

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
MIDNIGHT MASS
DECEMBER 24, 2014

10:00P.M.-Christmas Eve Carol Service

10:30P.M.-Midnight Mass & Sermon The Rev. Cn. Dr. H. K. Williams
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Organ Prelude: "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear", R. W. Thgerson

Hymn for the Processional:

(Except for one candle, the Church will be in total darkness)

Hymnal 102, Once In Royal David's City , Irby

(1st verse is a Solo. Congregation remains seated)

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

(Congregation stands as the lights come up)

He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

We, like Mary, rest confounded
That a stable should display
Heaven's Word, the world's creator,
cradled there on Christmas Day,
yet this child our Lord and brother,
brought us love for one another.

(The Grand Procession begins)



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For he is our life long pattern;
daily when on earth he grew,
he was tempted, scorned,
rejected tears and smiles like us he knew,
Thus he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that Child who seemed so helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
Set at God's right hand on high.

Hymnal 83, O Come all Ye Faithful, Adeste Fideles

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,
Christ the Lord.*

2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father; (*Refrain*)

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; (*Refrain*)

4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; (*Refrain*)

5 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? (*Refrain*)



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*)

The Collect of Purity

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis S280

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

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.**



Text:

Topic:

Biblical Reference

Key points:

How did this sermon affect me?

What is the sermon calling me to do/be/change/affirm?



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The Lesson:

Mrs. Beverley Downes-Bakr

Isaiah 9:2-7

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. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence

Psalms 96 Cantate Domino

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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.



- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

The Epistle:

Mrs. Claudia Kirton

Titus 2:11-14

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, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He 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.

The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn:- Hymnal 87, Mendelssohn

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 the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

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The Porte Cochere (new marquee)	\$40,000.00
Water-proof High Head	\$ 9,500.00
The Church's Main Door	\$12,000.00
The Electronic Sign Board	\$15,000.00
The other Doors	\$ 1,000.00 each
Double Hung windows	\$ 1,000.00 each
Trap Doors (On sidewalk)	\$ 1,500.00 each
Banner Lights	\$ 500.00 each
Lock for Main Door	\$ 500.00

Contributions can also be made towards the air-conditioning systems.

Total costs follow:

The Church	\$114,500.00
The Patterson Hall	\$ 14,500.00
Upstairs Patterson	\$ 10,500.00

We will continually provide updates.

Canon Howard K. Williams, Rector

Make checks payable to **St. Augustine's Episcopal Church** and on the memo line write "**RENOVATION**".



St. Augustine's Church Renovation Project

The wardens, vestry and I are pleased to inform you that we received a loan of \$425,000.00 from The Church Building Fund for 10 years at 6.5% interest. It is our plan to complete the renovation of the church which we started in 2001 by doing the following:

- Redo the façade of the entire property
- Replace the crumpling marquee with a glass Porte Cochere.
- Add an inviting 3' X 5' full-color electronic sign board near the entrance of the church.
- Replace an aging temperamental water cooling system in the church with a 40 Ton Air Handler Unit and two 20-Ton condensing Units. **(In Process)**
- Put a/c and heat into the Medical room and the Lay Eucharistic Ministers' room **(Done)**.
- Renovate Wellness Unit and Lay Eucharistic Ministers' Room. **(Done)**
- Replace the old and almost dysfunctional a/c heating unit in the Patterson Hall with a 5-Ton system **(Done)**.
- Install a 4-Ton ductless split system in the curate's apartment and other offices. **(Done)**
- Replace the Noel Hall roof
- Replace 4313 and 4315 roofs **(Done)**
- Replace the Noel Hall kitchen floor
- Redo the Church's Entrance - **(In Process)**
- Redo the Church's Foyer—**(In Process)**

We are therefore listing some of the items and the related costs that you may contribute. We will celebrate and immortalize these gifts in an appropriate way, in a visible place in the church.



*Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!*

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *(Refrain)*

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.
Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *(Refrain)*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

Please listen to the Gospel of the Lord proclaimed

Sermon Hymn: Hymnal 99,

Go tell it on the mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born!*

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *(Refrain)*
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *(Refrain)*
- 3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *(Refrain)*



Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Dr. Howard K. Williams

The 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
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.

Procession to the Christmas Manger

Hymnal 101 Away In A Manger

Cradle Song

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2015

Jan.10 There will be a meeting for all **Parents** of children in the **2015 Cotillion**. Please be advised that the Photo album and Video of the last Cotillion will be on display. Make every effort to attend and share this information with others. If you require information prior to the meeting, feel free to contact Kisha Mullin (347) 623-3707 and Claudia Titus a t(404) 933-7578.

May22 **Cotillion 2015. Astoria World Manor**, Queens, NY.
Cost: Adults-\$130.00, Children : \$80.00 Payment plan available. For tickets and information. Contact Kisha Mullin (347) 623-3707, Claudia Titus (404) 933-7578, Judy Maitland (917) 301-1562 or the church office. **Registration is ongoing** for children in all categories as follows: **Rosebuds/Heralds** (ages 4-8 yrs), **Allegrettas/Pages** (ages 9-12 yrs) **Sub- Debutante/Junior Escorts** (ages 14-15 yrs), **Debutante/Escorts** (ages 16-19 yrs) Completed applications must be submitted as soon as possible. Any questions, please contact Kisha Mullin (347)-623-3707 . Claudia Titus (404) 933-7578 or any member of the cotillion committee.

52 Weeks Savings' Plan

We want to thank you for participating in the 52 Weeks Saving's Plan. As of today's date you should have saved \$1,326.00 Following is the schedule for the rest of the year. By December 31 you would have saved \$1,378.00, \$689.00 of which will be returned to you. Again, St. Augustine's offers sincere gratitude to you for your generosity.

DATE	WEEK NUMBER	AMOUNT	TOTAL TO DATE
December 28	52	\$52.00	\$1,378.00



HHA Certificate, must be a US Resident or Citizen or must be authorized to work in the US. For further information, call (718) 629-2112. You can also pick up a flyer at the Usher's table.

Children's Ministry & Spiritual Formation:

Corporate communion will be on January 4, 2015 at 11:00 am. service. Regular sessions and Teen Forum will resume on January 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

The **Homework Clinic** and the **Senior Program** :- Regular sessions resume on **Monday January 5, 2015** and **Wednesday January 7, 2015** respectively.

The **Parish Council** invites the congregation to a holiday party immediately following the **New Year's Eve Service**. Party until 4:00 a.m. **Music by: DJ Skywalker**. Cost : \$20.00. Tickets can be obtained from Madeline Ford and Mr. Wishart Alleyne.

The **56 Club "Basket of Cheer Raffle"**. Raffles are \$1:00 each. Drawing will be held on Sunday ,December 28 at the 11:00 am. Service. To purchase tickets, please see any member of the 56 Club Ministry.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Dec 25	Christmas Day	Holy Eucharist:	10:00 a.m.
Dec 28	Holy Innocents Mass		
Dec 28	Festival of Lessons and Carols		
Dec 31	New Year's Eve	Holy Eucharist:	10:30 p.m
Jan 1	New Year's Day	No Service	

For Gifts and Donation: If you want to give:

Candles	\$20.00
Jar of Oil for Candles	\$20.00
Wafers (1 jar)	\$25.00
Wine (1 bottle)	\$30.00
Floral Arrangements (1)	\$75.00
Floral Arrangements (2)	\$150.00
Prayer Books (10)	\$300.00 (\$30.00 each)
Lift Every Voice (10)	\$250.00 (\$25.00 each)
Hymnal (1982) (10)	\$300.00 (\$30.00 each)



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 thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is night.

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

The Congregation Kneels

Celebrant:

Dear People of God let us ask for God's blessing on this Christmas manger and upon ourselves, that we who reflect on the birth of Jesus may share in the salvation he accomplished.

Prayers of the People

Ms. Kennisha Douglas

People: Come, Lord and dwell with us.

Lector:

For the Church of God, as we recall the circumstances surrounding the birth of Christ, that we may always proclaim with joy his gift of new life for all people, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector:

For the world in which we live, that it may come to recognize Christ who was greeted by the angels and shepherds, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector:

For our families and our homes, that Christ who was laid in the manger may dwell with us always, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector:

For parents, that their love for their children may be modeled on that of the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.



Celebrant:

For those who are sick Those celebrating birthdays
those celebrating anniversaries for those who have died....., we
pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: And so that we may be forgiven for our sins let us pray
together:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

And may God Almighty have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and
by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **AMEN**

Celebrant:

God of all nations and of all peoples,
You sent your Son Jesus Christ to bring us justice and mercy,
Joy and hope, peace and love:
Bless this manger and all who gaze upon it,
May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to Him. **AMEN**

Organ Voluntary

Peace (All Stand)

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People **And also with you.**



WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS & MEMBERS

St. Augustine's welcomes all parishioners, first time guests and
members . May God continue to bless you. A Merry Christmas & A
Bright and Prosperous New Year to you all.

GIFTS & THANK YOU'S

Candles are given by **Dulcie Phillip** in thanksgiving and apprecia-
tion to God for His continued blessings , guidance and protection of
her life.

Candles are given by **Shirley Bonadie** in thanksgiving and
appreciation to God for His continued blessings on the occasion of
another birthday which will be celebrated on December 27 . To God
be the Glory.

THIS WEEK AT ST. AUGUSTINE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HSBC is looking to hire a **Branch Relationship Banker** for their
branch at 4201 Ave. D in Brooklyn, NY. This role requires a Series
6, 63, Life and Health licenses along with a minimum of three years
with proven and progressive branch sales experience and the ability
to close a sale. You will be pro-actively selling to current and
potential customers, while developing and expanding personal and
business customer relationships. This may include a portfolio that
comprises small or less complex customer relationships at service
levels that will exceed customer expectations. You must be a
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Financial Advisors, Insurance Sales Officer and Mortgage partners in
order to fully develop each client relationship. Please email your
resume and contact information to:
Jordanna.A.Kasander@us.hsbc.com for more information. Good
luck!

EP Home Care LLC, located at 4317 Avenue D, Brooklyn, NY 11203
is now hiring; **Certified Home Health Aides** . Must have a valid



and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Notices

Hymn for the Recessional: Hymnal 100, Antioch

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.

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.

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.

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.

Postlude: "Joy To The World," Robert Thygerson



The Offertory Sentence:

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory,
and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

Offertory Anthem: Break Forth into Joy, The Festival Choir

Special Offering: Hymnal 109, The First Noel, Stainer

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

*Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
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. (*Refrain*)

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*)

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*)

Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. (*Refrain*)

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought (*Refrain*)



Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing, the Celebrant faces them and sings.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus S130

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.



glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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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.

Hymnal 115 Greensleeves

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.*

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*)

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. (*Refrain*)

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let Us Pray

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;



For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Hymnal 93 Regent Square

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light: *(Refrain)*

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: *(Refrain)*

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear: *(Refrain)*

Hymnal 111 Stille Nacht

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,



On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Celebrant and People say

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this Holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, consistency, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer: (LEV 264)

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.



Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Communion Hymns:

Hymnal 79: O Little Town of Bethlehem St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy 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 wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

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

Where children pure and happy
pray to the blessed Child,
where misery cries out to thee,
Son of the Mother mild;



where charity stands watching
and faith holds wide the door,
the dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
and Christmas comes once more.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Hymnal 89, Carol

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife
and hear the angels sing!

