

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Nativity



Organ Prelude

Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770-1846)

Andante mosso in E-major



Processional Hymn

Please stand and join in singing

59 in the blue Hymnal

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding
(verses 1-5)

59 *verse 1*

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding.
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day."

59 verse 2

Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

59 verse 3

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

59 *verse 4*

so when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

59 verse 5

Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while unending ages run.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now
and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle by the Children
(One candle is lit.)

Celebrant: God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. As we begin this Advent give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. Let the Lord Jesus find us watching and waiting in joy when he comes again.

People: Amen.

The children going to Children's Chapel
come forward for a blessing.



Please join in singing

Trisagion

S 99 in the beginning of the Blue Hymnal

S 99

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The first staff contains the first two phrases, and the second staff contains the last two phrases. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.
(repeat three times)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen

Please be seated

First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-4

The readings are also printed in the bulletin.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80: 1 - 7
BCP 702

1

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
leading Joseph like a flock;

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shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim.

2

In the presence of Ephraim,
Benjamin, and Manasseh,

*

stir up your strength and come to help us.

3

Restore us, O God of hosts;

*

show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

4

O Lord God of hosts,

*

how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5

You have fed them with the bread of tears;

*

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6

You have made us the derision of our neighbors,

*

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7

Restore us, O God of hosts;

*

show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The readings are also printed in the bulletin.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.



Sequence Hymn

Please stand and join us in singing
WLP 721 (words on the screens)

Signs of endings all around us
(verses 1-3)

WLP 721 *verse 1*

Signs of endings all around us
darkness, death, and winter days
shroud our lives in fear and sadness,
numbing mouths that long to praise.
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!
Hear our cries, come set us free.
Give us hope and faith and gladness.
Show us what there yet can be.

WLP 721 *verse 2*

Can it be that from our endings,
new beginnings you create?
Life from death, and from our rendings,
realms of wholeness generate?
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them
into hopes for life anew:
Fading light and dying season
sing their Glorias to you.

WLP 721 *verse 3*

Speak, O God, your Word among us.
Barren lives your presence fill.
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness,
terrors calm forebodings still.
Let your promised realm of justice
blossom now throughout the earth;
your dominion bring now near us;
we await the saving birth.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 13: 33-37

The readings are also printed in the bulletin.

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
The Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi
“Time to Change”

The Nicene Creed

page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer
(Please stand)

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

The Advent Prayers of the People

Leader: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: Come and teach us the way to salvation.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared in the burning bush to Moses and gave him the law on Sinai: Come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Root of Jesse, rising as a sign for all peoples, before you earthly rulers will keep silent, and nations give you honor: Come quickly to deliver us.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Key of David, scepter over the house of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open: Come and free the captives from prison; heal the sick (especially___) and bring life to all who live in the shadow of death.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Ruler of the nations, Monarch for whom the people long, you are the Cornerstone uniting all humanity. Come and redeem us, whom you formed out of clay.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Emmanuel, our Sovereign and Lawgiver,
desire of the nations and Savior of all: Come and
save us, O Lord our God.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Wounded Healer, we pray for the sick and suffering, the dying and those who have died in the faith of your Church. Come and save us, O Lord our God.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes for he is Lord forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel.

Celebrant and People:

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.

Celebrant and People:

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.

Celebrant:

Almighty God 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.

People: Amen.

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

People: And also with you.

*Please share a sign of Christ's peace with
your neighbors.*

Announcements

Please be seated



Offertory Anthem

“My Lord! What a Morning”
African American Spiritual

Sung by the Adult Choir

Refrain

My Lord! what a morning,
My Lord! what a morning,
Oh, my Lord! what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.
When the stars begin to fall.

verse 1

You will hear the trumpet sound
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
When the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

My Lord! what a morning,
My Lord! what a morning,
Oh, my Lord! what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.
When the stars begin to fall.

verse 2

You will hear the sinner cry
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
When the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

My Lord! what a morning,
My Lord! what a morning,
Oh, my Lord! what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.
When the stars begin to fall.

verse 3

You will hear the Christian shout
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
When the stars begin to fall.

Refrain (repeat)

My Lord! what a morning,
My Lord! what a morning,
Oh, my Lord! what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.
When the stars begin to fall.

Please stand and sing as the Offering is brought forward

Hymn # 380, verse 3



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer B
Book of Common Prayer p. 367*

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 God thanks and
praise.

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

(Here a Proper Preface is said or sung).

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:

Please join in singing

S128 Sanctus in the Blue Hymnal



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.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command,
O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we
may be acceptable through him, being sanctified
by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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
for ever

People: AMEN.

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

Celebrant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

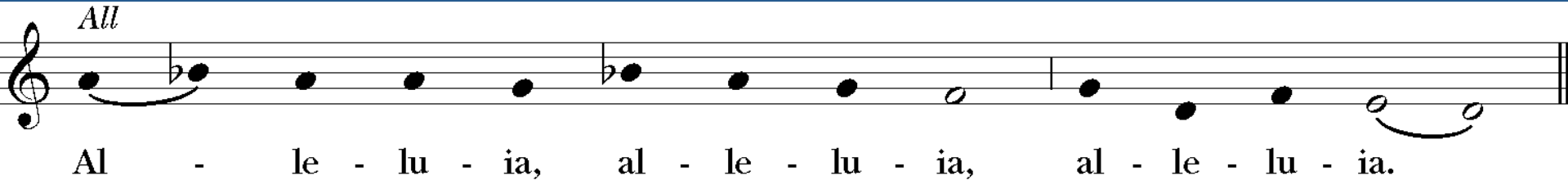
S 151 the Fraction Anthem

Cantor

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Congregation

All



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Healing prayers and prayers of Intercession are available in the Prayer Chapel during Communion.

Communion Music



“Mary, Did You Know?”
by Lowry & Greene

Alastair Longley-Cook on guitar



Communion Hymn
Please join in singing
68 in the Blue Hymnal

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers
(verses 1-3)

68 *verse 1*

Rejoice! rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation!
at midnight comes the cry.

68 *verse 2*

See that your lamps are burning,
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.

The marriage-feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!

68 *verse 3*

Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Celebrant and People:

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

People: Amen.



Recessional Hymn

*Please stand and join in singing
73 in the Blue Hymnal*

The King shall come when morning dawns
(verses 1-5)

#73 *verse 1*



The King shall come
when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks;
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.



#73 verse 2

Not, as of old, a little child,
to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.

#73 *verse 3*



The King shall come
when morning dawns
and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn,
the day that e'er shall last;



#73 *verse 4*

And let the endless bliss begin,
by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong,
and truth shall be extolled.

#73 *verse 5*



The King shall come
when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord!
Thy people pray,
come quickly, King of kings.

Deacon: Alleluia. Let us Bless the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Organ Postlude

Johann Gottlieb Graun (1702-1771)

Animoso from Concerto in g-minor