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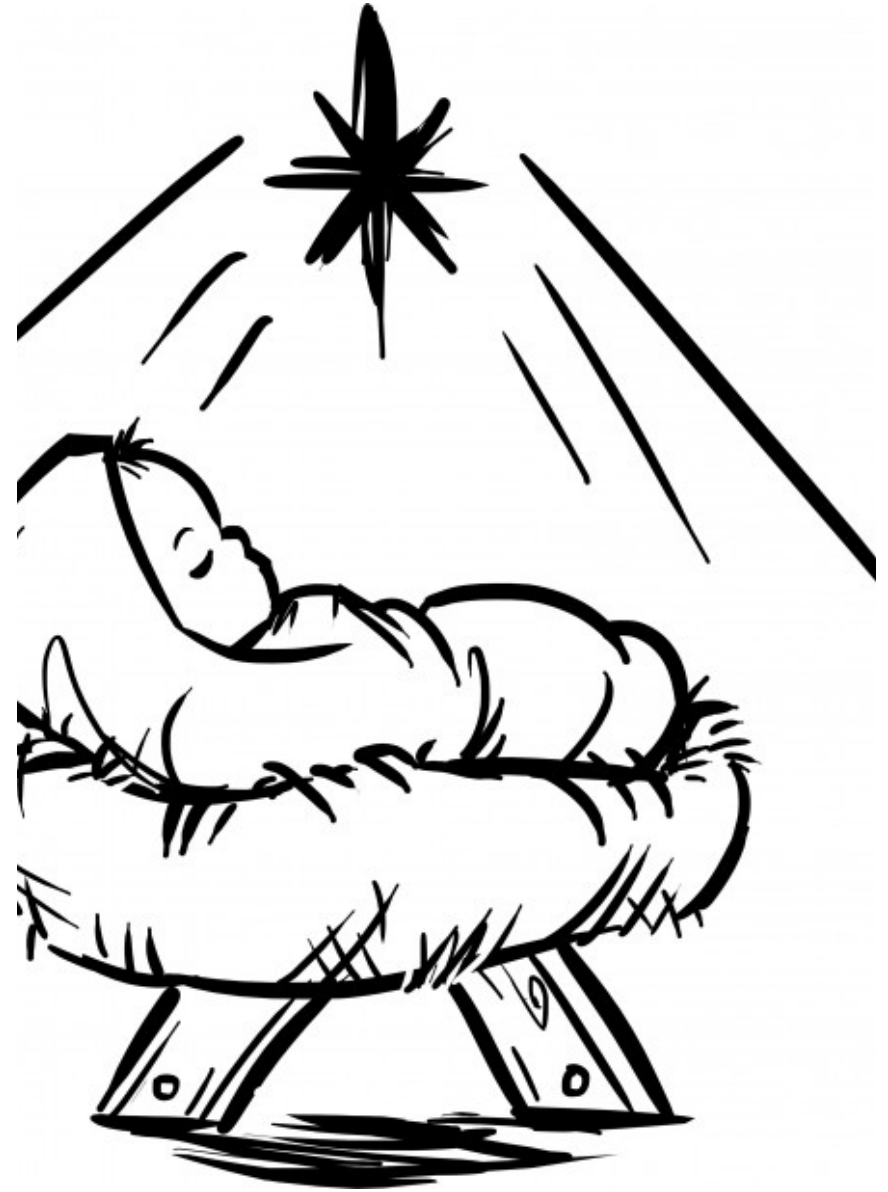
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*Diocese of Jamaica & the Cayman Islands
St. Andrew Parish Church*

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



**First Sunday After Christmas Day
2nd Part of the Bishop's message**

December 29, 2024

The birth narrative takes us further away from the centre of power and influence to the fields where simple, peasant shepherds are tending and protecting the one precious commodity which they possess – their flock. These are clearly people who live on the margins of society and who are unable to influence the dynamics of life in the community. Yet, it is to this marginal group that divine compassion and mercy are extended through an angel who brings good news and the assurance that they need not be afraid. The message about the birth of a Messiah of the line of David was good news, indicating that they were not just folks marginalized by a system of power and oppression, but children of a loving and compassionate God. The appearance of divine glory with the presence of the heavenly host made all the difference. The song of the heavenly host was about a different power to whom glory was due, and who is the source of peace and well-being for the oppressed.

Today's Marginalized

The story at the heart of Christmas is as current as it was for those in the biblical narrative. Those who wield power today are as oppressive, demeaning and insensitive to human hurt and suffering as those of old. So, there are more wars in our world today than at any other time in history. We can also see the pictures of destruction and trauma in the Palestinian territories, in Ukraine, in Sudan and countless other places, while the global and national forces behind these wars ignore the human distress while gambling on the potential gains to their self-serving interests. Trillions of United States dollars are spent on military equipment, compared to the expenditure by these nations to alleviate poverty, disease and starvation across the world.

Here in the Caribbean, there is gang violence in Haiti, a situation which did not evolve yesterday, but whose outcome is determined by the interests and agendas of international powers. Another challenge in our Region is the increasing activity by ruthless gangs which use guns imported into our countries. For most of us, gangs include evil men who should be eliminated, and then the life of society will, somehow, be wonderful and peaceful. However, recently, I came upon some research done in one of the countries with the highest level of gang activity. The study found that the emergence of gangs is related to systems of governance and inequalities in the structuring of society. The findings highlight nine factors that create conditions in which gangs thrive. They include food, water, sewer, health, education, family, migration, employment, and political institutions. Does any of this sound familiar? This is not about justifying gangs, crime and violence, but recognizing that the society has many marginalized persons who do not enjoy the benefits accessed by the wealthy and powerful.

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Parish News contd.

Congratulations to Bryan and Jackie James and Rohan and Karen Scott who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 28th, also Paul and Jacinth Wright who will celebrate 46 years of marriage on the 30th.

The Church's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 26, 2025, after the 8:00 a.m. service

The Altar Guild extend heartfelt gratitude to all who all those who contributed to the poinsettias; in the sanctuary given by Patrick and John Lynch in memory of their parents, at the foot of the altar in memory of Archdeacon Egbert Robertson given by his family, at the pulpit and lectern given by her children and the rest of the family in memory of Olga, Velerie Geoghagen, in the choir area Camille, Bridgette and Robert in memory of the Isaacs family, in the Chapels in memory of Nicholas Lue Lim, and Andrea Stewart given by the family also Hamilton in memory of her mother Ruby Forbes.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 29, 2024 Year C**

**360th Anniversary Celebration of the Mission and Ministry
of St. Andrew Parish Church**

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 Sterling Soares

Psalm 147: 13 - 21 BCP page 662 (*All sit*)

Refrain: "Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted"

Epistle Galatians 3:23 - 25; 4:4 - 7 Wendy Robertson

Gospel John 1:1 - 18

Prayers of Intercession See page 5

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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2024**

Dec. 29	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 29	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 31	11:00 p.m.	Watch Night - Holy Eucharist
Jan. 5	6:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday after Christmas - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	2nd Sunday after Christmas - Solemn Eucharist

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 29 - Jan. 4

Dec. 31	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Jan 1.	Wednesday	No Service	
Jan. 3	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR...

Percival Lynch (Priest)	Carole Haughton	Lloyd Bryan
Cynthia Stennett	Ermine Williams	Pauline Bryan
Myrtle Young	Isla Salmon	Dana Harris
Carol Lawla	Cynthia Small	Kingsley Goodison

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Revd. Leroy Johnson and Ena-Mae Miller 29/12, Revd. Barrington Jones 30/12, Rev. Robert Green. Rev. Justin Nembhard, Rocheke Blake, Norma Allen and Pauline Christie 01/01, Monica Thomas and David Francis 02/01, Christene Johnson-Kelly and Khristian McKenzie-Marley 03/01.

ORDER OF SERVICE

First Sunday After Christmas Day 8:00 a.m. December 29, 2024

Entrance Hymn 73 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

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| <p>1. 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.</p> | <p>3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.</p> |
| <p>2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.</p> | <p>4. 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.</p> |

SEASONAL SENTENCE: The people who walked in darkness...*Luke 2:10*

Celebrant: (+) Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us give thanks for the Nativity of our Lord. Alleluia

All: Through whose life salvation shines. Alleluia

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle of Praise: 547 Glory to God on high!

- 1.** Glory to God on high,
and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

2. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial lamb, who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear
our prayer.

3. You only are the Lord.
You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
With Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Celebrant: Let us pray... **Amen.**

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD *(All Sit)*

First Reading Isaiah 61: 10 - 62:3 Jacqueline Mighty

Psalm 147: 13 - 21 **Chanted** *(All stand)*

Second Reading Galatians 3: 23 - 25; 4: 4 - 7
Denise Kitson

Sequence Hymn 76 Cum dung to all a we

1. Christ Jesus Lord from heaven above,
Cum dung to all a we
O fill us with your mighty love,
Cum dung to all a we
we be not worthy of your grace,
Cum dung to all a we
but help us, Lord, to see your face.
Cum dung to all a we

Refrain

*Cum dung, Jesus, cum dung, cum dung,
cum dung to all a we;
O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we,
O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we.*

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you Know?

During the era of slavery in Jamaica, the celebrations of Christmas among the enslaved population were a blend of various cultural influences and traditions. Enslaved individuals, often granted a brief respite from their arduous labour during the holiday season, utilized this time to engage in a mix of African and European customs. They incorporated elements of their African heritage into festivities, including music, dance, and storytelling, alongside participation in Christian rituals introduced by missionaries and slave owners. Jonkonnu came out of this experience. These celebrations were often a rare opportunity for enslaved individuals to briefly embrace their cultural roots, attend church services, sing hymns, and gather in community, fostering a sense of unity and spiritual connection despite the oppressive circumstances of slavery.

Quote for reflection

“Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited. But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place in it, and yet he must be in it, his place is with those others for whom there is no room. His place is with those who do not belong, who are rejected by power because they are regarded as weak, those who are discredited, who are denied the status of persons, tortured, exterminated. With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world. He is mysteriously present in those for whom there seems to be nothing but the world at its worst.” ~ *Thomas Merton, “The Time of the End Is the Time of No Room”*

Question for reflection

How does the idea of Christ being "uninvited" and yet present resonate with me?

Kindly inform the Church Office when you become aware of members who are ill at home, in hospital, or absent from Church for a while.

**Readings for Jan. 5, 2025 Year C: Isaiah 60:1-6;
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2:1-12,**

1. The little baby Jesus born in manger
Jesus my Lord
He came down to earth as a poor
little stranger,
Jesus my Lord. **R**

2. His birth was foretold by the Prophets and Sages
Jesus my Lord
And He is the King and the Lord of all ages
Jesus my Lord. **R**

3. All Princes and Kings cast your crown down before Him.
Jesus my Lord.
And let the whole world come kneel down and adore Him,
Jesus my Lord. **R**

Post Communion Prayer

All : Eternal God and Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with gladness and singleness of heart. Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Jesus born *(Mi nuh drink coffee tea)*

1. Praise de Lawd shout fi joy Jesus born
Angels sing loud and high Jesus born
On dat mornin so long ago,
In a stable so mean and low
Jesus Christ, Son of God He was born!

2. Christmas morning is here shout fi joy
Children sing loud and clear, it's a boy
Ring the bells blow di trumpets loud
Sing a song, come on strong and proud
Spread the word tell the wor'l Jesus born!

3. Hallelujah to God Jesus born
One big star shine like mad when Him born
And God's glory was everywhere
When he sent us His son to share,
Glory, Glory to God Jesus born.

2. You died on Calvary for our sake,
Cum dung to all a we
amendments for our sins you make,
Cum dung to all a we
shine down on us your radiant light,
Cum dung to all a we
enlighten our sins' darkest night.
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

3. O rid us of all care and woe,
Cum dung to all a we
and put in place your heavenly glow,
Cum dung to all a we
come in all power and majesty,
Cum dung to all a we
Cum dung to all a we
bring us salvation, make us free.
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

4. Cum dung, Lord, an' go no more,
Cum dung to all a we
cum dung an' stay upon dis shore,
Cum dung to all a we
yes, cum dung, Lord, please go no more,
Cum dung to all a we
O cum dung, Lord, for evermore.
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel.

Gospel: John 1: 1 - 18

Sermon: The Most Rev. Howard Gregory

The Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Holy and lowly One, Jesus, Friend and brother, we rejoice in your coming among us. You come down to lift us up, You come as the light to our darkness; we welcome and adore you. We pray for your church throughout the world; may we reveal your saving power and abide in your love.

We pray for the work of the church among the poor and the outcasts of our world. We pray for the clergy in this diocese, Howard, our Archbishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Sirrano, Mark, Craig, Claude, Andrea, and all other clergy and church workers.

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: Prince of peace, we pray for peace in the Holy Land; for peace among nations and goodwill throughout the world. Lord of the nations we pray for our nation and our leaders. We pray for Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Peter, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; Members of the House of Representatives, and the Judiciary, that they may serve justice, protect and safe-guard our human rights.

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: Lord, born in Bethlehem, we pray for our families, for all with whom we share this Christmas time: we rejoice in their love and your love for us all. For the communities to which we belong and the places where we work that we may know the presence of your peace. We remember absent friends and loved ones, all who will be alone this Christmas time.

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: At this time of joy and rejoicing we remember all who are sad, all whose lives are full of sorrow, fear or darkness. We pray for all who are in care, in hospital or in a hospice, we remember those who have no home and will have restless sleep this night. We pray especially for friends and loved ones who are ill...

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: We rejoice with all who have entered into the fullness of your presence, all who are at peace in your kingdom. We pray for friends and loved ones departed...

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Silence is Kept

2. Once the most holy Child of salvation gently and lowly lived below; now, as our glorious mighty Redeemer, see Him victorious o'er each foe.

3. Prophets foretold Him, infant of wonder; angels behold Him on His throne; worthy our Savior of all our praises; happy forever are His own.

507: Thou didst leave Thy throne

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,
When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home
was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

3. The foxes found rest,
and the birds their nest
In the shade of the forest tree;
But Thy couch was the sod,
O Thou Son of God,
In the deserts of Galilee.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

5. When the heavens shall ring,
and the angels sing,
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home,
saying "Yet there is room,
There is room at My side for thee."
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

Never a baby like Jesus

Refrain:

*Never a baby like Jesus never, never
Never a baby like Jesus never, never
King Emmanuel, Wonderful Counsellor
Never a baby like Jesus.*

2. Heaven's arches rang
when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;
But of lowly birth
didst Thou come to earth,
And in great humility.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

4. Thou camest, O Lord,
with the living word
That should set Thy people free;
But with mocking scorn,
and with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

PRESIDENT.... In songs of ever lasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour Alleluia!
glory and power Alleluia!
be yours for ever and ever. Alleluia
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Breaking of Bread page145

President: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**All: Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one
bread.**

Agnus Dei

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God	Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world	You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy pon wi soul <i>(Repeat)</i>	Give us peace.

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President: The gifts of God for the people of God
**All: Our souls will feast and be satisfied and we will sing glad songs
of praise to the Lord.**

Hymns During Communion:

Child in the manger, infant of Mary;

1. Child in the manger, infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;
Child who inherits all our transgressions,
all our demerits on Him fall.

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

**All: Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have awakened Your
church to hear again the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him
and learn from Him. Grant that as we say 'yes' to His call to discipleship,
your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all the areas of
our lives to His service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our
work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have act-
ed if He were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray.**

Celebrant: Create in us clean hearts O God and renew us with your Holy
Spirit. In penitence and faith let us confess our sins to almighty God.

**All: Merciful God, our maker and our Redeemer we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed: we have not love you with our whole
heart; we have not loved our neighbor as our selves; we repent, and are
sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey
you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE ABSOLUTION: Almighty God , have mercy on you...

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles...

THE GREETING OF PEACE *(All stand)*

Celebrant: "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
People: And peace to all persons who enjoy God's favour."

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

During the sharing of peace the following chorus is sung

*Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love goodwill to all men
Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love, goodwill to all men
Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love,
to all God's children
For God sits on the throne,
God sits on the throne.*

OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

Offertory Hymn: Medley of carols

- 1. Angels from the realms of glory,** Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
- 2.** Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light. **R**

Refrain

*Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the new born King.*

- 1. Angels we have heard on high** Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
- 2.** Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn
King. **R**

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 1. 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."
- 2.** Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favored one.
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! **R**

Refrain:

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

- 3.** Hail! the heav'n 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 man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. **R**

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers in Christ, let us offer our work and worship to our Heavenly Father, asking for His grace to transform the world and our lives for His Kingdom.

All: Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God...
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRESIDENT: Therefore, Father, according to the command of your dearly beloved Son

**All: We remember His death
We proclaim His resurrection
We await His coming in Glory**