

St Joseph's Subiaco 2025

9am Christmas Day Carols

Once In Royal David's City

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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.

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;
there his children gather round
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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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 hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

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

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, 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!

O Holy Night

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O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Refrain: **Fall on your knees,**
 Oh hear the angel voices!
 O night divine!
 O night when Christ was born.
 O night divine! O night, o night divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Where came the wise-men from th' Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friend. **Refrain**

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease,
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful Chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his Holy name! **Refrain**

What Child Is This

Music: GREEN SLEEVES English Air Text: Anonymous

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
the Cross be borne, for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant, king, to own Him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the Virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

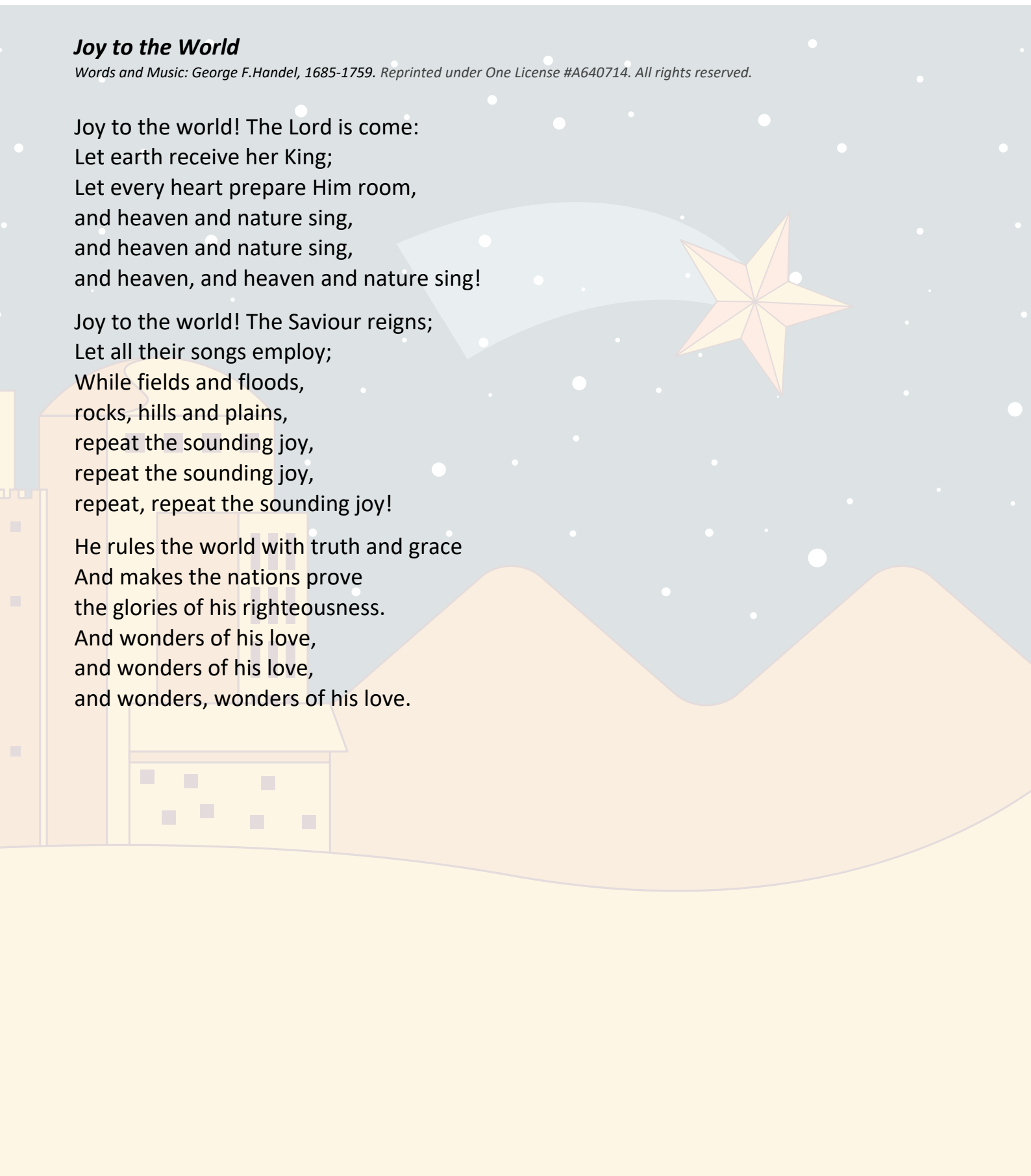
Joy to the World

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Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let all their 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.



Silent Night

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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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ the saviour is born
Christ the saviour is born.

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



9am Christmas Morning Mass



ENTRANCE HYMN: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

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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, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

God of God, light of light,
Lo! He comes forth from the virgin's womb.
Son of the Father, begotten not created.
**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.
**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

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.
**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

GLORIA: *Mass Shalom*

Refrain

**Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to people of good will!
Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to people of good will!**

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Refrain**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of the messenger announcing peace,
of the messenger of good news, who proclaims salvation and says to Zion,
Your God is king!

The voices of your watchmen!

Now they raise their voices, shouting for joy together,
for with their own eyes they have seen Yahweh returning to Zion.

Break into shouts together, shouts of joy, you ruins of Jerusalem;
for Yahweh has consoled his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

Yahweh has bared his holy arm for all the nations to see, and all the ends of the earth have
seen the salvation of our God. The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95: 1-3, 11-13

Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for He has done wondrous deeds.
His right hand has won victory for Him,
His holy arm. **Response**

The Lord has made his salvation known,
In the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
Toward the house of Israel. **Response**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;
Sing joyfully before the King, the Lord. **Response**

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
break into song; sing praise. **Response**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1: 1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

At many moments in the past and by many means,
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
but in our time, the final days,
he has spoken to us in the person of his Son,
whom he appointed heir of all things
and through whom he made the ages.
He is the reflection of God's glory
and bears the impress of God's own being,
sustaining all things by his powerful command;
and now that he has purged sins away,

he has taken his seat at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high.
So, he is now as far above the angels
as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.
To which of the angels, then, has God ever said:
You are my Son, today I have fathered you,
or: I shall be a father to him and he a son to me?
Again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says:
Let all the angels of God pay him homage."
The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord!
Today a great light has come upon the earth!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 1: 1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came into being,
not one thing came into being except through him.

What has come into being in him was life,
life that was the light of all;
and light shines in darkness, and darkness could not overpower it.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John.
He came as a witness, to bear witness to the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light, he was to bear witness to the light.

The Word was the real light that gives light to everyone;
He was coming into the world. He was in the world
that had come into being through him,
and the world did not recognise him.

He came to his own and his own people did not accept Him.
But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God,
to those who believed in his name
who were born not from human stock or human desire
or human will but from God himself.

The Word became flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory that he has from the Father as only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John witnesses to him. He proclaims: "This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me has passed ahead of me because he existed before me."
Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received —
one gift replacing another, for the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son.
who is close to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Angels We Have Heard On High

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Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains;
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strain prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing:
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise..

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

SANCTUS: *Mass for St Joseph*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: *Mass for St Joseph*

Save us saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN: *Mass for St Joseph*

LAMB OF GOD: *Mass for St Joseph*

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Christmas Lullaby

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Clear in the darkness a light shines in Bethlehem:
Angels are singing, their sound fills the air.
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah;
But only a mother and baby lie there.

Refrain:

‘Ave Maria, Ave Maria’:

Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing.

‘Ave Maria, Ave Maria,

Maiden and mother of Jesus our King’.

Where are his courtiers, and who are his people?
Why does he bear neither sceptre nor crown?
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people,
With peace as his sceptre and love for his crown. **Refrain**

What though your treasures are not gold or incense?
Lay them before him with hearts full of love.
Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother
Who bore us a Saviour by grace from above. **Refrain**

Away In A Manger

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Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

The First Nowell

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The first Nowell the angels did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields where they
lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: **Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,**
 born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued by day and by night. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star,
three wise men came from countries far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went: **Refrain**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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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 heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see.
Hail, the incarnate deity!
Pleased on earth with us to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace,
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by.
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king."

Thank you for joining us for our Parish Christmas celebration.
May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you and your family.

UPDATED JANUARY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil:	5pm
Sunday	
Morning:	9am
Tuesday:	5.30pm
Wednesday:	9am
Thursday:	9am
Friday:	9am

PLEASE NOTE: NO 5pm Sunday Mass during January

Archbishop Costelloe's Christmas Message is available on the Parish website.
It can also be viewed on YouTube at youtu.be/_buwlSHeeFA