

St George's-In-The-Pines Anglican  
Church



Carolling & Holy  
Eucharist

Christmas Eve

**B**EHOLD: the father is his daughter's son:  
The bird that built the nest, is hatched therein:  
The old of years, an hour hath not outrun:  
Eternal life, to live doth now begin.  
The Word is dumb: the mirth of heaven doth weep:  
Might feeble is: and force doth faintly creep.

O dying souls, behold your living Spring:  
O dazzled eyes, behold your Son of Grace:  
Dull ears, attend what word this Word doth bring:  
Up, heavy hearts: with joy your joy embrace.  
From death, from dark, from deafness, from despairs:  
This life, this light, this Word, this joy repairs.

Gift better than Himself, God doth not know:  
Gift better than his God, no man can see:  
This gift doth here the giver Given bestow:  
Gift to this gift let each receiver be.  
God is my gift, Himself he freely gave me:  
God's gift am I, and none but God shall have me.

Man altered was by sin from man to beast:  
Beasts' food is hay, hay is all mortal flesh:  
Now God is flesh, and lies in Manger pressed  
As hay, the brutest sinner to refresh.  
O happy field wherein this fodder grew,  
Whose taste doth us from beasts to men renew.

ROBERT SOUTHWELL

After the service, visitors and locals alike are warmly invited to join us for refreshments and a few moments of fellowship.

Celebrant  
THE REV'D GEORGE BELCHER

Organist  
EUGENE CHAN

For information on becoming a supporter of St. George's, or to make a donation, please contact:

St. George's-in-the-Pines Anglican Church  
Box 309, Banff, AB T1L 1A4  
Tel (403) 762-2128 Fax (403) 762-2123  
Email [info@stgeorgesinthepines.org](mailto:info@stgeorgesinthepines.org)

Rector  
THE REV'D GEORGE BELCHER

Honourary Clergy  
THE VENERABLE DAVID ELLIS  
THE REV'D HELEN BELCHER

Director of Music  
EUGENE CHAN

Wardens  
BRENDA MACKIE  
STEPHEN MALINS

Envelope Secretary  
SUSAN WANAMAKER

We look forward to seeing you again at our Christmas Service, held at 11:00 AM on Christmas Day.

## FINAL HYMN

---

¶ **Sung by all, standing.**

**H**ARK! the herald angels sing:  
'Glory to the new-born King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations rise!  
Join the triumph of the skies!  
With the angelic host proclaim:  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'

*Hark! the herald angels sing:  
'Glory to the new-born King!'*

Christ, by highest heaven 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 as man with man to dwell:  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hail the heaven-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 man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

MENDELSSOHN  
Words, C. WESLEY  
and G. WHITEFIELD  
Music, J. L. F. MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY  
Arr., D. WILLCOCKS

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

¶ **The congregation stands. All join in singing. In verses 1 and 2 the first two lines of the refrain are sung by upper voices only.**

**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 abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created.

See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps;

Lo! Star-led chieftains,  
Magi, Christ adoring,  
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
We to the Christ Child  
Bring our hearts' oblations:

---

Child, for us sinners  
Poor and in the manger,  
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
Who would not love thee,  
loving us so dearly?

*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 heaven above;  
'Glory to God  
In the highest'.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;

ADESTE FIDELES  
Words & Melody, J. F. WADE  
Trans., F. OAKELEY,  
W. T. BROOKE ET AL.  
Arr., D. WILLCOCKS

¶ **All remain standing.**

---

## THE GLORIA

¶ **Sung by all, standing.**

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

---

## BLESSING

*Celebrant* Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

---

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **OUR Father who 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 trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

*All* **And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen**

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

---

¶ **All standing, the celebrant prays.**

*Celebrant* ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

¶ **Remain standing for the Summary of the Laws.**

*Celebrant* OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*People* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

*All* **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

---

¶ **All remain standing.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you;  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

¶ **The congregation sits.**

---

**SECOND COMMUNION HYMN**

---

¶ **Sung by all, sitting.**

**A**WAY in a manger,  
No crib for his 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 bedside  
Till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus;  
I ask thee to stay  
Close by me for ever,  
And love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children  
In thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven  
To live with thee there.

CRADLE SONG  
XIX CENTURY AMERICAN  
Music, W. J. KIRKPATRICK

## FIRST COMMUNION HYMN

---

¶ **Sung by all, sitting.**

**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 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.

STILLE NACHT  
Words, J. MOHR  
Trans., J. F. YOUNG  
Melody, F. X. GRUBER  
Harm., C. H. REINECKE

## FIRST LESSON

---

*The first lesson is written in the ninth chapter of the Book of Isaiah beginning at the second verse.*

**T**HE PEOPLE that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

*Reader*      Here endeth the first Lesson.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM XCVI

---

¶ The congregation recites the psalm responsively with the celebrant.

O sing unto the Lord a new song  
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

**Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name  
be telling of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his honour unto the heathen  
and his wonders unto all people.

**For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised  
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols  
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

**Glory and worship are before him  
power and honour are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people  
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

**Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name  
bring presents, and come into his courts.**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

**Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King  
and that it is he who hath made the round world so  
fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall  
judge the people righteously.**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad  
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

**Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it  
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before  
the Lord.**

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the  
people with his truth.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

---

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to  
eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
And to drink his Blood, that our sinful  
bodies may be made clean by his Body,  
And our souls washed through his most  
precious Blood, And that we may  
evermore dwell in him, And he in us.  
Amen.**

**O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin  
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin  
of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin  
of the world, grant us thy peace.**

¶ The celebrant and people then receive communion. The communicant responds each time, Amen. All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those not receiving Communion may wish to receive a blessing. Please cross your hands over your chest to indicate this. Those receiving the chalice are asked to assist the chalice bearer by grasping the cup at the base and guiding it to their lips.

---

## SECOND LESSON

---

*The second lesson is written in the second chapter of Paul's Letter to Titus beginning at the eleventh verse.*

**F**OR THE GRACE of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

*Reader* Here endeth the second Lesson.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

---

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all the holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of the holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

**WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy:**

## GRADUAL HYMN

---

¶ **Sung by all, standing.**

**B**REAK forth, O beauteous heavenly light,  
And usher in the morning;  
O shepherds, shrink not with afright,  
But hear the angel's warning.  
This Child, now weak in infancy,  
Our confidence and joy shall be,  
The power of Satan breaking,  
Our peace eternal making.

This night of wonder, night of joy,  
Was born the Christ, our brother;  
He comes, not mighty to destroy,  
To bid us love each other.  
How could he quit his kingly state  
For such a world of greed and hate?  
What deep humiliation  
Secured the world's salvation!

Come, dearest child, into our hearts,  
And leave your crib behind you!  
Let this be where the new life starts  
For all who seek and find you.  
To you the honour, thanks, and praise,  
For all your gifts this time of grace;  
Come, conquer and deliver  
This world, and us, forever.

ERMUNTRE DICH  
Words, J. RIST  
and F. P. GREEN  
Trans., J. TROUTBECK  
Melody, J. SCHOP  
Harm., J. S. BACH

¶ **All remain standing.**

¶ **Please sit or kneel.**

*Celebrant* BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

## THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

---

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born *as at this time* for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and singing:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

¶ **Please sit or kneel.**

## GOSPEL

---

¶ **All remain standing.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke beginning at the first verse.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**A**ND IT CAME TO PASS in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

---

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.  
*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

¶ **All remain standing to recite the Creed.**

*Celebrant* I BELIEVE ...  
*All* **...in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

---

## ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

COME unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

## CONFESSION

---

¶ All remain standing.

*Celebrant* Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of god, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

¶ Please sit or kneel.

*Celebrant* ALMIGHTY God, ...

*All* ... **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Diving Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

---

**He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

¶ The congregation sits.

SERMON

THE REV'D GEORGE BELCHER

## THE OFFERTORY

---

*Celebrant* Brethren and sisters, you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.

## OFFERTORY HYMN AND PRAYER

---

¶ **Sung by all, standing.**

**I**N the bleak midwinter,  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter,  
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When he comes to reign:  
In the bleak midwinter  
A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God incarnate,  
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim  
Worship might and day,  
A breastful of milk  
And a mangerful of hay;  
Enough for him, whom angels  
Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel  
Which adore.

Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air;  
But his mother only,  
In her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the beloved  
With a kiss.

---

What can I give him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man,  
I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him  
Give my heart.

CRANHAM  
Words, C. G. ROSSETTI  
Music, G. T. HOLST

¶ **All remain standing for the Prayer over the Gifts.**

*Celebrant* BLESSED be thou, Lord God of Israel, for  
ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and  
in the earth is thine. All things come of thee,  
and of thine own have we given thee.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

---

¶ **All remain standing. The congregation joins in  
the response indicated by the intercessor.**