such a pure shock, I could not speak. Then they made sure I did not drive until I could function ok. When I got to the airport there was a flight to Las Vegas in 1 hour. The ticketing agent told me he did not have an open seat. Just then the police officer looking after my girls' case phoned, spoke with the agent and I was able to get a seat. When I sat in the only seat available, I was praying for my daughters' safety and wellbeing in my heart, my body was shaking, and tears were pouring down my face. The lady to the left of me asked if she could hold my hand. She took my hand and started praying. After a while I thanked her and told her what had happened. She then told me that she has been working at the Sunrise Hospital where my girls were airlifted for 20 years and that they are in very good hands. Seriously, what are the chances of this?! Then the only person I know in Vegas, my friend who works away and is never home, I called her, she was home and told me she will right away meet me at the airport and bring me to see my girls. She stayed with us at the hospital for most of the first night. Nobody can tell me that God is not real, or that He is not PURE LOVE. He sent so many Angels our way.

Thank you again for all your prayers and generosity. We hope you All have the Warmest Christmas and are surrounded by family and friends feeling the kind of Love we are feeling right now.

Forever grateful, Marta, Oktavia and Aurelia Romance

Christmas Message 2023

Beloved Parishioners,

This is the time we celebrate the joy of Christmas that a savior was born for us and the mystery of God becoming man out of His love for humanity. It is a celebration of God's love as He identifies with our humanness which He transforms by His divine love. It is a time many families gather to share the love of family reunion and God's blessing as the year winds down. It is a time we celebrate the joy of God's presence in our midst. It also gives us the unique opportunity to share God's amazing love dwelling among us with other people, friends, and family members. As your pastor, I send this Christmas message because each of you and your family are deeply cherished, appreciated, and loved. Your gift of love, faith and support are great value highly profound in this parish. May we also use this period to share that love with others who lack love.

As I wish you all a merry Christmas, I write to express my deep appreciation to everyone for being a wonderful member of this family of Our Lady of the Lake. We thank God for the blessings of yet another opportunity to celebrate this Christmas and more so, for the graces that have been bestowed upon us. I want to say sincerely that your prayers, faith, your devotion, your sacrifices, and support has kept the parish and school growing. On the parish side, many of you have demonstrated great support in the way you respond to the needs of the parish, and I use this period of love to say thank you to everyone. The ministries in our parish like the care for the sick, elderly, the dying, OCIA, marriage preparations, growing disciples, the youth ministry and the various ministries that serve the need of this parish are possible because you support them with your heart. I am super grateful to you for doing that for the parish and I want to use this season of Christmas of God's love to tell you how uplifted I am for your love and support.

On the school side, the love many of you have shown for the growth of the school is amazing and I know that without such love and support we would not have reached where we are today in our school project. The school has been a true blessing to the parish, as the future of this parish lies with the young who will continue to keep the faith growing. We still have a long way to go, but we are confident, that with God on our side and your amazing support, we are destined for greatness. I pray God's blessing upon you as we celebrate this season of joy.

Merry Christmas and may you and your family have an amazing Christmas.

Fr. Tony Okolo C.S.Sp., V.F.



Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Christmas time is a wonderful time to reflect upon the mysteries of our faith, and on the merciful love of Jesus.

Each time another year has gone by, we become introspective of the joys and sorrows that have touched us, and pray for God's assurance in keeping us in His loving care.

With each passing moment we see that our time here is short, reflecting upon those who are no longer with us is profound, and at the heart of the Christmas message as Christmas teaches us in our human way to long for the things of heaven as the Child Jesus is our closest experience of it.

Let us take time this Christmas Season to breathe in all that is from God and learn to cherish each moment as if it is our last, enjoying faith, family, and friends, and renewing with vigor the sense of the sacred in awe of God's presence within our heart and home.

Blessings of Christmas Peace,
Father Michael Accinni Reinhardt



Christmas Season Office Closures

Monday, December 25, 2023, closed all day
Tuesday, December 26, 2023, closed all day
Monday, January 1, 2024, closed all day



In the event of an emergency,
please call 928-855-2685

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



School Christmas Break

The School and the School Office will be closed from Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 1:30 pm until Monday, January 8, 2024 for Christmas Break. We wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas Season.

Confessions Notice

There will be no confessions on
Tuesday, December 26, 2023 &
Wednesday, December 27, 2023.
Regular Confession times will resume on Saturday,
December 30, 2023.



Theme: We Are All Called to be Mother of Christ

4th Sunday of Advent Year B, December 24, 2023

1st Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, 2nd Reading Romans 16:25-27, Gospel Luke 1:26-38

We are very close at Christmas as tonight we begin the celebration of the mystery of the incarnation of Christ among us. As we can see the attention shifts from John the Baptist to Mary the Mother of God. This story is only found in Luke's gospel. Hence, we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's son would be born as a human person as one of us. She is to be mother of Christ.

Mother of Christ is a title we usually reserve for Mary. But Mary is mother of Christ in two senses. She is mother of Christ in the physical sense that she carried Jesus in her womb and gave birth to him. This is an unrepeatable event and an honor that no other human being could share with her. But she is also mother of Christ in a spiritual sense. In a spiritual sense the role of being mother of Christ is available to all Christians. We all, men, women, and children, can and should become mothers of Christ. No one is excluded from this call to be the mother of Christ.

What is this spiritual motherhood of Christ and how does it happen? For the answer we need to go right back to Jesus Himself. While He was still speaking to the crowds, His mother and His brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to Him. Someone told Him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." But to the one who had told Him this, Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers and sisters?" And pointing to His disciples, He said, "Here are my mother and my brothers and sisters! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:46-50)

This shows that first, Jesus expects His followers to be not only His brothers and sisters but His mother as well, and secondly, the way to be the mother of Jesus is

by doing the will of God. Spiritual motherhood of Christ is attained by saying yes to God, just as Mary did, even when God appears to demand from us what is humanly impossible, like asking Mary to be a virgin mother. To become mother of Christ we need to make the prayer of Mary our own: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

God bestowed on Mary all the greatest favors in order of grace. Whether the sun was shining, or the sky was black, Mary was led by His grace. Why was the extraordinary favor done to Mary alone? Because, as St. Paul tells the Romans, "When the mystery of Jesus Christ, hidden from many ages, was finally revealed, God expected human beings to believe and obey." (Rom 16:25-26) Mary was the first disciple of Christ to believe and obey. Her faith was humble and hence she first believed and only then reasoned upon it. Yes, God wanted Mary to submit even that noble reason to faith. Some people cling to their reason so adamantly that they are never able to see the light of faith. Mary's faith was ever active and hence she not only accepted the divine truth but dwelt upon it, used it and developed it. Her faith was ever active and hence "the handmaid of the Lord" did not exclude even death from her faith. Her obedience was risk taking when she said, "Let it be done according to thy word." (Lk 1:38) She did not realize the full implication of the word. Her obedience was loving. She loved God and hence trusted in Him and obeyed. Mary kept on saying "YES" to God till the end of her earthly story. Let's imitate Mary by saying "Yes" everyday by our own act of faith and obedience to God especially as we prepare to welcome Him in our lives this Christmas season. Merry Christmas to you all, as I wish you and your families a graceful celebration of Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Fr. Tony Okolo C.S.Sp., V.F.



Online Giving

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm Children's Mass

Midnight Mass

(Music starts at 11:30 pm)

Sunday, December 25, 2023

Christmas Day Masses

7:00 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am

Mass Intentions & Readings

Sunday	December 24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25-27	Lk 1:26-38	7:00 am Louis & Lottie Bedekovich † (Bill & Lorri McBrayer)
		Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25	Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25	8:45 am Ted Hardy † (Al & Lucy Lopez)
				10:30 am Carlos Osornio S/I (Nubia Betancourt)
				12:30 pm Parishioners
				4:00 pm For Prudence & Courage for the Lost & Fearful
				6:00 pm James Fernando † (Fernando Family)
Monday	December 25	Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Is 62:11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6	Lk 2:1-14 Lk 2:15-20 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14	Midnight For Assistance for the Poor & Needy
				7:00 am For an Increase in Unity
				8:45 am For Treatment for Those Suffering from Addiction
				10:30 am For an Increase in Forgiveness
Tuesday	December 26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Mt 10:17-22	8:30 am Conrad Studer † (Family)
Wednesday	December 27	1 Jn 1:1-4	Jn 20:1a, 2-8	8:30 am For Catechesis for All the Faithful
				5:30 pm Melanie Peterson † (Marianne Misiak)
Thursday	December 28	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Mt 2:13-18	8:30 am Tarina Noronha (Shirley Noronha)
Friday	December 29	1 Jn 2:3-11	Lk 2:22-35	8:30 am Richard Haupert † (The Butlers)
Saturday	December 30	1 Jn 2:12-17 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17	Lk 2:36-40 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40	8:30 am Joe Mason † (Church Family)
				4:00 pm Edward Lamoureux † (Dorothy Lamoureux)
Sunday	December 31	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17	Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40	7:00 am Nancy Matthews HM (Joan Hemhauser)
				8:45 am Hamilton McBrayer (Bill & Lorri McBrayer)
				10:30 am Maria del Refugio-Jaime Rangel † (Gaby Fonseca & Family)
				12:30 pm Parishioners
				5:30 pm Paul J. Dianetti † (Linda Ontiveros)



The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God January 1, 2024

Is a Holy Day, not of obligation because it falls on a Monday

New Year's Eve Vigil Masses December 31, 2023
5:30 pm & 12:00 am Midnight

New Year's Day January 1, 2024
8:30 am Mass and 10:30 am Mass



Altar Candles
In Loving Memory of
Tim Wilkerson & Noel Wilkerson
From,
Your Wife & Mother, Teresa

Our Lady of the Lake Gift Shop Holiday Hours:

Monday through Friday
9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

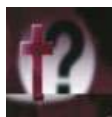
Saturday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Stop in and find the perfect gift!

The Shop will be closed Christmas Eve Sunday,
December 24, 2023, Christmas Day Monday,
December 25, 2023, Post Christmas Tuesday,
December 26, 2023, New Year's Eve Sunday,
December 31, 2023 and New Year's Day Monday,
January 1, 2024.



What are the benefits of adoring the Lord in the Eucharist outside of Mass?



When we visit with the Eucharistic Lord, we visit with our best friend. Conversation with the Lord forms us in holiness when we spend time with Him. Pope Paul VI recommended that the faithful make a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament with lively faith to show the Lord their love and gratitude. In the Eucharist, the Lord, Who is the Model of humility, shows us how to be humble and how to trust in Him.



The Well - A Place of Encounter

Spiritual Support, Education, and Accompaniment. We do not diagnose, prescribe, or treat, we accompany.

Companions on the Journey

Small group for depression, anxiety, & grief support through conversation & accompaniment. We have begun meeting and will meet the first and third Saturday of every month at 10:30 am.

Grief Recovery Method

8 sessions with an evidence based systematic approach to healing a broken heart and focusing on the recovery aspects of healing from grief. Our next class is forming.

We will meet every Saturday and Monday from Saturday, January 6th through Monday, January 29th, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Encountering Christ

An anonymous spiritual and emotional healing approach to addiction support, through the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola as they are associated with the 12 steps. Substance Abuse Support, Breaking the Ties of Pornography, & Sexual Addiction are key aspects of the focus of this group. Groups are currently forming for those interested.

All groups will meet with Fr. Michael in the St. Thomas More Room of the Church. If you are interested in any of these groups, please call the Parish Office at 928-855-2685.



Parish Calendars

The 2024 Parish calendars are available in the Narthex of the Church for a small donation.



Youth Ministry Winter Break Reminder

****No Youth Ministry or Sacrament Class December 25—January 5****

****Please contact Elliott Seidel in the Parish Office or at eseidel@ourladylh.org for more information or questions.****

Thank you for your Stewardship



Plate Collection for Dec. 2 & Dec. 3, 2023

Envelope, Loose Checks & Cash **\$14,992.00**

Online Giving November 27th - December 3rd - Plate Collection
(Please visit www.ourladyofthelakeromancatholicparish.org to establish an online giving account.)

Regular **\$7,730.00**

Regular total **\$22,822.00**

Budgeted for the week of December 3 **\$30,000.00**

Deficit: **\$7,181.00**

This does not include the school financials.

Thank you for your Stewardship



Plate Collection for Dec. 9 & Dec. 10, 2023

Envelope, Loose Checks & Cash **\$11,158.00**

Online Giving December 4th - December 10th - Plate Collection
(Please visit www.ourladyofthelakeromancatholicparish.org to establish an online giving account.)

Regular **\$8,424.00**

Regular total **\$19,582.00**

Budgeted for the week of December 10 **\$30,000.00**

Deficit: **\$10,418.00**

This does not include the school financials.



Santo Niño Novena

The Santo Niño Novena will continue for nine consecutive Fridays. They began on Friday, November 24, 2023 until Friday, January 19, 2024. This is hosted by different families starting at 7:00 pm. The Santo Niño celebration will be on Sunday, January 21,

2024 at the 10:30 am Mass followed by the Sinulog Celebration in St. Joseph Hall.

Addresses for the scheduled Novenas will be available at the Parish Office. For further details please contact Medy Kinzie at 928-846-1569.

**4th Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023**

ENTRANCE SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

John M. Neale

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Psalm 89

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SONG

Jesus, Come To Us

David Haas

Refrain: Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light. Jesus, be with us, for we need you.

Lord, we come before you, listen to our prayer. Fill us all with hope, and your love.

Lord, we come to praise you for your faithfulness through night. You will be with us, this we know.

Lord, you give us wonders, your glory to all. We believe in you, come to us.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

(For those who are not able to receive Communion at this time)

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 separate from you. Amen

Prayer to Saint Michael, the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS

Maranatha

G. Westphal

Refrain: **Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus. Give your people hope. Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus, and lead your people home.**

O Lord of Light, fill the night. Many have lost their way. O Rising Dawn, shine upon, darkness shall be no more.

O King of Kings, love you bring. The world is made anew. O Prince of Peace, make us free, justice for human kind.

O Comforter, rescue us. Destroy our sinfulness. O Counselor, mighty Lord, teach us what we must know.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, promised so long ago. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God is with us at last.

CLOSING SONG

Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, no more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, no more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King...

Prayer for Vocations

Lord of the harvest, help us to create a true culture of discernment and vocations in our parish, so that all of us in this parish family can faithfully offer our lives as a loving response to your first gift of life and love. Illuminate our families to be light, working together to have a reign of peace and justice, not only in this community, but in the entire world. By your Holy Spirit, may our hearts know more and more your Son Jesus Christ and make him known forever. Amen.

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CANTO DE ENTRADA

Oh Ven, Oh Ven, Emmanuel

Juan J. Sosa

Oh ven, oh ven, Emmanuel, Que das la ley y eres nuestro Rey. Ven, Esperado, ven, Redentor, Ven a tu pueblo, Dios y Salvador.

¡Alégrate, oh Israel! ¡Vendrá, vendrá Emmanuel!

Oh ven, sabiduría de Dios, salida de la boca del Señor, que ordenas con firmeza y suavidad, y con prudencia guías nuestro andar.

Oh ven Señor al pueblo de Israel, que en zarza ardiente hablaste con Moisés, y en Sinaí le diste la ley. Oh ven y libranos con tu poder.

Salmo 89

Cantare eternamente tus misericordias, Señor.

CANTO DE OFERTORIO

La Virgen Sueña Caminos

Carmelo Erdozain

La Virgen sueña caminos, está a la espera; la Virgen sabe que el Niño está muy cerca. De Nazaret a Belén hay una senda; por ella van los que creen en las promesas.

Estríbillo: **Los que sueñan y esperan la buena nueva, abrid las puertas al Niño que está muy cerca. El Señor cerca está, El viene con la paz. El Señor cerca está; El trae la verdad.**

En estos días del año el pueblo espera que venga pronto el Mesías a nuestra tierra. En la ciudad de Belén llama a las puertas pregunta en las posadas y no hay respuesta.

ORACIÓN PARA HACER UNA COMUNIÓN ESPIRITUAL

(Para aquellos que no pueden recibir la comunión en este momento)

Creo Señor mío que estás realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del altar. Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo ardientemente recibirte dentro de mi alma; pero, no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Y como si te hubiese recibido, te abrazo y me uno todo a Ti Oh Señor, no permitas que me separe de Ti. Amen.

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CANTO DE COMUNIÓN

Canto de María

Alejandro Mejia

Mi alma glorifica al Señor, mi Dios, gozase mi espíritu en mi Salvador. El es mi alegría, es mi plenitud, El es todo para mí.

Ha mirado la bajeza de su sierva, muy dichosa me dirán todos los pueblos, porque en mí ha hecho grandes maravillas el que todo puede, cuyo nombre es: Santo.

Su clemencia se derrama por los siglos sobre aquellos que le temen y le aman; despliego el gran poder de su derecha, disperso a los que piensan que son algo.

Derribo a los potentados de sus tronos y ensalzo a los humildes y a los pobres. Los hambrientos se saciaron de sus bienes y alejo de sí vacío a los ricos.

CANTO DE SALIDA

Santa María Del Camino

Juan A. Espinosa

Mientras recorres la vida, Tú nunca solo estás, Contigo por el camino, Santa María va.

Ven con nosotros a caminar, Santa María ven. Ven con nosotros a caminar, Santa María ven.

Aunque te digan algunos, que nada puede cambiar, lucha por un mundo nuevo, lucha por la verdad.

Si por el mundo los hombres sin conocerse van, no niegues nunca tu mano al que contigo esta.

Aunque parezcan tus pasos inútil caminar, tú vas haciendo caminos: otros los seguirán.

Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la lucha; sé nuestro amparo contra la maldad y asechanzas del demonio. Pedimos suplicantes que Dios lo mantenga bajo su imperio; y tu, Príncipe de la milicia celestial, arroja al infierno, con el poder divino, a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malvados que andan por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

Oración por las vocaciones

Señor de la cosecha, ayúdanos a crear una cultura verdadera de discernimiento y vocaciones en nuestra parroquia, para que todos nosotros en esta parroquia familiar podamos ofrecer fielmente nuestras vidas como respuesta amorosa a tu primer don de la vida y el amor. Ilumina nuestras familias para ser luz, trabajando juntos para tener un reino de paz y justicia, no solo en esta comunidad, sino en el mundo entero. Que por tu Espíritu Santo, puedan nuestros corazones conocer más y más a tu hijo Jesucristo y darlo a conocer por siempre. Amen.

Christmas Song Sheet for the Children's Mass and All Masses

ENTRANCE SONG

O Come, All ye Faithful*

John F. Wade

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, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Adéste fidéles, laéti, triumphántes, veníte, veníte in Béthlehem. Natum vidéte, Regem angelórum. Veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus Dóminum.

Sing, Choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Cantet nunc aula caeléstium. Gloria, glória, in excélsis Deo. Veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus Dóminum.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Glory to God

Tony Alonso

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, 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.

Glory to God*

Steve Janco

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.

Psalm 89*

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm 96

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Psalm 98

**All the ends of the earth
have seen the saving power of God.**

OFFERTORY SONG

Silent Night*

Joseph Mohr

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.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

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.

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

(For those who are not able to receive Communion at this time)

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.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

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

COMMUNION SONGS

Away in a Manger*

John T. McFarland

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

The First Noel

The First Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel Noel Noel Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star shining in the East, beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star three wisemen came from the country far, and seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

COMMUNION SONGS

O Holy Night

John P. Kee

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth, long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt his worth. A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn; fall on our knees, oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night O holy night O night divine!

Truly he taught us to love one another, His law is love and his gospel peace; chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise his holy name; Christ is the Lord, Oh, praise his name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

The Angels Sang

Margaret Pleasant Douroux

How precious is the gift God gave to all mankind, there is no greater gift I know you'll ever find.

Refrain: **The angels sang hallelujah, glory hallelujah! Peace on earth good will to men; Jesus Christ is born.**

God, let this child be born in a manger filled with hay. A bright and shining star showed wise men where he lay.

When that great child was born, his parents loved him so, but when the time had come, they knew that he would go.

God let this child be born to save this world from sin. It was the greatest gift that God could give to men.

CLOSING SONG

Joy to the World

Isaac Watts

Joy to the world! The Lord has 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.

Joy to the world! The Savior 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.

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