

St. Mary's Cathedral
San Francisco, CA

Epiphany Lessons and Carols

4 January 2026
4:00 pm

Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers
St. Mary's Cathedral Choir School (Stella Maris Academy Choir)




PRELUDE “Angels We Have Heard on High”
 “Still, still, still”
 “Carol of the Bells”

PROCESSION “How Brightly Beams the Morning Star” Dietrich Buxtehude <stand>


OPENING VERSE

Presider:



O God, come to my as- sist- ance.

Assembly:

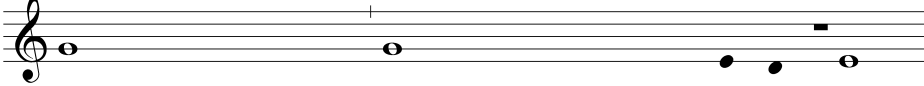


Lord, make haste to help me.


All:



Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spi- rit,



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev- er. A- men.



Al- le- lu- ia.

OPENING HYMN

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 (3X):
CHRIST THE LORD.

2. *Adeste, fideles, laeti, triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte, Regem angelorum.
VENITE ADOREMUS (3X) DOMINUM.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God in the highest.

4. 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.

CALL TO PRAYER

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FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

CAROL (combined choirs)

“Gesu Bambino”

Pietro Yon

Isaiah 61:1-3

CAROL (Golden Gate Boys Choir)
"The Angel Gabriel"

arr. G. Chiusano

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

CAROL (Cathedral Choir School)
"Puer natus in Bethlehem"

Josef Rheinberger

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-7

CAROL (Bellringers)
“Coventry Carol”

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

FIFTH LESSON

1 John 2:7-11

CAROL (Cathedral Choir School)
"Dixit Maria"

Hans Leo Hassler

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-23

CAROL (combined choirs)
“Star Carol”

John Rutter

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SEVENTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

CAROL	"We Three Kings"
Refrain:	Oh! Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect Light.

 $\langle \text{sit} \rangle$

REFLECTION

RESPONSORY



The Word was made flesh, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

Cantor: He lived among us.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

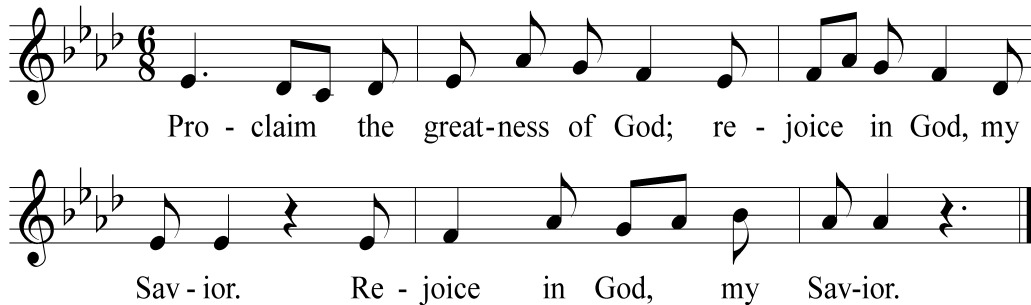
Cantor: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: The Word was made flesh...

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MAGNIFICAT

"Magnificat"
James Chepponis



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INTERCESSIONS

Response: Save the poor, O Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

Felix Mendelssohn

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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING,
"GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!"

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 th'Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heav'nborn 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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

POSTLUDE (Bellringers)

"Tollite hostias" (Christmas Oratorio)

Camille Saint-Saens