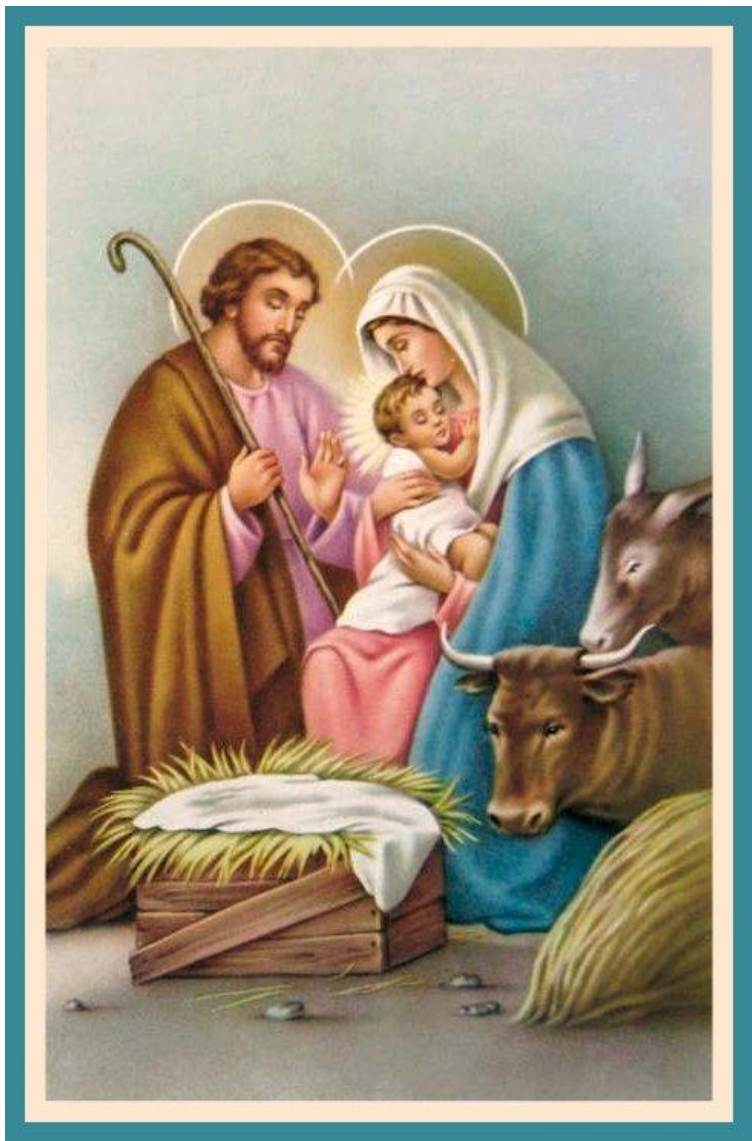


VIGIL MASS FOR THE  
*The Nativity of the Lord*

DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church  
Salem, Virginia

# Merry Christmas!

We are thankful that you are  
worshipping with us today!

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## PRELUDE

**READING:** Isaiah 7:11-14

**SONG TRUMPETS SOUND WITH A SHOUT OF JOY** Rusbridge

**READING:** Luke 3:1-6

**SONG HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING** arr. Alonso

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild - God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you nations, rise. Join the triumph of the skies.  
With th'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 as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail, the heav'n-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 the ones of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Tune: MENDELSSOHN 77 77 D with refrain; Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

**READING:** Matthew 1:18-21

**SONG SING HALLELUJAH TO THE NEWBORN KING** Keil

**READING:** Luke 1:26-33

**SONG AWAY IN A MANGER** arr. Alonso

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

## PRELUDE

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: St. 1-2. anonymous, st. 3, John T. McFarland, 1851-1913    Tune: MUELLER, 11 11 11 11; James R. Murray, 1841-1905

**READING:** Luke 2:15-20

### SONG

### SLEEP, LITTLE BABY

Walker

**Refrain**



Sleep, lit-tle ba-by, sleep and dream. Ma-ry will hold you,  
Jo-seph will take care of you. Sleep, lit-tle ba-by, sleep.

**Verses**



1. Shep-herds are com-ing to greet you this night,  
2. An-gels have told to a world that is torn:  
4. God, help us all to re-mem-ber this day.

1. com-ing to share in this won-der-ful sight:  
2. "This day in Beth-le-hem Je-sus is born."  
4. Find-ing your joy in our hearts, let us say:

1-4. Here is the gift that God gave us.

1-4. Here is God's Son come to save us.

to Refrain

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**READING:** John 1:1-5

### SONG

### ADORE HIM

arr. Wise

Countless days on a journey that led so far.  
Endless nights they traveled to follow the star.  
They did not find a palace, just a humble village home.

## PRELUDE

And searching for a king, but finding a Child, no crown, no throne,  
Still they bowed down.

Refrain:

Come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -  
dore him. O come, let us a - dore him.\_\_\_\_\_

Expectation turned to mystery,  
for nothing was like anything they'd dreamed.  
Anticipating the royal, and those honored by this world.  
Instead, they gazed in the awestruck eyes of a lowly peasant girl,  
Holding her child. (to Refrain)

Let us adore him! Let us adore him!  
The brilliant gold, the fragrant myrrh, the costly frankincense  
Placed before him.

Final 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. O come, let us a - dore Him.  
\_\_\_\_ Christ\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

## WELCOME

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

(stand)

## GATHERING SONG

## O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. ⁊ God of \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ Light \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Light, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. ⁊ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
1. Ad - é - ste fí - dé - les, laé - ti, tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Lo! He comes forth from the Vir - gin's womb.  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
Our ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted,  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
Na - tum vi - dé - te, Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,  
Ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!  
ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

Text: *Adeste fideles*; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.  
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES, Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786

## GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
+ and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you. (or other greeting)

People: And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest/Deacon: *(invocation)* Lord, have mercy.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest/Deacon: *(invocation)* Christ, have mercy.

**People:** **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest/Deacon: *(invocation)* Lord, have mercy.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**People:** **Amen.**

## GLORIA

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to  
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo -  
ry. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might - y  
Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be-got - ten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther \_\_\_\_\_ you  
take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you  
take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are

seat-ed\_\_ at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the most high Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fath - er. A - men, a - men, a -  
 men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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## COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

Priest: Let us pray.

*(We pause to offer our silent intentions to God.)*

... God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

*(sit)*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 9:1-6

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 96

R. To - day, to - day is born our Sav - ior,  
 Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord.

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**SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14**

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(stand)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Priest/Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14**

Priest/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*(sit)*

**HOMILY**

*(stand)*

**PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

*On Christmas Eve, note that we kneel for the two lines indicated.*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.**

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(please kneel for the following two lines)*

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Deacon/Lector: ... let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

*(sit)*

#### BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY




# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST


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## OFFERTORY SONG CHILD OF THE POOR/ WHAT CHILD IS THIS

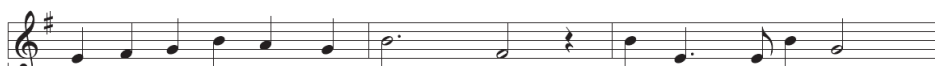
*We will sing Verse 1 of Child of the Poor (top line), followed by Verse 1 of What Child is This (bottom line), and do the same pattern for Verse 2 of each song. Verse 3 of each will be sung at the same time.*




1. Help - less and hun - gry, low - ly, a - fraid,  
2. Who is the strang - er here in our midst,  
3. Bring all the thirst - y, all who seek peace;




1. What child is this, \_\_\_\_\_ who, laid to rest, \_\_\_\_\_ On  
2. Why lies he in \_\_\_\_\_ such mean es - tate \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, \_\_\_\_\_ Come



1. wrapped in the chill of mid - win - ter; comes now a - mong us,  
2. look - ing for shel - ter a - mong us? Who is the out - cast?  
3. bring those with noth - ing to of - fer. Strength - en the fee - ble,



1. Ma - ry's lap \_\_\_\_\_ is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet \_\_\_\_\_ with  
2. ox and ass \_\_\_\_\_ are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: \_\_\_\_\_ for  
3. peas - ant, king, \_\_\_\_\_ to own \_\_\_\_\_ him; The King of kings \_\_\_\_\_ sal -



1. born in - to pov - er - ty's em - brace, new life for the world.  
2. Who do we see a - mid the poor, the chil - dren of God?  
3. say to the fright - ened heart: "Fear not: & here is your God!"



1. an - thems sweet, \_\_\_\_\_ While shep - herds watch \_\_\_\_\_ are keep - ing? \_\_\_\_\_  
2. sin - ners here \_\_\_\_\_ The si - lent Word \_\_\_\_\_ is plead - ing. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. va - tion brings, \_\_\_\_\_ Let lov - ing hearts \_\_\_\_\_ en - throne him. \_\_\_\_\_

# REFRAIN



Who is this who lives with the low - ly, shar - ing their sor - rows,  
 — This, this — is Christ the King, — Whom shep - herds  
 know-ing their hun - ger? This is Christ, re - vealed to the world in the eyes of a  
 guard — and an - gels sing; Haste, haste — to bring him laud, — the  
 child, a child of the poor.  
 babe, — the son — of Ma - ry.

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*(stand)*

**Priest:** Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People:** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**Priest:** ...who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## PREFACE DIALOGUE

**Priest:** The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts. **People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right and just.

## PREFACE

## SANCTUS from "Mass of Communion"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav-en 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. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(kneel)

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-claim your  
death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain, O Lord, un-til you  
come a - gain, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

## GREAT AMEN from Mass of Communion

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, sing-ing  
a - men, a - men, a - men.

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(stand)

## OUR FATHER

**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.

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord ... coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours, now and forever.

## SIGN OF PEACE

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

**People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest/Deacon:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## LAMB OF GOD *from "Mass of Communion"*

The musical notation for the Lamb of God is presented in three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff continues the melody, with a repeat sign at the beginning of the second line. The third staff concludes the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes in Latin and English.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, mi-se-re-re  
no - bis. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
do-na no-bis pa - cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

*(kneel)*

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away  
the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the  
supper of the Lamb.

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter  
under my roof, but only say the word and my  
soul shall be healed.

*Catholics who are prepared to receive the Eucharist are invited forward to receive Communion at this time. If you are Catholic but not prepared to receive the Eucharist, or if you are not Catholic, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest, and we will share a short prayer with you.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON



The Word be-came flesh, and we have seen his glo - ry.

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### COMMUNION SONG

### THE TABLE OF EMMANUEL

Alonso



As we taste the bread of heav - en and the



cup of love out - poured, we pro-claim your birth, Em -



man-u - el, Child of Mar-y, Christ the Lord.

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### POST-COMMUNION SONG

### SILENT NIGHT

arr. Alonso

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; heavenly host 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!

*(stand)*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: ...who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

### BLESSING OF FAMILY NATIVITY FIGURES

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

*(stand)*

### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Priest: ... with the light of virtue.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: ... heralds of his Gospel.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: ...the Church in heaven.

**People: Amen.**

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**People: Amen.**

Priest/Deacon: Go in peace. *(or other dismissal)*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### CLOSING SONG

### JOY TO THE WORLD

arr. Alonso

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 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.
3. No more let sin 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.