



# SATURDAY MORNING HYMNS & PRAYER

30<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind."

"To you in David's town this day is born of David's line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord ; and this shall be the sign:"

"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;  
good-will henceforth from heav'n to all begin and never cease."

## Responsorial Psalm

*Let heaven and earth exult in joy!*

## COMMUNION RELECTION

Glad music fills the Christmas sky,  
a hymn of praise, a song of love;  
the angels worship high above  
and Mary sings her lullaby.

Let praise be true and love sincere,  
rejoice to greet the Saviour's birth;  
let peace and honour fill the earth  
and mercy reign – for God is here!

Of tender love for God she sings,  
the chosen mother of the Son;  
she knows that wonders have begun,  
and trusts for all the future brings.

Then lift your hearts and voices high,  
sing once again the Christmas song:  
for love and praise to Christ belong –  
in shouts of joy, and lullaby.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Servant of the Word, handmaid of the Lord, blest are you, O Mary!  
Mother of God's only Son, chosen as the holy one;  
pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Bearer of God's Son, woman of great faith, blest are you, O Mary!  
Docile to the will of God, holy Mary, heart of love;  
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Mary full of grace, woman truly chaste, blest are you, O Mary!  
Mother of the Word made flesh, guide the Church to holiness;  
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Christ, by all adored, is your Son and Lord; blest are you, O Mary!  
Blest the fruit of your own womb, Jesus risen from the tomb;  
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## SATURDAY MORNING MARIAN PRAYER

Holy Virgin, turn a look of kindness,  
upon those who are in suffering,  
who are in the midst of difficulties,  
and who struggle against  
the misfortunes of this life.

Have pity on those who love and are separated.

Have pity on the feebleness of our faith,  
have pity on the objects of our tenderness.

Have pity on those who weep,  
on those who pray,  
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