# Festival of St. John, Evangelist

Service of Lessons and Carols Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020

**PRELUDE** What Child is This | arr. Richard Purvis

# Gathering

#### **Apostolic Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

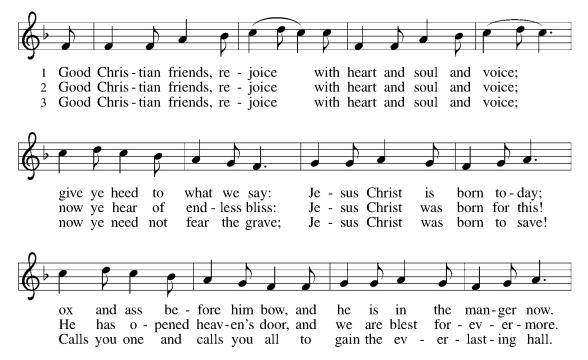
Merciful God, through John the apostle and evangelist you have revealed the mysteries of your Word made flesh. Let the brightness of your light shine on your church, so that all your people, instructed in the holy gospel, may walk in the light of your truth and attain eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### Word

#### FIRST READING Genesis 3:8-19

#### CAROL #288 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice





Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

#### SECOND READING Genesis 22:15-18

**CAROL #295** Of the Father's Love Begotten

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Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

#### THIRD READING Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

#### CAROL #292 Love Has Come

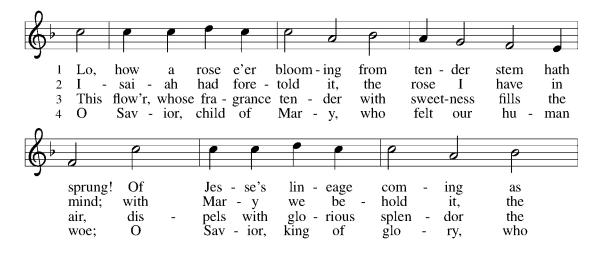


Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale, 1856 Text © 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (ASCAP), c/o Integrity Media, Inc., 1000 Cody Road, Mobile, AL 36695.

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#### FOURTH READING Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9

**CAROL #272** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

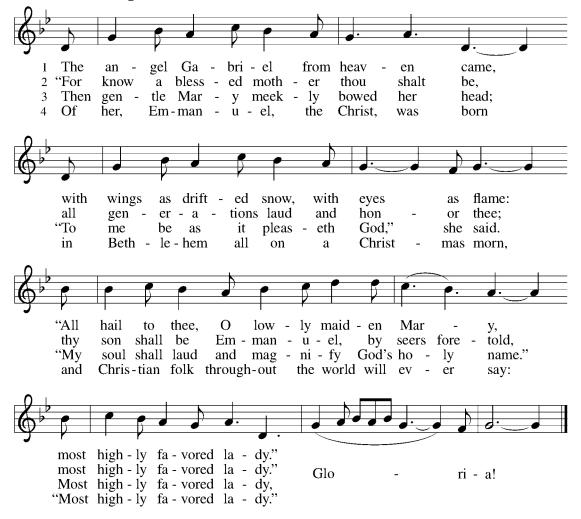


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Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1599

#### FIFTH READING Gospel of St. Luke 1:26-35; 38





Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924 Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

#### SIXTH READING Gospel of St. Luke 2: 1; 3-7

ANTHEM Your Little Ones Dear Lord

SEVENTH READING Gospel of St. Luke 2: 8-16

**CAROL #275** Angels, from the Realms of Glory

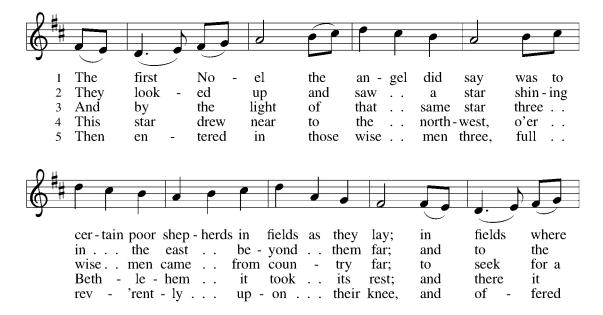


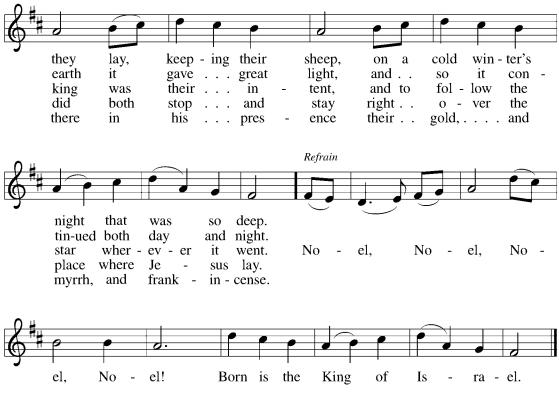
Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, st. 4

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

**EIGHTH READING** Gospel of St. Matthew 2:1-12

**CAROL #300** The First Noel (*Stanzas* 1 & 5)



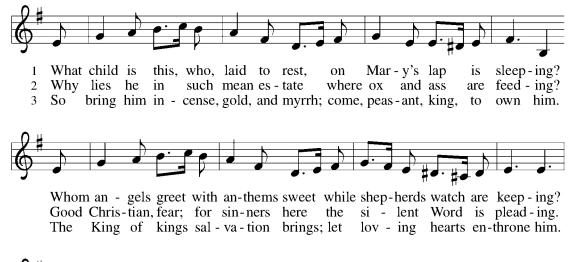


Text: English traditional Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

#### NINTH READING Gospel of St. John 21:20-25

#### Sermon

#### CAROL #296 What Child Is This





This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing; Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

NICENE CREED We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We 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 worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

... Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Spoken by all.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. forever and ever. Amen.

# Sending

#### Blessing

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**POSTLUDE** Joy to the World | arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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