



CHRISTMAS EVE 2021
THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRST

VOLUNTARY

La nativité
 No. 2 of *Trois poèmes évangéliques* Op. 2 (1932)

Jean Langlais
 (1949-2021)

INTROIT

Christmas

Richard Shephard
 (b. 1949)

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
 and his name will be called the Prince of Peace.

– Isaiah 9:6

✦ **CANDLE PROCESSION**

Please rise as the candle passes your pew.

✦ **CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION**

✦ **CAROL NO. 133**

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!
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!
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!

✦ LITANY

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Glory to God in the highest!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Glory to God in the highest!

For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.

Glory to God in the highest!

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest!

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Glory to God in the highest!

LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

✦ CAROL NO. 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

1. **Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**
2. **Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**
3. **Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

Lullee, lullay,
I could not love thee more
If thou wast Christ the King.
Now tell me, how did Mary know
That in her womb should sleep and grow
The Lord of everything?

Lullee, lullay,
An angel stood with her
Who said: "That which doth stir
Like summer in thy side
Shall save the world from sin.
Then stable, hall, and inn
Shall cherish Christmas-tide."

Lullee, lullay,
And so it was that day.
And did she love him more
Because an angel came
To prophesy his name?
Ah no, not so,
She could not love him more,
But loved him just the same.
Lullee, lullay.

– Janet Loxley Lewis (1938)

LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

♠ CAROL 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**
2. **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 in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**
3. **Hail the heaven-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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

SERMON

Still, Still, Still

John W. Wurster

1. **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.

2. **Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. **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.

4. **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.

Offering

*Gifts may be given anytime at www.saintphilip.net
or text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts*

Offertory Anthem

The Holly and the Ivy

Matthew Owens
(b. 1971)

The holly and the ivy when they are both full grown;
Of all the trees that are in the wood the holly bears the crown.

*O the rising of the sun and the running of the day,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom as white as any flower;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior.

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good.

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give thanks and praise . . .

Therefore we now join our voices with the choirs of heaven

and the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly Lord, we join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



Blessed is he, who comes in glo - ry, and th'e - ter - nal Three in One.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ the new - born King.

You are holy, O God of majesty . . . even as we remember the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ the Lord will come a - gain.

O God, once again, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

With the confidence of the children of God, we pray as Jesus taught:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Communion Anthem 1

Ecce novum
(2014)

Ola Gjelo
(b. 1978)

<i>Ecce novum gaudium</i>	Behold! A new joy!
<i>ecce novum mirum</i>	Behold! A new wonder!
<i>Virgo parit filium</i>	A Virgin bears a son,
<i>quae non novit virum</i>	though she knew not a man,
<i>sed ut pyrus pyrum</i>	as the pear-tree bears the pear,
<i>gleba fert papyrus</i>	and the flourishing papyrus brings
<i>florens liliū</i>	the lily from the soil.
<i>ecce quod natura</i>	See how nature
<i>mutat sua iura</i>	changes her laws!
<i>virgo parit pura</i>	A pure virgin bears
<i>Dei filium</i>	the son of God!

— *Piæ Cantiones* (1582)

Communion Anthem 2

Love Came Down at Christmas
(1998)

David Ashley White
(b. 1944)

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angel gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
Worship we our Jesus,
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and neighbor,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

— Christina Rossetti (1885)

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

John 1 (*selected verses*)

Passing of Light

Please keep lit candles upright as you pass the light.

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.
4. **Silent night, holy night!**
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing.
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Christmas Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Fughetta and Fantasia on VOM HIMMEL HOCH
(From heaven above • Hymn 111) | BWV 701 & 700

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Please extinguish candles.

WORSHIP NOTES

✦ Please stand, if able. **Bold** type indicates congregational responses.

We join Presbyterians in supporting the Presbyterian Christmas Joy Offering, which provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develops future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Envelopes are in the pews for your gift.

Communion is served tonight by intinction. Please come to the stations via the center aisle, receive a piece of bread, and take a cup of grape juice. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please indicate to the servers if you'd like gluten-free bread. Persons with difficulty coming forward can be served in the pews by signaling the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion tonight.

SERVING TONIGHT

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | St. Philip Staff Singers | Jane Malczewskij, pianist
Matthew Dirst, organist | Randall Swanson, music director

Pastors

Keatan King, Omar Rouchon and John Wurster

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Cover art by Micah Meyers.

Music reprints and online streaming by permission under OneLicense.net account A-720890. All rights reserved.



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

We are glad you are here! Please scan the QR Code to access our digital guest-book. We invite you to sign in and let us know you are worshipping with us.

Merry Christmas

<i>Given By:</i>	<i>Those we honor...</i>
Anonymous	Kate Burkart for her steadfast commitment to Peacemaking and Social Justice
Anonymous	With thanks to Kate Burkart for her significant contributions to the Peacemaking & Social Justice Committee during her tenure as committee chair
Lee & Bob Ardell	The pastors & staff of St. Philip
Kate Burkhart	The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee, who it has been my privilege to lead these last four years
Bebe Burns	To the glory of God and in gratitude for the St. Philip community
Lorrie Castle	The staff and committees of St. Philip
Frautschi Family	Amy & Gopal Frautschi on their first Sabbath together
Frautschi Family	T. Stewart & Shirley Coffman
Frautschi Family	St. Philip church
Dick & Sue Howard	Our St. Philip family
Suzanne & David Kerr	The St. Philip Choir
Walter & Margaret King	In gratitude for our wonderful staff at St. Philip
Gene & Florence McKelvey	John Wurster & the SPPC Congregation
Liz Miguez	Stephanie Miguez
Bonnie Moore	My children, Zach Moore, Clint Manley and Audra Manley Gonzalez.
Cathy Patterson	The St. Philip Mission Committee
David & Hallie Spence	Mary Linda Williams
Hope Wilmarth	Isabelle, Jeb, Arden, Gertrude, Clara & Elliot Lance
<i>Given By:</i>	<i>In our memories...</i>
Orlean Anderson	Ruth & Orlean McCallum
Orlean Anderson	Kenneth Anderson, Jr.
Jamie, Anne Marie, Sydney and Samantha Benard	Kenneth Allan Henick
Sharon Coufal	Alan Coufal
Liz & Steve Crowell	Rick Holzinger
Mary Currie	My parents, Dick & Frances Miller
Mary Currie	My brother, Martyn Miller
Carl & Janet Eskridge	John and Rita Hannah
Nancy Higgs	My mother, Dorothy McMillan
John Lemen	My parents, Joseph and Virginia Lemen
Jane Malczewskyj	Loved ones
Jan Meyer	My parents, Don and Valerie Meyer
Dale Miller	Barger Miller
Peg Palisin	Jean Alan Hartsfiel & Eddie Daw
Peg Palisin	Percy Arvard Smith
Rhonda Sands & Jennifer Wilson	Mary Ann Sands, wife of Tom Sands & mother of Rhonda Sands
Rhonda Sands & Jennifer Wilson	Rod Sands, son of Tom Sands & brother of Rhonda Sands
Rhonda Sands & Jennifer Wilson	Helen Canaris Wilson, wife of Bill Wilson & mother of Jennifer Wilson
Jenilee Simmons	Douglass Simmons
David & Hallie Spence	Paxton Williams, Chris Spence & Tomi Spence
Ruthie & Al Waldrop	Our parents, Nancy & Kenan Rand and Florence & Allister Waldrop
Hope Wilmarth	Lance Wilmarth
John Wurster and Deb Burks	Darnall Burks