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*The Right Reverend G. Porter Taylor, Bishop  
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The Reverend Deacon Marilyn Walters  
Ms. Susie Mahnke, Organist and Choir Director*



*The Feast of the Nativity  
of Our Savior Jesus Christ*

*December 24, 2011 10:00 pm*

*The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross  
Tryon, North Carolina*

# Musical Prelude

*Sonata in A minor, Op. 105 II. Allegretto* Robert Schumann  
John Malloy, violin (1810-1856)  
Kymric Mahnke, piano

*Sheep May Safely Graze from Cantata No. 208* J. S. Bach  
Rex Gallatin, French horn (1685-1750)  
arr. for horn by Gerald Siddons

*O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam  
Wanda May, soprano (1803-1856)  
The Holy Cross Handbell Choir arr. Margaret Leach

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. David Ledgerwood  
*I Wonder as I Wander* arr. Kristin Coleman Campbell  
Colleen Fowler, violin

*What Sweeter Music* Michael Fink  
Amy Brucksch, guitar  
The Holy Cross Choir

*Ave Maria* Franz Biebl  
The Holy Cross Choir (1906-2001)

*The Shepherds at the Manger* Franz Liszt  
from the piano suite "The Christmas Tree" (1811-1886)  
Susie Mahnke, organ arr. for organ by E. Power Biggs



*In Loving Memory of Frances & Barney Pospisil and  
In Thanksgiving for Jill Age and family  
by Mimi & Jerry Pospisil*

*In Loving Memory of Dr. & Mrs. Lee Sanders  
by Sally & Rody Dayvault*

*In Thanksgiving for Wendy & Michael King and their children, Zachary and Kayley  
by Mimi & Jerry Pospisil*

*In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Young  
by Sally & Rody Dayvault*

*In Loving Memory of Little Parsons and Carroll III and  
In Thanksgiving for Eleanor & Carroll Rogers, Mary & Bill, Nell & Danny and Meg  
by Mimi & Jerry Pospisil*

*In Loving Memory of Robert Beam and  
In Thanksgiving for our family  
by Elizabeth Beam*

*In Loving Memory of Bill Seifert  
by Pat Seifert*

*In Thanksgiving for my many blessings  
by Cee Cee Wilmanns*

*In Thanksgiving for Ten Years of Ministry with Holy Cross Church  
by the Very Reverend Dr. Michael Doty*

*In Memory of Isaac Lafayette Doty and Opal Doty  
by Michael, Pam, Isaac and Christy Doty*

*In Thanksgiving for Matthew Pospisil and Michell Shipley  
and Matthew and Reese  
by Mimi & Jerry Pospisil*

*In Loving Memory of Mary Flynn Moore & Brian T. Moore  
by Austin & Caroline Chapman*

*In Loving Memory of Florine Osborne & Agnes Collins  
by Bern & Maggie Collins*

*In Thanksgiving for Mimi & Jerry Pospisil  
by Carroll & Eleanor Rogers*

*In Loving Memory of Rev and Mrs. G. Floyd Rogers and  
In Thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren  
by Carroll & Eleanor Rogers*

*In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Rogers, Sr. and  
In Thanksgiving for Baxter & Susie Haynes and Linda and Andy Haynes  
by Carroll & Eleanor Rogers*

*In Loving Memory of India & Brower York  
by Cindy Barnett*

*In Thanksgiving with love and appreciation for Jerry Pospisil  
by Mimi Pospisil*

*In Loving Memory of Allen & Lib Correll  
by Boyd Correll*

*In Loving Memory of Bill & Ruby Parker and Wayne & Billie Wheatley and  
In Thanksgiving for Sue Womack and Amanda Warbington  
by Virginia Correll*

*In Loving Memory of William P. Lee  
by Beebe Davis Lee*

*In Loving Memory of Carolie & Henry Bartol and  
In Thanksgiving for Chris, Pam, and Malcolm and their families  
by Mimi & Jerry Pospisil*

## Opening Hymn

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
\*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



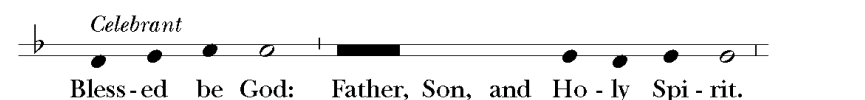
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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*

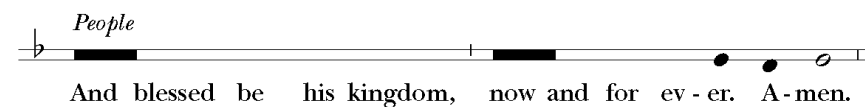
## *The Opening Acclamation*

*Celebrant*



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*

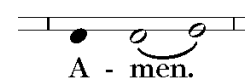


And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

*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*



A - men.

*Celebrant*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all thy heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*In Loving Memory of Mary Frances Walters  
by John & Marilyn Walters*

*In Loving Memory of Karl and Marguerite Murphy and Carroll Davis and  
In Thanksgiving for Andrew Davis  
by Katy Murphy & Ben Davis*

*In Loving Memory of Doug Curtis and  
In Thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren & friends  
by Ann Curtis*

*In Loving Memory of James M. Baker, Jr. and  
In Thanksgiving for John E. Hanskat  
by Patsy Baker Hanskat*

*In Thanksgiving for Our Family  
by Paul & Dolores Zeese*

*In Loving Memory of Harold Duvall  
by Renee Duvall*

*In Loving Memory of Bob Ernst & Friends  
by Nancy Ernst*

*In Thanksgiving for Chris Lawrence & Giulia Orlianas,  
Alex, Liz & Emma Baez  
by Cam Lawrence*

*In Loving Memory of Sylvia Moore  
by Tom Moore*

*In Loving Memory of Catherine McCutchen  
by Lynn Page*

*In Loving Memory of Evelyn & Demus Chapman  
by Austin & Caroline Chapman*

*In Loving Memory of Rebecca Kearns & James Edward Becton Davis  
by Beebe Davis Lee*

*Lector*

Jean Moore

*Intercessor*

Cindy Barnett

*Acolytes*

Crucifer/Server – Todd Walter; Torches – Katy Murphy and Lori Walter

*Phallice Bearers*

Peter Fenn and Bo Edwards

*Ushers*

Nancy Myrick and Jerry Pospisil

*Dedications*

*The* Christmas tree is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Flynn Moore and Brian Moore by Tom Moore and Austin, Caroline and Flynn Chapman

*Christmas flowers are given to the Glory of God and.*

*In Thanksgiving for Holy Cross Church & my Supportive Church Family*  
by Lynn Page

*In Loving Memory of A. J. Hales and*  
*In Thanksgiving for Stephen Gray Hales & Esther Gray Hales*  
by Mary Hales

*In Thanksgiving for Children and Grandchildren*  
by Mary Clare Jenks

*In Loving Memory of Ed & Martha Austin*  
by John & Marilyn Walters

*Gloria*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## *The Collect of the Day*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant*

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*The People sit.*

## *The First Lesson*

*Reader* A reading from the book of the Prophet 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. You 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. For 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. For 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. His 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.*

*Dismissal* *Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Postlude* *Noël Parisienne, Op. 26, No. 4* *Charles Quef*  
 (1873-1931)

## *Service Participants*

### *Musicians*

*Wendy Donovan, soprano*  
*Wanda May, soprano*  
*Amy Brucksch, guitar*  
*Colleen Fowler, violin*  
*Rex Gallatin, French horn*  
*Kymric Mahnke, piano*  
*John Malloy, violin*  
*The Holy Cross Choir*  
*The Holy Cross Handbell Choir*

### *Celebrant*

*The Reverend Walter Bryan*

### *Deacon and Preacher*

*The Reverend Deacon Marilyn Walters*

### *Lay Minister*

*Grant Stokes*

### *Organist and Choir Director*

*Susie Mahnke*

### *Handbell Choir Director*

*Margaret Leach*

## Hymn in Procession

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Psalm (96:1-4, 11-12)

Robert Knox Kennedy

(b. 1945)

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Sing to the LORD a new song;  
 sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  
 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;  
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations  
 and his wonders among all peoples.  
 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  
 he is more to be feared than all gods.

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.  
 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
 before the LORD when he comes,  
 when he comes to judge the earth.

## The Second Lesson

Reader A reading from the Book of Titus (2:11-14)

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

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

## Gradual Hymn

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*  
Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* 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; 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.

## The Blessing

*Celebrant* *The People respond Amen.*

*May* Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

*May* God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

*May* God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

*And* the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## Organ Interlude

### Post Communion Hymn

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

## The Gospel

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (2:1-20).

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.*

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The People sit.*

## The Sermon

*The Reverend Deacon Marilyn Walters*

*The People stand for the Nicene Creed.*

# 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:  
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.

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 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*

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## Communion Hymn

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
3 And by the light of that same star  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
4 and there it did both stop and stay  
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

## Prayers of the People

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively. The People stand or kneel.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Katherine our Presiding Bishop, Porter our Bishop, Michael our Rector, and Dolores and Marilyn, our deacons; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Michael, our rector.

*Silence The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*      *The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Amen.

## *The Peace*

*All stand.*

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

*People*      And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## *The Breaking of the Bread*

*Celebrant*      Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

*People*      Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## *Fraction Anthem*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant*      The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by  
faith, with thanksgiving.

## *Communion Anthems*

*The Virgin's Slumber Song*      *Max Reger*  
*Wendy Donovan, soprano*      *(1873-1916)*

*Still, Still, Still*      *Austrian Carol*  
*Colleen Fowler, violin*      *arr. Kristin Coleman Campbell*

*Jesu of a Maiden Thou Was Born – choral anthem*      *Kenneth Meek*  
*(1908-1976)*

*As you return to your pew after receiving communion please take a candle from the basket at the entry.*

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;

*The Celebrant continues*

*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.

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph 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. AMEN.

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

*People and Celebrant*

*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.

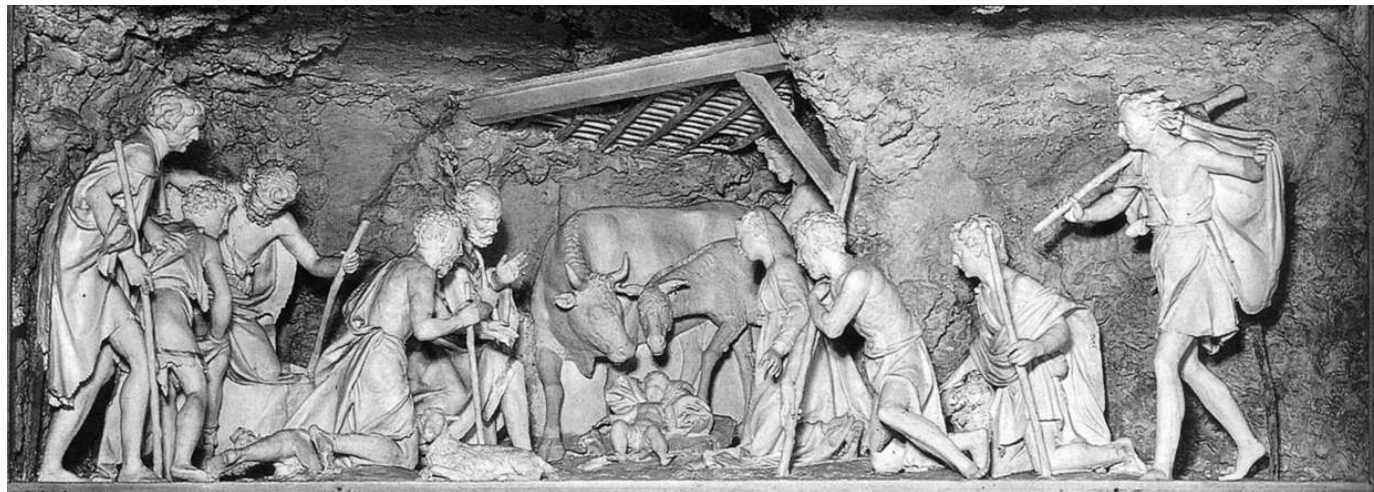
*The celebration of the Holy Eucharist is God's invitation to us to join in the Incarnation through receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the symbols of the bread and wine. You are invited to come forward and stand or kneel at the altar rail to participate in this communion.*

*Offertory Anthem*

*As Lately We Watched*

*Austrian Carol  
arr. Theron W. Kirk  
(1919-1999)*





# The Holy Eucharist

## Gursum Corda

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you.    And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts.    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.

*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.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.    Ho-san-na in the

high - est.                      Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord.                      Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*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."