



SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA MISSION STATEMENT

*We are the welcoming community of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
living our faith by endeavoring to follow her example
to see, share and be the light of Christ's love and compassion.*

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: December 26, 2021

Parish Information: December 26, 2021

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish!

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a parish home we invite you to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.

Registration: We invite all parishioners to register with the Parish. Registration helps us to serve you when issuing letters in connection with sponsorship of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony, and for letters of reference. Kindly notify the office if your address changes.

Anointing of the Sick: In case of serious illness or advanced age please call the parish office. For hospital cases, contact the hospital Chaplain.

Pastoral Care: Please call the parish office to have Communion brought to an ill or homebound family member.

Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage in the parish must contact the parish office to meet with a priest to begin the marriage preparation process. This is the first step in planning their wedding and needs to be done one year before the date of the wedding.

Baptisms: To arrange a Baptism, contact the Parish Office at least two weeks before the desired date of Baptism to make arrangements. Parents are required to attend a preparation class before the Baptism. Classes will be held at 7PM (Date will be given when you call). Please call the office to register.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM—3PM

The Office is closed from 12 noon to 1PM for lunch.

Bulletin Submission Dates

Announcements to be published in the bulletin need to be in the Parish Office by Monday at 12 noon, 6 days prior to the publication of the bulletin. Holidays require earlier dates. Please call office to check.

Flyer **inserts** need to be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12 noon, 11 days ahead of the desired bulletin date.

Mass and Sacrament Schedule

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH

50 Emerald Ave., Westmont

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Live streamed)

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM— in sign language

ST. JOHN CHURCH

809 Park Ave., Collingswood

Sunday: 9:30 AM (Live streamed) 11:00AM

Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 AM

Adoration: Thursdays: Holy Saviour from 10AM to 8PM

Benediction & recitation of Divine Mercy Chaplet:

First Fridays: St. John Church at 3PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 Holy Saviour Church

BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office to arrange.

RCIA: Mondays at 7PM in Faith Formation Center

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Prayer Requests

Those serving in the military:

Colin Bakey, USN, Eric Bakey, USA,
Alex Coutinho, US Space Force, Miguel Ingram, Pvt. 1st Class
US Army, Johnny A. Santiago, USA,
1st Lieut. Kayleigh Migaleddi, RN, USAF, Salena
Silvaria, NAC/AW, Nathan Tiefenthaler L. Corp
Ens. Patrick McKernan, USN

Those who are sick: Baby Rowan Anderson, Baby Archer Reynolds, Nancy Barone, Denise Bell, Esther Benson, Jacob Bocchicchio, Ashley Boland, Bernadette Burke, Barbara Carrozza, Edward L. Charlton, Theresa Charlton, Marilyn Cipolone, Anthony Corrado, Baby Declan Costello, Todd Delany, Dean Dickel, Regina Gagne, Anne Flamer, Victoria Gilbert, Jamie Hankins, Cherie Hansen, Violet Harden, Brian Hart, Kathleen Hartnett, Bill Hower, Rosario Huarijara, Rick Jermyn, Teresa Jermyn, Chet Kasprzak, Rachel Kellmaier, Ali Kite, Wally Kimovich, William Kinee, June Kuntz, Nina Lopes, Nicholas Matyas, Matthew McCann, Mari Alice McVey, Terry Meloche, Colin Murray, Christopher Pronio, Martha Shaw, Richard Shoenborn, Frank Tiefenthaler, Michael Travis, Lyibov Ukhanska, Dominick Venafrá, Marie Vesper, Barbara Vollrath, Marie Wann, Wear Family, Myra Worrell

Dear Lord, we ask you to turn their weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for all those listed here. Let them be filled with patience and joy in your presence as they wait for your healing touch. As you heal and renew your servants, Lord, may they be blessed and praise you. This we ask especially for our parishioners and our friends.

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and those to whom they minister.



Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle will be burned this week in memory of:

Holy Saviour: Margaret Haughey r/b the Family
St. John: Barbato Family r/b Margaret Way

MASS Intentions

Saturday, December 25

- 8:00 AM (HS) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
- 10:00 AM (SJ) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
- 10:00 AM (HS) Deaf Community

Sunday, December 26

- 8:00 Jeanne Gierak r/b her Daughter
- 9:30 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Iacovino r/b Ellie Connell
Frank J. Nardi, Sr. r/b Dominic Pucci & Denise
Cynthia Sutton r/b Dominic Pucci & Denise
Dorothy Juliani r/b the Family
Corey Hufuer r/b the Family
Eric Juliani r/b the Family
- 11:00 Jasmin M. Diaz r/b Francisca Ferrante
Dan McCormick r/b his Family
Celebration of the baptism of Lainey
Elizabeth Czajka

Monday, December 27

- 9:00 Intentions of Deacon John Contino r/b the
Faust Family
Father Richard Lodge r/b Margaret Way

Tuesday, December 28

- 9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Wednesday, December 29

- 9:00 Lou Scharff r/b the Family

Thursday, December 30

- 9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Friday, December 31

- 9:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC
- 5 PM (HS— Vigil of Holy Day) - Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Saturday, January 1

- 9 AM (SJ) Intentions of Parishioners of STC
- 11AM (HS) Deaf Community)
- 4 PM (HS—Vigil of Jan. 2) Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Sunday, January 2

- 8:00 Francis X. Kernan r/b the Family
- 9:30 Mary Van Note f/b her Husband & Family
- 11:00 Intentions of Parishioners of STC

Feast of the Holy Family: December 26, 2021

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas celebration and that you enjoyed your time with friends and family. I truly hope the joy of Christmas remains forever within you and all around you. As we continue to celebrate this Christmas, we are also being reminded that Jesus is being born in our everyday lives. Christmas is the story of Jesus Christ's entry into the world. When Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem for the census, there was no room for them in the Inn. No room was made for Jesus when he was born. Have you ever wondered why there is no more room in the small Inn in Bethlehem? Bethlehem was a small, unimportant village some seven kilometers from Jerusalem.

Caesar Augustus, the first emperor of the Roman Empire, had decreed a census of the empire. Israel was under Roman rule and every Jew had to return to his hometown or the city of his heritage. Joseph was to be registered in Bethlehem, where David was born a thousand years earlier, because he was of the line of David. Mary was traveling with Joseph. Normally it was not necessary for women to pay their taxes in person, but Joseph may have taken Mary with him because the time for her childbirth was approaching, and he did not want to leave her behind (cf. Luke 1:56). Matthew tells us that Joseph took her as his bride after a revelation by an angel of the Lord, "but he did not know her until she had born a son" (Matthew 1: 24-25). Luke uses the term "bride" to convey that although married, Joseph and Mary did not live physically as a married couple, and that she was pregnant, not by Joseph, but by the shadow of the Holy Spirit.

Joseph and Mary walked from Nazareth to Galilee in the north of Bethlehem. It was a 140 km journey, a walk of about six days. I don't know when they arrived, or how long they were in Bethlehem, but Luke tells us: "While they were there, the time came for Mary to give birth, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She swaddled him and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the Inn (vv. 6-7)."

We all know after a long trip how tired we can be. Sometimes we go someplace where the circumstance requires us to stay in a hotel without a reservation. We know how difficult it can be. For Mary and Joseph, it was really hard because that night in Bethlehem, there were no friends or family members to call, and there was no phone, no car, and no room in the Inn.

The reason the Inn in the small village of Bethlehem had no room was because the village was full due to the travelers coming for the census. But it's amazing that no one took pity on this couple, especially this young mother who was about to deliver her first baby. We can understand everyone being preoccupied by their own situation as in our real life. Yet no one offered their place for a baby to be born. What would you have done if you had been there that night? Would you have offered your place? Not knowing that it was Jesus, the Son of God to be born, would you have offered them a place to stay? There is always a reason why we do not make room for Jesus in our lives and in our home. Not only because there are many events that are going on in society, but most of the time because we are too busy, too stressed to open our hearts to let Him in. Sad to say, we always have our reasons for not giving space to Jesus.

It's amazing that no one wanted to give a place to Mary to deliver the baby. No one wanted to make room for a baby to be born. And it's even more amazing when we consider who the baby was. The child in the manger was the Son of God. He was He who created everything, everything which has come to exist, the whole universe, so to speak, but there was no place given for him to be born among mankind.

We read in the book of Micah 5:2 "and you, Bethlehem Ephratah, you who are little among the thousands of Judah, from you will come forth the One who will rule over Israel and whose origin goes back to the distant past, in the days of eternity." John tells us: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. Everything was done by him, and nothing that was done was done without him. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not welcome it".* (John 1: 1-5)

May the word continue to be made flesh in our daily life and the life of our society. May Jesus continue to be born in our life and may we continue to open our heart to Him and to allow Him to change and transform us. I wish all of you a blessed New Year, and may Jesus continue to keep you safe and blessed.

Fr. Yvans Jazon, Pastor





*Participate in Electronic Giving.
It's Simple ... Safe ... Convenient.*

- Log onto www.parishgiving.org.
- Click "SIGN UP NOW: follow the prompts.

December 19 & 26: Not recorded at publication time

Collection for Retired Religious: \$2,619.00

Electronic Givers: November: \$17,838.58/ 141 givers

NEW WAY TO GIVE!

Scan this QR code with your smartphone for easy, secure on-line giving.



Thank you for your continued support of our parish! May God bless you and those you love!



Wishes for a happy, healthy and blessed New Year to our parishioners and your families from Fr. Yvans, Fr. Hugh and all the Parish Staff! Your on-going support in so many ways is very much appreciated.



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Stewardship Family

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, Stewardship is in our DNA. We share and express our love for others. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you; those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.



In case you missed it ...

The prayer service and presentation by **Dr. Bethany Welch on the Laudato Si Action Platform** that was held on November 29th has been recorded and is available on Facebook to be viewed at your convenience. To access this event on Facebook, type "**Teresa Calcutta video**" and scroll down to find the Laudato Si Action Platform dated 11/29/2021.

You are encouraged to become informed about this global faith journey of prayer, education and action as our Church moves forward towards ecological conversion and sustainability.

Parish Ministries

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Intention for the Week of December 26—January 1

We thank God for providing our parish with a dependable, trustworthy group of collection counters who devote their time and talents to complete the weekly task of compiling and counting our Offertory collections. We thank them for their assistance in organizing and accurately preparing the collection for deposit to the bank. We ask God to bless them with health as they continue to serve our parish in this ministry.

Money Counters



Adoration Schedule

ALL ARE INVITED:

- Thursdays at Holy Saviour Church 10AM - 8PM
- Silent Adoration 10AM –7PM
- Rosary and Benediction 7PM—8PM



November Donations

Parishioners of St. Teresa of Calcutta made the following donation to the Joseph House in November: 12 Casseroles,

18 packs of cookies, 2 dozen homemade pumpkin spice cookies, 20 lbs. of sugar, 7 lbs. of powder creamer, 3 bottles hot sauce, 108 packets of snacks, 2 cases of water, 9.5 lbs. of coffee, 5 packs of wipes, 79 protein bars, and 3 cans of Lysol

Thank you for your continued support of the homeless among us.

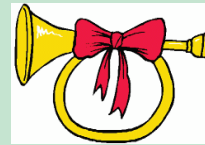


We would like to welcome the following new members to our parish family:

*Kathleen Lafferty
James & Meaghan Flier
Maria Ianclemente
Christopher Nerissa Lee*

Are you new to our Parish and would like to register? We would love to have you!!

Please contact the Parish Office, weekdays, 9AM to 4 PM (Fridays 3PM) at 856-828-0298.



Parish Office Schedule New Years

Mon.—Wed.: Dec. 27– Dec. 29: 9 to 4

Thursday, Dec. 30: Close at 12 noon

Friday, December 31: Closed

Sat.-Sun., January 1-2: Closed

Monday, January 3: Open at 9AM



RCIA



Our parish RCIA meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center. Please see page 7 of this bulletin for additional information.

New Year Mass Schedules

New Year's Eve: Friday December 31

9 AM: St. John Church **Regular Friday Mass**

5 PM: Holy Saviour Church **(Vigil for Jan. 1)**

New Year's Day: Saturday, January 1

9 AM: St. John Church **(For Jan. 1)**

4 PM: Holy Saviour **(Vigil for Jan. 2)**



January 1-2

MASS	LECTOR	EM	SACRISTAN
4:00	S. Loumeau	P. Moran	S. Campbell
8:00	L. Franck	D. Rocks	R. Fearon
9:30	J. Wiener	P. Dunn	M. Mercer
11:00	L. Roseboro-Brown	D. Leo	L. Roseboro-Brown



Thank you!

Thank you to Anne Remetz for her dedicated work on the Giving Tree project as well as on the Coat Drive and Plants for the Homebound. May God bless her and her helpers!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

One of the primary missions of our St. Vincent DePaul Society is to assist people in times of emergency. We respond to calls for help on our parish number [856-858-1444](tel:856-858-1444). Often people are reluctant to ask for help, but should you know of anyone in our community in need of urgent assistance, please refer them to our number and let them know we are there to help.



Sandwich Making

Make at home and drop off only until further notice.

Please bring your already made sandwiches to Good Shepherd cafeteria on **Monday, January 17 at 7PM**. Someone will be there to accept your donation.

PLEASE MAKE ONLY TURKEY or BEEF BOLONGA SANDWICHES.

Please put cheese on all sandwiches.

Sandwiches made in Oct.: 750 for Cath. Kitchen & Joseph House

Discussion Meeting: 3rd Tuesday, January 18 at 7PM: Faith Formation Center. Thank you for continuing to help the needy.



Dinners to Doorsteps

We provide meals for people or families who are ill, disabled, living alone, parents of new babies, etc. We also provide meals for individuals and families who are struggling to put food on the table. If you need help, please call Michelle. Everything is strictly confidential. **Delivery persons are desperately needed. More Info.:**

Contact Michele Santiago at : 609-598-1787 or email her at grandmarose73@yahoo.com.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS:

**Mon. & Wed.:
10AM to 12 PM**

**Staples put into
each bag:**

Breakfast:

Oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, condensed milk, cereal boxes

Lunch:

PB and jelly, tuna, mac & cheese, spam, chunky/regular soups

Dinner:

Pasta sauce, pasta, vegetables & beef stew, instant rice/potatoes, canned fruit

Gift cards from food stores, especially Aldi, are also appreciated.

*Thank you so much for your
continued support!*

LIFE-LONG FAITH FORMATION

Growing in Faith At Every Age

*I want a laity, ... who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity — I wish you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each other, what are the bases and principles of Catholicism...***Cardinal John Henry Newman**



RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of welcoming people who want to be full members of the Catholic faith community. This includes those who have never been baptized, those baptized in other Christian denominations, and

baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is not a "class" but rather a journey of faith. In the company of a group of faith-filled parishioners who serve as the RCIA team and with other people inquiring about the Church, and through experiences of prayer, faith-sharing, instruction, and discussion, you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with God as you discover how your faith could be nurtured with the Catholic tradition. If you would like to learn more about RCIA please call Father Yvans.

Youth Choir Practice

Our Youth Choir is open to anyone from grades 1 through high school. If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument we would love to have you participate. We will be singing at the Family Mass on December 12 and the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 4PM. The next practice is December 22 at 7PM in Good Shepherd Caf.

Faith Formation Schedule

Sunday 9:30-10:45, Grades K-7
January 9, 16, 23, 30

Tuesday 3:30-4:45, Grades 1-6
January 11, 18, 25

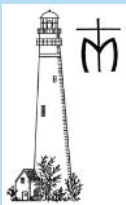
Confirmation Prep
(In St. John Church)
Sunday December 9 6:30-8:00PM



THANK YOU

St. Teresa Parish families were extremely generous during our We Care Package drive. Because of the large donation of toiletries, socks, gloves, and scarves we were able to make over 100 packages. These will be given to our Food Pantry and Joseph's House.





Offerings at Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ

- **College Age Retreat**

Dates: January 7-9, 2022

Cost: \$140 per person

More Info./Register: Call (609) 884-3829 or email
www.capemaymarianists.org

- **Young Adult Retreat**

Dates: February 11-13, 2022

Cost: \$140 per person

More Info./Register: Call (609) 884-3829 or email
www.capemaymarianists.org

New Life Charismatic Prayer Meetings Two Times Every Week

Join us on Sunday evenings in St. Rose of Lima Lounge
New Time: 6:30-8:00 (so you can come after Mass)

*Masks are required.

Join us on Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:00 on ZOOM

If interested, email cswheeler45@gmail.com



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program begins the weekend of February 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-394 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.



March for Life

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 22. Look for sign-up information in the parish bulletins beginning January 1-2.

Christmas Prayer Tree Lighting: 2021





Call to Worship

Feast of the Holy Family: December 26, 2021

ENTRANCE HYMN: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING MENDELSSOHN

Verses

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
2. God - head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to

1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.



FIRST READING: Samuel 1: 20-22,24-28

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

CREED: 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.

At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man”, all bow.

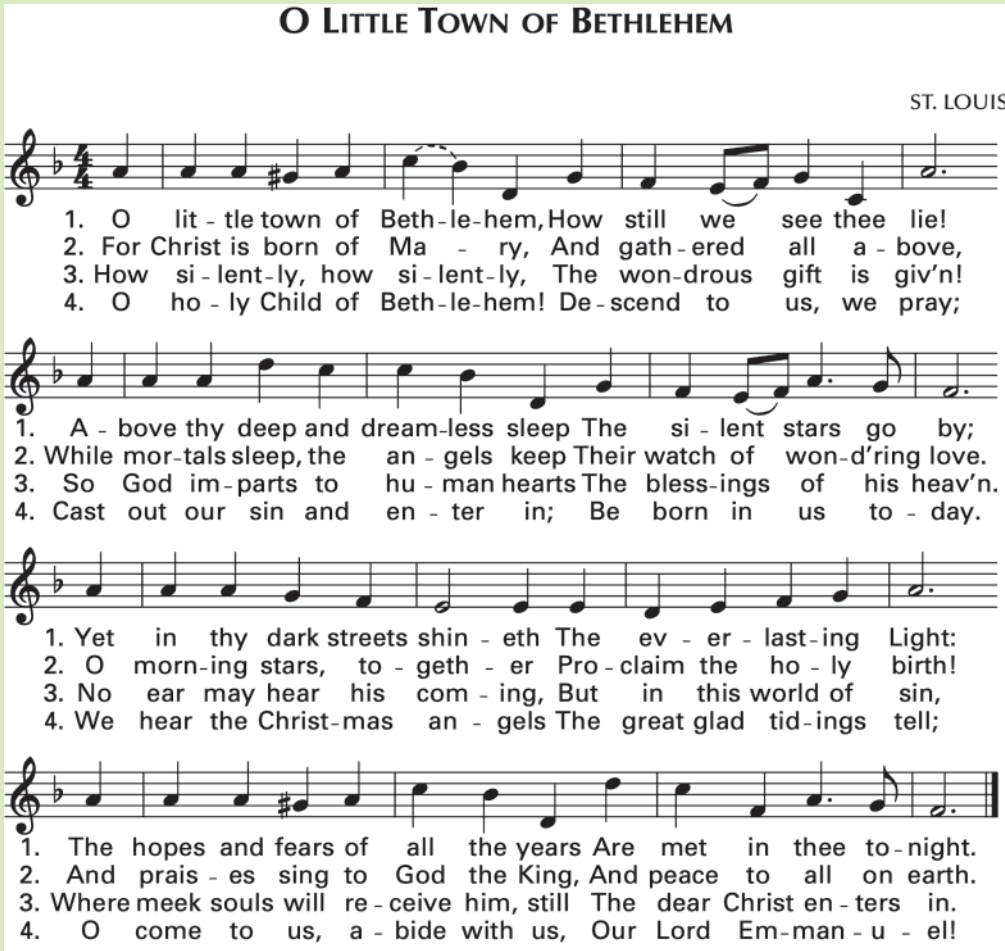
And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;

1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

COMMUNION HYMN: The First Noel

THE FIRST NOWELL

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Verses

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,
 6. Then let us all with one ___ ac - cord

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 - 'rent - ly ___ up - on ___ the knee,
 6. Sing ___ prais - es to ___ our heav - 'nly Lord;

1. In fields where _ 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,
 6. Who with the ___ Fa - ther we ___ a - dore

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.
 6. And ___ Spir - it blest ___ for ev - er - more.

Refrain

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

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.



RECESSIONAL HYMN: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

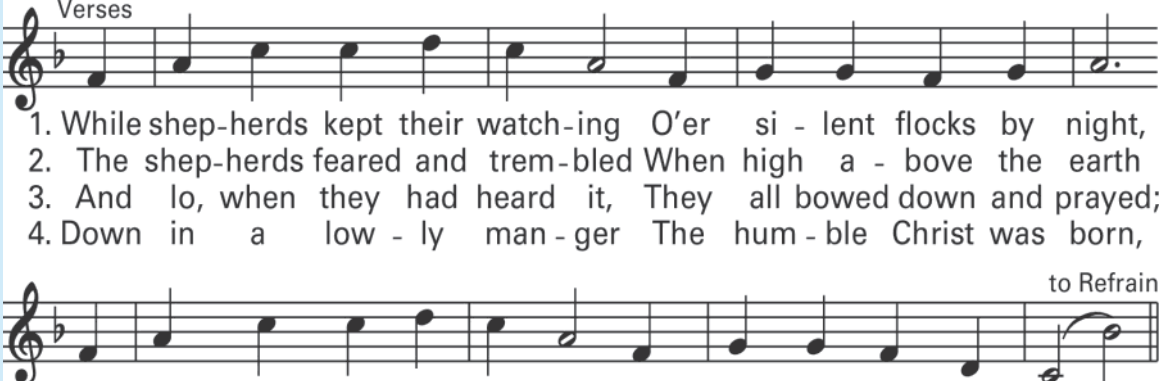
GO TELL IT

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 si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When high a - bove the earth
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain



1. Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.
Music: Spiritual.

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