Entrance Hymn: Angels We Have Heard On High (GLORIA)

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Glory To God: Mass of St. Ann (Ed Bolduc)

Glory! Glory to God in the highest.  
Glory! 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.  
Glory! Glory to God in the highest.  
Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.
First Reading: Numbers 6:22–27

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

The L ORD said to Moses: “Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them:

The L ORD bless you and keep you!

The L ORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The L ORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67 (Tony Alonso)

"May God bless us in his mercy.
May God bless us in his mercy."

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4–7

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians.

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Presentation of the Gifts

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

ST. LOUIS

1. O little 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-lient-ly, how si-lient-ly, The won-drous gift is giv’n!
4. O ho-ly Child of Beth-le-hem! De-scend to us, we pray;

1. Ab-ove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si-lient stars go by;
2. While mor-tals sleep, the an-gels keep Their watch of won-d’ring love.
3. So God im-parts to hu-man hearts The bless-ings of his heav’n.
4. Cast out our sin and en-ter in; Be born in us to-day.

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. We hear the Christ-mas an-gels The great glad tid-ings tell;

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 all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re-ceive him, still The dear Christ en-ters in.
4. O come to us, a-bide with us, Our Lord Em-man-u-el!

Holy: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

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. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Lamb of God

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy,

have mercy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Commmunion Hymn

Washington Hymn

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to

sleep - ing? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While
feed - ing? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The
own him; The King of kings salvation brings, Let

Refrain

1. shep - herds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the
2. si - lent Word is pleading.
3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

King, Whom shep - herds guard and angels sing; Haste,
haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

This song may be combined with Child of the Poor; use accompaniment and instructions found for
Child of the Poor.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.
Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871.
Closing Hymn: Go, Tell It On The Mountain (GO TELL IT)

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.