



*The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):  
At the Mass During the Day*

**December 25, 2023  
10am & 12pm**

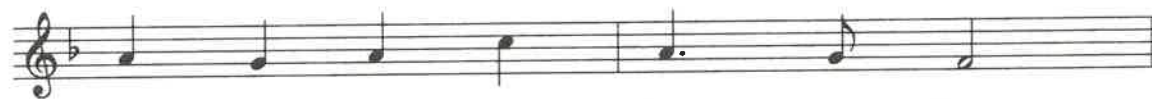
## 361 Angels We Have Heard on High



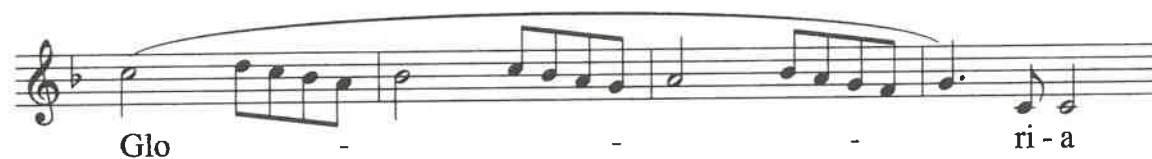
1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the  
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply  
 strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be,  
 an - gels sing; Come a - dore, on bend - ed knee,  
 an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,



Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.  
 Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 While our hearts in love we raise.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a



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

Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French, c. 18th C.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862  
 Tune: GLORIA, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; French traditional

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS): AT THE MASS DURING THE DAY

December 25

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (16)

**Response:** (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant div.

All the ends of the earth have seen our God.

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A7) (D) (Bm) (G) (Em) (G) (A7) (D)  
F \*tacet Bb C7 F Dm Bb Gm Bb C7 F

All the ends of the earth \_\_\_\_\_ have seen the sav - ing pow - er of God.

\*When guitar plays alone, omit "tacet."

**Verses:** (Cantor or SATB)

(Bm) (A)  
Dm C

1. Sing to the LORD a new song,  
His right hand has won victory for him,

2. The LORD has made his salva - tion known:  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;

4. Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn

(G) (A)  
Bb C

1. For he has done won - drous deeds;  
His ho - ly arm.

2. In the sight of the nations he has re - vealed his justice.  
Toward the house of Israel.

3. The salvation by our God.  
Break into song; sing praise.

4. With the harp and me - lo - dious song.  
Sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Acclamation: (Organ/SATB) No. VI

Optional Descant

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

D Bm7 G Asus4 A7 D

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

Verse: (Cantor)

G A G

A holy day has dawned up - on us. Come, you nations, and a -

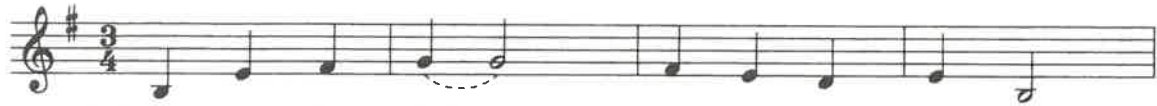
Organ

D G D Em7 A

dore the Lord. For today a great light has come up - on the earth.



## Christ, Be Our Light 512



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.  
 2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.  
 3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.  
 4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.  
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.  
 Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.  
 Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.  
 man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,  
 Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.  
 Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,  
 Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,  
 Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



light for the world to see.  
 Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 shared un - til all are fed.  
 walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

## 388 The First Nowell



1. The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing  
 3. And by the light of that same star Three  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er  
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full  
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In  
 in the east, be - yond them far, And  
 wise men came from coun - try far; To  
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And  
 rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, And  
 prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord; Who



fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a  
 to the earth it gave great light, And  
 seek for a king was their in - tent, And to  
 there it did both stop and stay, Right  
 of - fered there, in his pres - ence, Their  
 with the Fa - ther we a - dore And



cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
 o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.  
 Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.



Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## What Child Is This 387



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



Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for  
 peas - ant, king to own him; The King of kings sal -



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



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y.

Text: William C. Dix, 1827-1898

Tune: GREENSLEEVES, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; English melody, 16th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840-1901

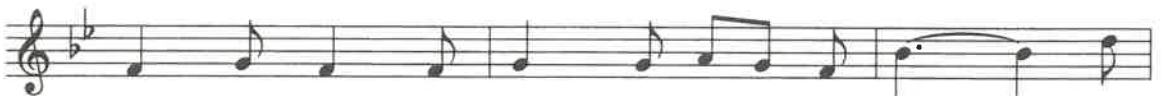
## It Came upon the Midnight Clear 379



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That  
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With  
 3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife, The  
 4. For, lo, the days are has - tening on, By



glo - rious song of old, From an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; Be - neath the heav'n - ly  
 proph - ets seen of old, When with the ev - er -



near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace  
 mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A -  
 hymn have rolled Two thou - sand years of wrong; And  
 cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told, When



on the earth, good will to all From  
 bove its sad and low - ly plains They  
 war - ring hu - man - kind hears not The  
 peace shall o - ver all the earth Its



heaven's all gra - cious King"; The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - 'ring wing, And ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, And all the world give



still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife And hear the an - gels sing.  
 back the song Which now the an - gels sing.



## 359 O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How  
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and  
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the  
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to  
 scend to us we pray; Cast out our sin and



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in the dark streets shin - eth The ev - er -  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad



last - ing Light; The hopes and fears of  
 ho - ly birth! And prais - es sing to  
 world of sin, Where meek souls will re -  
 tid - ings tell; O come to us, a -



all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 God the King, And peace to all on earth.  
 ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

## 363 Go Tell It on the Mountain

## Refrain



Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;

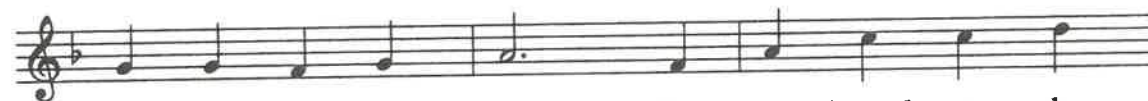


Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

## Verses



1. While	shep - herds	kept	their	watch - ing	O'er
2. The	shep - herds	feared	and	trem - bled	When
3. Down	in	a	low - ly	man - ger	The



si - lent	flocks	by	night,	Be - hold	through - out	the
lo!	a - bove	the	earth	Rang	out	the
hum - ble	Christ	was	born,	And	God	sent
				us	sal -	



heav - ens	There	shone	a	ho - ly	light.
cho - rus	That	hailed	our	Sav - ior's	birth.
va - tion	That	bles - ed	Christ - mas	morn.	

Text: African-American spiritual; adapt. by John W. Work, Jr., 1871-1925, © Mrs. John W. Work, III  
Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; African-American spiritual; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, © 1995, GIA Publications, Inc.