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CHRISTMAS 2016

Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica

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Celebrant

Reverend Thomas M. Hart, O.S.B.
Assistant to the President for Mission
Saint Vincent College

Readers

Xianne Andrew Yan
Seminarian, Diocese of Beijing
Saint Vincent Seminary Class of 2019

Thomas McKee
Saint Vincent College Class of 2017

Kaitlin Essig
Saint Vincent College Class of 2020

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

Please withhold applause until the end of the service.

Organ preludes

Introduction and Variations on an Ancient Polish Carol

Alexandre Guilmant

Prelude on "Conditor Alme Siderum"

Mark Radice

PLEASE STAND

Processional Hymn: *Once in Royal David's City*

Words: Alexander; Tune: H. J. Gauntlett, harmonized by A.H. Mann

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| 1. 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. | 2. 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 Savior holy. |
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| 3. And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He. | 5. And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav'n above,
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone. |
| 4. For he is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day, like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness. | 6. 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;
Where like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around. |

Bidding Prayer

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Beloved in Christ, be it this day our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this Basilica glad with our Carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church that the Lord himself came to build. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven: at the Savior's command, and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

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 those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God bless us with his grace: may Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

All: **Amen**

PLEASE BE SEATED.

Choir

Carol: Ding! dong! merrily on high

Words: G.R. Woodward; 16th c. French tune Harmonized by C. Wood

1. Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing;
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.

2. E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

3. Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Choir

Wolcum Yole!

from Ceremony of Carols, Op. 28 - Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

arranged by Julius Harrison

Wolcum, Wolcum, Wolcum be thou hevenè king,
Wolcum Yole! Wolcum, born in one morning,
Wolcum for whom we sall sing!
Wolcum be ye, Stevene and Jon,
Wolcum, Innocentes every one,
Wolcum, Thomas marter one,
Wolcum be ye, good Newe Yere,
Wolcum, Twelfth Day both in fere,
Wolcum, seintes lefe and dere,
Wolcum Yole, Wolcum Yole, Wolcum!
Candelmesse, Quene of bliss,
Wolcum bothe to more and lesse.
Wolcum, Wolcum, Wolcum be ye that are here,
Wolcum Yole, Wolcum alle and make good cheer,
Wolcum alle another yere, Wolcum Yole, Wolcum!

