

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHRISTMAS MASS—MUSIC SELECTIONS

PRELUDES:

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL *(Vigil and Midnight)*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
 2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord' rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *(Refrain)*
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe. *(Refrain)*
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(Refrain)*
 5. O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that lead on high,
And close the path to misery. *(Refrain)*
 6. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by the drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight. *(Refrain)*
 7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all humankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our Prince of Peace. *(Refrain)*
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THE FIRST NOEL

1. 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.
*Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*
 2. 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. *(Refrain)*
 3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *(Refrain)*
 4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. *(Refrain)*
 5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. *(Refrain)*
 6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore. *(Refrain)*
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ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.
*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song. *(Refrain)*
 3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *(Refrain)*
 4. See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love. *(Refrain)*
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HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *(Refrain)*
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of
Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
(Refrain)

OPENING HYMN:**O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**

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. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *(Refrain)*

3. 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; *(Refrain)*

4. Adéste fidèles, laeti triumphantes,
Veníte, veníte in Béthlehem.
Natum vidé te Regem angelórum.

*Refrain: Veníte, adorémus, veníte, adorémus,
veníte, adorémus Dóminum.*

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

PSALM 89 *(Vigil Mass)*

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

PSALM 96 *(Mass at Night)*

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

PSALM 97 *(Mass at Dawn)*

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

PSALM 98 *(Mass during the Day)*

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

NICEAN CREED:

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,

(At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow/genuflect.)

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,
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.

OFFERTORY:**INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY**

1. Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all (2x)
2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you. (2x)

3. As we journey to the stable
Like the wise men long ago,
We are hoping to discover
What these pilgrims came to know.
All are welcome at this manger,
King and shepherd, friend and stranger.
Christ the babe is Lord of all. (2x)
4. Wake our spirits from their slumber;
Send the darkness on its way.
Fill our hearts with joy and wonder
On this blessed Christmas day.
Songs of angels all around us;
Grace and blessing now surround us.
Christ be with us as we go. (2x)

HOLY, HOLY:

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

MYSTERY OF FAITH:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

GREAT AMEN**OUR FATHER****LAMB OF GOD:**

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.

As we partake in the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist, if you are not of the Catholic faith or are unable to receive Holy Communion, please come forward for a blessing, indicated by your hands crossed over your heart.

COMMUNION HYMN:**CHILD OF THE POOR**

1. Helpless and hungry, lowly he lies,
wrapped in the chill of midwinter;
Comes now among us, born into poverty's embrace,
new life for the world.

*Refrain: Who is this who lives with the lowly,
sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?
This is Christ, revealed to the world in the eyes of a child,
a child of the poor.*

2. Who is the stranger here in our midst,
looking for shelter among us?
Who is the outcast? Who do we see amid the poor,
the children of God? (*Refrain*)
3. Bring all the thirsty, all who seek peace;
bring those with nothing to offer.
Strengthen the feeble, say to the frightened heart:
"Fear not: here is your God!" (*Refrain*)

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

1. What child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.*

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. (*Refrain*)
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvations brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him. (*Refrain*)

COMMUNION MEDITATION:**SILENT NIGHT**

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;
Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior 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.
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RECESSIONAL HYMN:**JOY TO THE WORLD**

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n nature sing.
 2. 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.
 3. 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, wonders of his love.
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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Merry Christmas! What a joy it is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with you. This holy day reminds us that God enters our world with humility and love, coming as a Child who brings light to our darkness, peace to our worries, and hope for all humanity. Please know that you and your loved ones remain in our prayers during this beautiful season.

As we rejoice in the mystery of the Incarnation, may our hearts be renewed with the same wonder that filled the shepherds and the Magi. Christmas is meant to be lived slowly and gratefully—day by day—allowing the presence of Christ to strengthen our families, deepen our faith, and fill our homes with His peace. May the newborn King bless you abundantly throughout the coming year.

***✠ Fr. Ben Daghir, Pastor
and the Parish Staff***

As we begin this Christmas Season, I warmly invite you to return often for quiet prayer and reflection. Our church remains open 24 hours a day for anyone seeking a moment of stillness with the Lord.

*Our regular weekend Mass schedule is:
Vigil Mass—Saturday at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses—8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

Please leave this worship aid in the church. There is a flyer/bulletin for you to take that has upcoming events.