



NATIVITY OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December 2020

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

*Embracing
Villa Maria Centre
and
St Patrick's
Fortitude Valley*



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*A Happy and Holy
Christmas to you all
from
Archbishop Mark,
Fr Anthony,
The Cathedral Clergy
and Staff.*

Readings for today: Isaiah 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-4

The first words that the universe heard
was "Let there be Light!"
It was dark but behold!
There was light.
But what sort of light?

A blinding flash? A radiant glow?
A brilliant daylight-kind of light?
Or did God need to wait to shape the full
force of light and be patient,
and tend carefully
to the slow process of creation?

Now, down the track of the ages, tonight
we hear that the people who walk in
darkness have seen a great light!
Those who live among shadows
now see the promise of dawn.
This night, the slow process of creation
and re-creation has gathered us up and
claims us as people of light. The power of
God's command echoes through the
universe once more.

The gift of Light is not a pretence that
darkness does not exist;
that darkness is not real or possess
an alluring, destructive power.
The powers of darkness
can take hold any moment
and uncreate what has been made.
Yet darkness can never be victorious.
That's its delusion.

But fear can creep, like the night, as a
spreading pandemic; a virulent
contagion, infecting us and make us ill.

Our vulnerabilities, now so obvious but
too often denied, cover our sight with
shadow. Living with fear, our sight is the
first sense to go.

This is why, this Holy Night, we praise
the coming of the vulnerable Light: a
tender and soft light; inviting, not
demanding, our attention. This Light
pushes back the edges of darkness and
returns our gift of sight.
Light comes by Divine command.

It remains a world where terrors lurk,
where fragility is everywhere,
where sorrow remains our burden,
and the unseeable grips our mind's-eye.
But there is Light, more than enough to
re-claim our vision, to re-focus our sight.
For this is what Divine Light does and
why, of all things, Light comes first.
And Light comes again. And again.
And again. And now. At God's Word.

For the Light is this child. This adult. This
Teacher. This Healer. This Friend.
This Merciful One. This Bearer of Justice.
This Proclaimer of New Creation.
This Despised One. This Crucified One.

The Risen One. The Promised One.
The Victorious One. The Rising Dawn,
the Break of Day. The Unfading Light of
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Fr. Anthony



**Cathedral of
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249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane



St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill
*No public Masses
until further notice.*

Please note the following changes to the regular Mass & Reconciliation schedule for 28 December 2020 to 8 January 2021.

Monday 28 December Mass 10.00am
Tue 29 – Thu 31 Dec Mass 8.00am; Reconciliation 9.00-9.30am
Friday 1 January 2021 Mass 10.00am (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Lord)
Saturday 2 January Reconciliation 10.00-11.00am; Mass 11.30am
Mass 6.00pm (for Sunday)
Sunday 3 January Mass 8am; 10am; 12pm; 7.30pm St Patrick's: 9am & 11am
Mon 4 to Fri 8 January Mass 8.00am; Reconciliation 9.00-9.30am
Regular Mass & Reconciliation schedule will resume from Saturday 9 January 2021

Music at 4.00pm & 8.00pm Masses Christmas Eve – Cathedral of St Stephen

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

CWB 265

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
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.

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.

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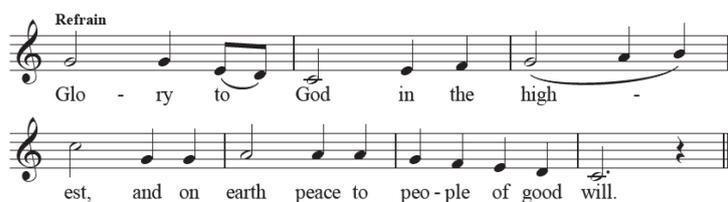
Mass Shalom – Smith

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GLORIA

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2:10-11



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OFFERTORY CAROL

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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 hope and fears of all the years are met in thee to night.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where
meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

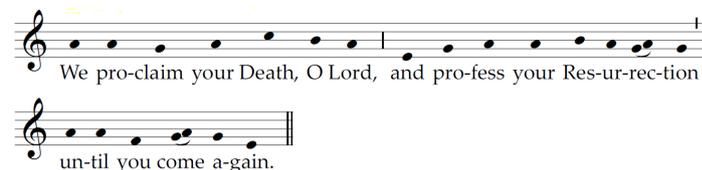
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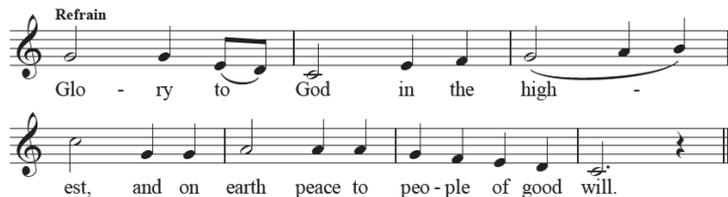
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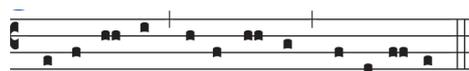
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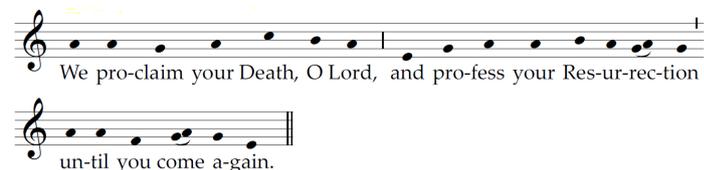
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CWB 267

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

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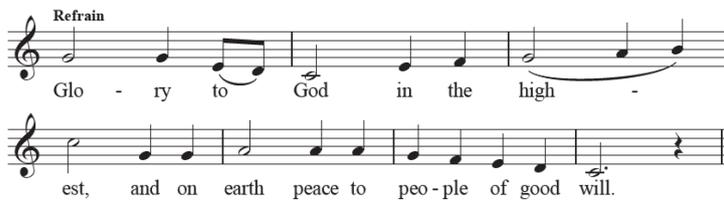
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*Christmas Day From 'Australian Christmas Carols'
- William G. James (1892-1977)*

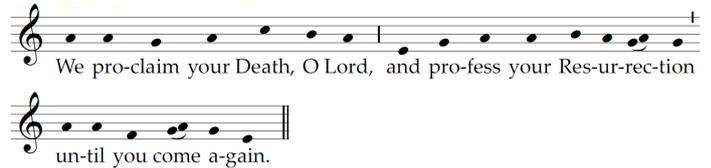
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POST-COMMUNION SOLO

O Holy Night – Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

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