Sunday, December 29 Feast of the Holy Family

Gathering: Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn (Haugen) ... G265

1 Awake! Awake and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning. sing out your joy, for Jesus is born, behold! the Child of our longing. Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together, to open wide the heavenly door, and lives now inside us forever.

2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing, whose humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing. Music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness, the thunder of the anthems roll to shatter all hate and injustice.

3 In deepest night Christ's coming shall be, when all the world is despairing, as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring. One without voice breaks forth in song, a lame one leaps in wonder, the weak are raised above the strong, and weapons are broken asunder.

4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though cold the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless; Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story, may God fill every day we share, and bring us at last into glory.

Gloria

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In those days Hannah conceived and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked God for him.

The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to God and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before God and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazarite."

Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three year old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of God in Shiloh.

After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to God. I prayed for this child, and God granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the Most High; as long as the child lives, he shall be dedicated to God."

Hannah left Samuel there.

The word of God.

Responsorial: May the Lord Bless Us Ps128 ... G111

REFRAIN May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

VERSE 1 Happy are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork, happy shall you be, and favored.

VERSE 2 You shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; You shall flourish like olive plants around your table.

VERSE 3 Behold, thus is the person blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

Second reading

A reading from the First Letter of John

Beloved: See what love God has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed, we shall be like God for we shall see God as God truly is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive whatever we ask, because we keep God's commandments and do what is pleasing to God.

And God's commandment is this: we should believe in the name of God's Chosen One, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as God has commanded us. Those who keep God's commandments remain in God, and God in them, and the way we know God remains in us is from the Spirit God gave us.

The word of God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia "Bless the love that binds us together; Let the love of Christ shine in our hearts."

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."

And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and the people.

The Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of peace, hear our prayer.

(God of peace, hear our prayer.)

In this Jubilee year, may we fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision, let us pray...

For the grace of unity and healing: that all families may be united in love and that the grace of this season may heal past hurts, let us pray ...

For all married couples: that they may faithfully witness to the love that God has placed in their hearts and help each other to continually grow in Christ, let us pray ...

For our LGBTQIA siblings, that they may find peace and refuge in these troubling times, especially with us, let us pray...

For all migrants and refugees throughout the world that they may find welcome and peace, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: Carol at the Manger (trad./Haugen) ... G275

1 Holy Child within the manger, long ago yet ever near; come as friend to every stranger, come as hope for every fear. As you lived to heal the broken, greet the outcast, free the bound, as you taught us love unspoken, teach us now where you are found.

2 Once again we tell the story-how your love for us was shown, when the image of your glory wore an image like our own. Come, enlighten with your wisdom, come and fill us with your grace. May the fire of your compassion kindle every land and race.

3 Holy Child within the manger, lead us ever in your way, so we see in every stranger how you come to us today. In our lives and in our living give us strength to live as you, that our hearts might be forgiving and our spirits strong and true.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

Holy 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB861 Holy 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) ... BB884 Mem 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) – When we eat this bread ... BB863 Mem 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) – We proclaim your death ... BB885 Amen 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB865 Amen 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) ... BB888 Lamb 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB866 Lamb 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) ... BB889

Communion 1: Love Has Come! (French Carol) ... H/O

Love has come, a light in the darkness! Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it. Hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

Love is born! Come share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of His mother. What is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come, He never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

Communion 2: Child of the Poor/What Child Is This (Soper) ... BB100/101

What Child is This?

1 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?

Refrain: This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Child of the Poor

Verse 1 Helpless and hungry, lowly, afraid Wrapped in the chill of midwinter; Comes now, among us, born into, poverty's embrace New life for the world

Refrain Who is this? Who lives with the lowly? Sharing their sorrows Knowing their hunger? This is Christ revealed to the world In the eyes of a child, a child of the poor

Verse 2 Who is the stranger, here in our midst, looking for shelter among us? Who is the outcast? Who do we see amid the poor, the children of God?

Verse 3 Bring all the thirsty, all who seek peace; bring those with nothing to offer; strengthen the feeble, say to the frightened heart, "Fear not: here is your God."

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Sending : Joy To the World ... BB90

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 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

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