

CELEBRATING *50* YEARS 1958 – 2008

SAINT JEROME CHURCH NEW BRITAIN, CT

# CHRISTMAS



*A child is born for us, a son given to us; dominion is laid on his shoulder,  
and he shall be called Wonderful-Counselor. - Isaiah 9:5*

December 24, 2008

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. *(with choir)* | Vigil Mass

10:00 p.m. | Midnight Mass

December 25, 2008

Christmas Day

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. *(with choir)*

MEDITATION SONG

SILENT NIGHT

*Stille Nacht*

**S**ilent 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.  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ, the Savior, 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!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *stand*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL SONG

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

*Mendelssohn*

arr. David Willcocks, b. 1919

**H**ark! 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!"

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun 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 to die, Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

1823 - 1881

*A* special thank you to all who contributed  
their gifts, time and talent to our Christmas celebration.

*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS** *stand*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *(sung)*

*A Community Mass*

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Richard Proulx, b. 1937

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** *(sung)*

**All:** Keep in mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead.  
He is our saving Lord, he is joy for all ages.

**Great Amen** *(sung)*

**All:** Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *stand*

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven ... but deliver us from evil.

*Priest:* Deliver us, Lord ... for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

**SIGN OF PEACE AND BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**LAMB OF GOD**

*Jubilation Mass*

**All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.

Fr. James Chepponis, b. 1956

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** *kneel*

4:00 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**AWAY IN A MANGER**

*Cradle Song*

*Sung by the choir*

arr. Eric Hoffman, b. 1975

10:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

**O HOLY NIGHT**

*Cantique de Noel*

*10:00 p.m. sung by Jim Lawrence | 8:30 a.m. sung by Marietta Rubitz*

## SECOND READING

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *stand*

*W ZLOBIE LEZY, arr. Eric Hoffman*

R/. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

*Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

*Priest or Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel...*

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

### HOMILY *be seated*

### PROFESSION OF FAITH *stand*

#### NICENE CREED

**All: We believe in one God...**

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *be seated*

#### ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

*Regent Square*



Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
You who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship,  
come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Though an infant now we view him, He shall fill his Father's throne, Gather all the  
nations to him; Every knee shall then bow down: Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King. (*Interlude / modulation into verse 3*)

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the  
newborn King.

GREETING

PENITENTIAL RITE

GLORIA

*“A Christmas Gloria”*

*Refrain*

arr. Paul Gibson, b. 1952

**Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father, **R/**.  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, **R/**.  
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. **R/**.  
For you alone are the Holy one,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most High,  
Jesus Christ, **R/**.  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING *be seated*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

arr. Eric Hoffman, b. 1975

*Christmas Vigil (4:00 p.m.)*

*Psalm 89:4-5,16-17,27,29*



**R/**. For ev - er I\_\_\_ will sing the good-ness of\_\_\_ the Lord.

*Christmas Eve / Day*

*Psalm 96:1-2,2-3, 11-12, 13*



**R/**. To - day is born our Sav - ior,\_\_\_ Christ\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

# Christmas

*St. Jerome Church · New Britain, Connecticut*

## CAROLS

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*African-American Carol*

*4:00 p.m. & 10:30 a.m. please join in singing, remain seated*



Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry where.

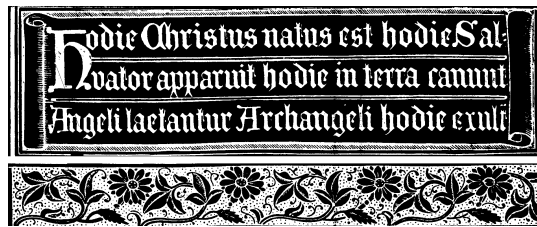
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

THE FIRST NOWELL

*The First Nowell*



Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN *stand*

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

*Adeste Fidelis*

arr. David Willcocks, b. 1919



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;

### *Refrain*

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:

Our very God, Begotten, not created. R/.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest. R/.