



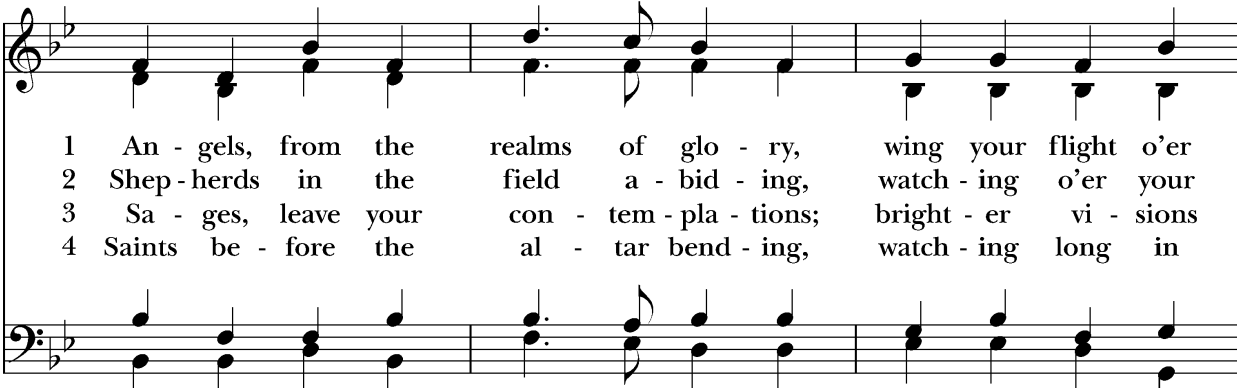
*St. James' Episcopal Church Skaneateles*

**Welcome to the Christmas Eve  
Family Eucharist & Children's Pageant**

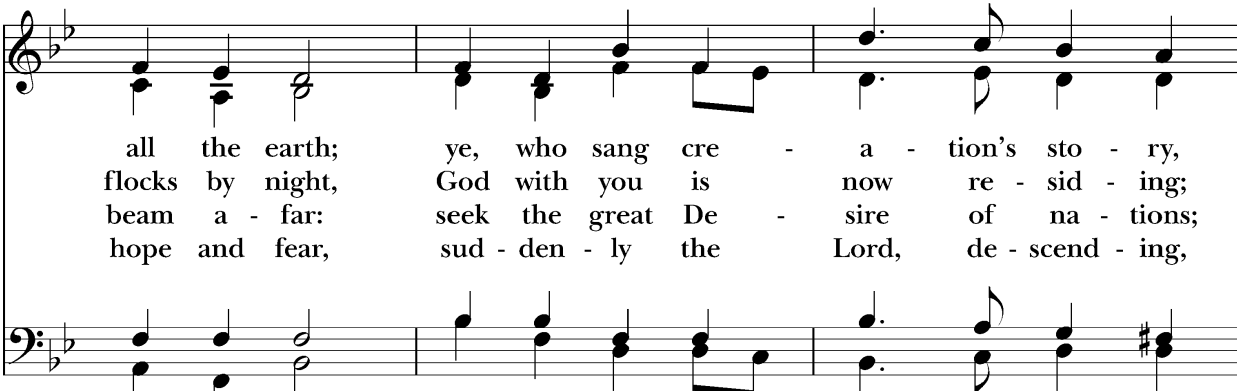
**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
4pm**

# Opening Hymn 93

*Angels from the realms of glory*




1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

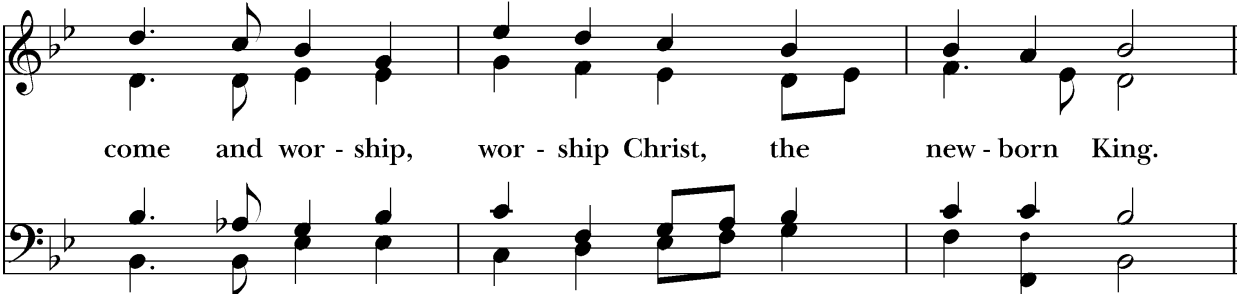


all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
 ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



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

*The figure of the Christ Child is place in the manger and the Christmas candle is placed on the altar by the Peebles family.*

### **Prayer at the Christmas Crèche**

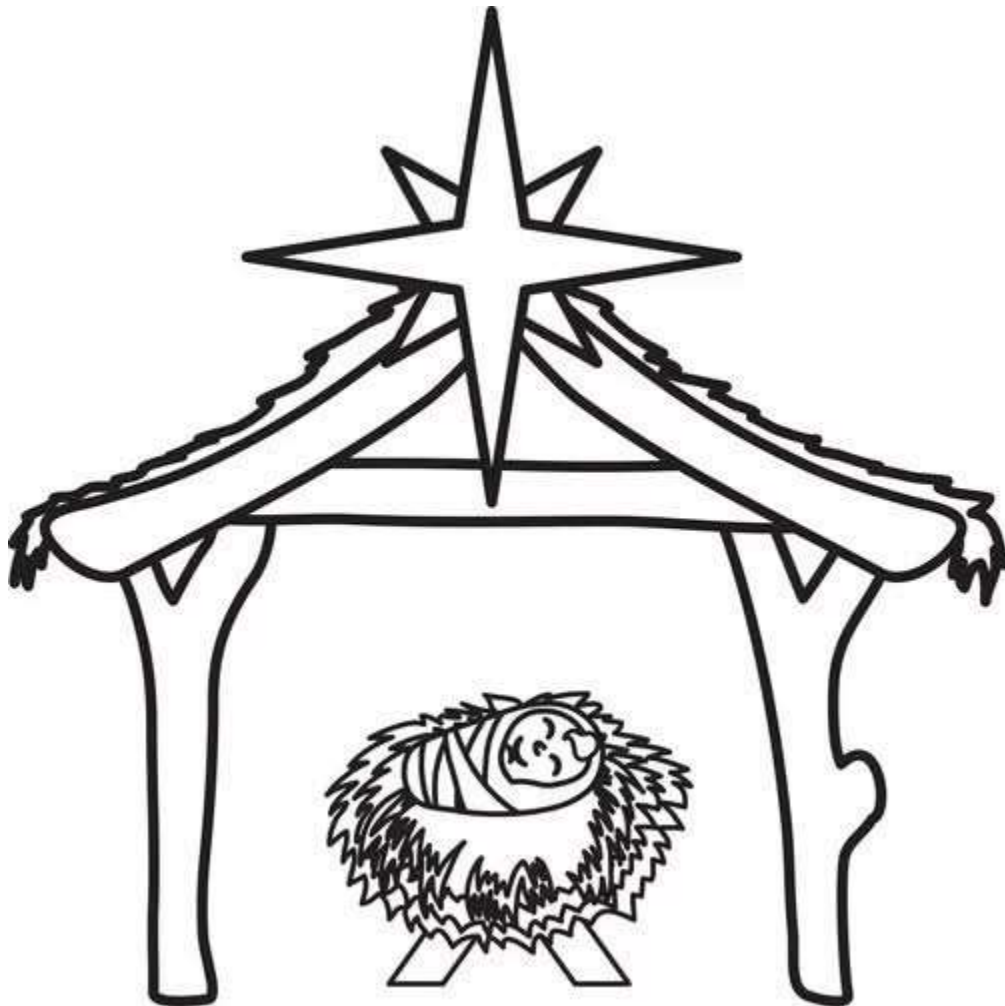
*Clergy*      The angel of the Lord said to the shepherds. “Do not be afraid;  
for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the  
people”

*People*      **For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is the Messiah the Lord.**

*Clergy*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a young woman: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*People*      **Amen.**



*All may be seated for the Children's Pageant and are encouraged to sing with the children.*

*St. James' Children's Ministries Presents:*

## ***The Christmas Story - God with Us***

*Music Selections :*

*O little town of Bethlehem*

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.**

*We three kings of Orient are*

**We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain,  
moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.**

**O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!**

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed*

**Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.**

*Angels we have heard on high*

**Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*In the bleak midwinter*

In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter,  
long ago.

What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man,  
I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him—  
give my heart.

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

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.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly host sing Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, loves pure light  
Radiant beams from thy Holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace:  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,  
All is dark save the light  
Yonder where thy sweet vigils keep.  
O'er the Babe who in silence sleep:  
Rest in heavenly peace.

Sermon

The Rev. Pilar F. Padrón Parnell

Gradual Hymn

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Hymn #83

## The Presentation of the Candidate

<i>Celebrant</i>	The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
<i>Sponsors</i>	<b>We present Bode to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you be responsible for seeing that Bode is brought up in the Christian life and faith?
<i>Sponsors</i>	<b>I will with God's help.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?
<i>Sponsors</i>	<b>I will with God's help.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>Response</i>	<b>I renounce them.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world, which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
<i>Response</i>	<b>I renounce them.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
<i>Response</i>	<b>I renounce them.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
<i>Response</i>	<b>I do.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
<i>Response</i>	<b>I do.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
<i>Response</i>	<b>I do.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Bode in his life in Christ?
<i>People</i>	<b>We will!</b>

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

<i>Celebrant</i>	I invite you all now, together with Bode, who is about to be baptized, to renew the solemn promises and vows of your own Holy Baptism. Do you believe in God the Father?
<i>People</i>	<b>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
<i>People</i>	<b>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
<i>People</i>	<b>I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,</b>

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Bode who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

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

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

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

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving spirit.

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

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

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

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

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

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

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

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

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

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*People*                   The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*           Let us give to the Lord our God.  
*People*               **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Baptism

*Celebrant*           Bode, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in you Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to preserve, a spirit to know and to love, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Bode, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*           Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
*People*               **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**



## The Peace

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

## Announcements

*An offering is collected to help support St. James' mission of sharing Christ's love in with the world. You can donate by scanning or tapping the QR code or visiting [www.stjamescan.org/support-stjames](http://www.stjamesscan.org/support-stjames).*



## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

*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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your

purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. James' and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant*

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

*All*

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
<i>People</i>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!</b>

### **Communion**

*The sacrament is given to the people.*

### **The Postcommunion prayer**


**God of abundance you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of the Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **The Christmas Blessing**

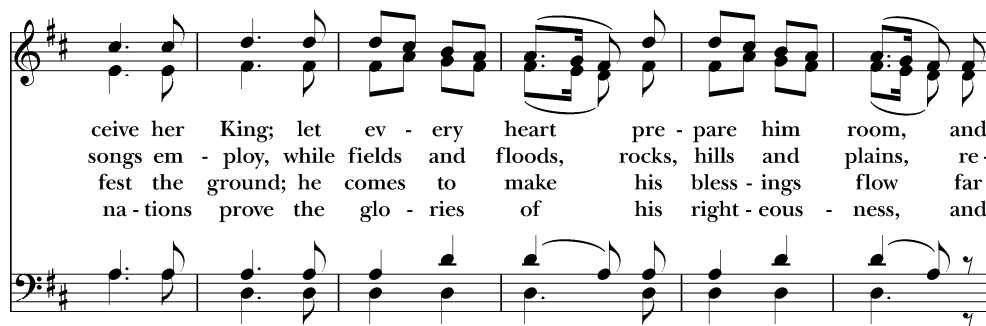
May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

# Closing Hymn 100

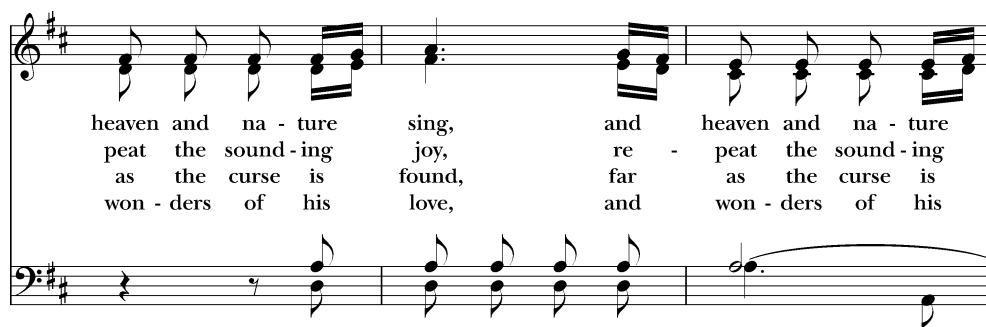
## *Joy to the world*



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,

*The Dismissal is given by the Clergy, and the People respond, 'Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!'*