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MASSES
Daily Mon - Sat: 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:30PM, Sunday 7:30 & 9:30AM
Holy Days 8:00 AM, Noon, 5:30 PM
PENANCE Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes

Rev. Brian O'Toole
Pastor
Cheryl Orrell
Admin Asst/Bookkeeper
Rev. Francis J. Roach *In Residence*
Mr. William Cotter *Maintenance*
Rev. Robert E. Kelley *In Residence*
Mary Jo Castrale *Soup Kitchen*
Roland Gauthier *Organist*
Mrs. Judy Verdini *Religious Ed*

Mission Statement:
"Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, disciples of Jesus Christ in Worcester, MA, reaches out with love into the neighborhoods to welcome, serve, support, and engage the community in Jesus. In creating a welcoming relationship with Eucharistic and prayerful celebrations, we gather to make a difference by coming closer to God and one another."

December 30, 2018
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

"….Did you not know
that I must be in my Father's house?"
Luke 2:49
Even at a young age, Jesus understood that he was to be a steward of his Father's will. Christian stewards seek to live their lives in God's will.

Great job by the Religious Ed students!!

Mass Intentions and Calendar

Sat, Dec 29
8:00 am
4:30 pm **Orlanda Trolese** birthday anniv req by her daughter
Sun, Dec 30
7:30 am
9:30 am **Priscilla Barbato** by Richard Garbis
10:30 am opens -**Sharing Our Bounty in Church Hall**
Mon, Dec 31 **Vigil for Solmenity of Mary, Mother of God**
No 8:00 am Mass
5:30 pm
Tue, Jan 1 **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
8:00 am
Fri, Jan 4
7:00 pm **NA Meeting in Church Hall**
Sat, Jan 5
8:00 am
4:30 pm
Sun, Jan 6
7:30 am **Stasys Marcinkevicius** 16th anniv req by daughter Dana
9:30 am
10:30 am opens -**Sharing Our Bounty in Church Hall**

Scripture Readings

30 SUN 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/ 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
31 MON 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
1 TUE Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21
2 WED 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/ Jn 1:19-28
3 THU 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/ Jn 1:29-34
4 FRI 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
5 SAT 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Trader Joe's-Sharing our Bounty Ministry is looking for HELP. If you can spare one Sunday a month to help pick up food items to be distributed to our church community, please call Sandy 774-823-6817

There will be a Hat, Gloves and Coat Drive from now until December 30. If you have any of these new or in good condition, please leave on the stage in the church hall. All donations will be distributed to the homeless teens at Burncoat High School.

Thank you to all who have come to help with cleaning of the church. We have dusted and scrubbed many areas of the church. Also, thank you to those who have helped in decorating for this joyous season. Many hands do make light work.

Thanks to all the Religious Ed students who participated in the pageant, the confirmation class for organizing and to all who worked on the Advent Brunch. Another great success!!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 12/15-12/16	**$3,175.00**
Christmas	**65.00**
Christmas Flowers	**730.00**
Immaculate Conception	**50.00**
Solemnity of Mary	**5.00**
Maintenance	**107.00**
Retirement Fund for Religious	**165.00**

Thank you as always for your generous support!

Prayer Shawl

If any parishioner would like a prayer shawl for someone they know who might need one. Please call Donna at 508-304-1745 or 508-579-9299. You may also call the rectory at 508-757-0789.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, I appeal to you to give generously next weekend to the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Established in 1887, the University has served the Church, students and the community for generations and is the only American University with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in canon law, philosophy and theology.

Catholic University is helping to renew and strengthen the Church. The University has always been the research institution where the Church comes to think. Through hosting a national conference series focused on laity response to the sex abuse crisis, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA), where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability in the areas of education, finance, canon law, culture, and more, Catholic University will serve as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.

Catholic University serves the Church by engaging its students to discover knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the University provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. By way of its many programs, such as those in ethical business practices; classical architecture; intelligence studies; neuroscience; nursing; Spanish language and Hispanic ministry; social service; and Catholic bioethics the University prepares students to respond to the many issues facing the Church and society today.

I encourage you to be generous in the special collection for The Catholic University of America, to be taken at the Lord's Day Masses in all the parishes throughout the Diocese of Worcester next weekend, January 5 and 6.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

Bishop of Worcester

Try Online Giving and Help Your Parish

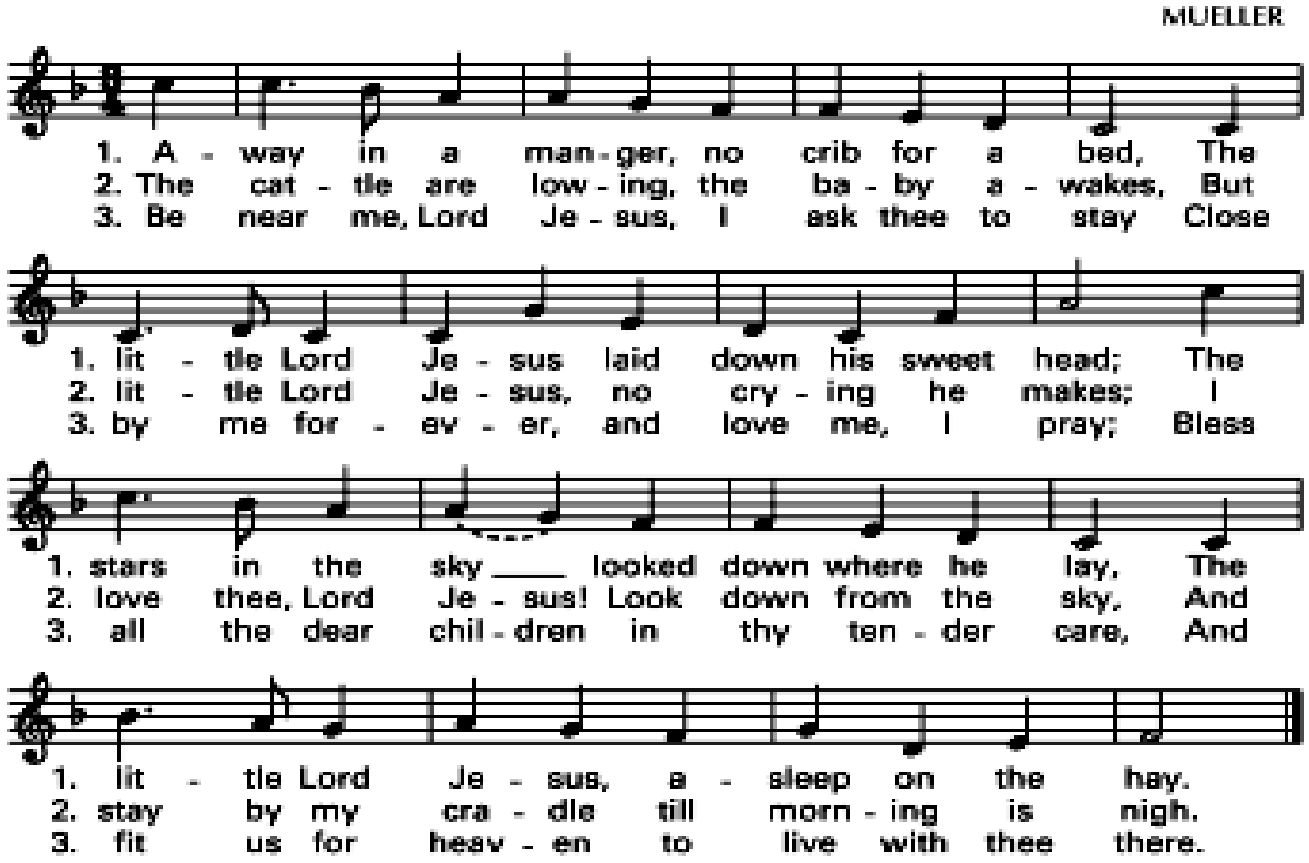
Go to: ololma.org & click on *Online Giving* for easy and secure instructions to set up your personal and confidential account or make an appointment with Fr. Brian or Cheryl at the rectory for help to set up your account.

-By doing this: you can take the chore of filling your contribution envelopes unnecessary and take the guesswork out of how you support your parish.

-By doing this: you help your parish maintain a consistent budget, especially when you are away from the parish and reduce the expense of sending envelope packages each month.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH — CYCLE C

GATHERING HYMN — ***Away in a Manger***



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord, God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us:

You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer,
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

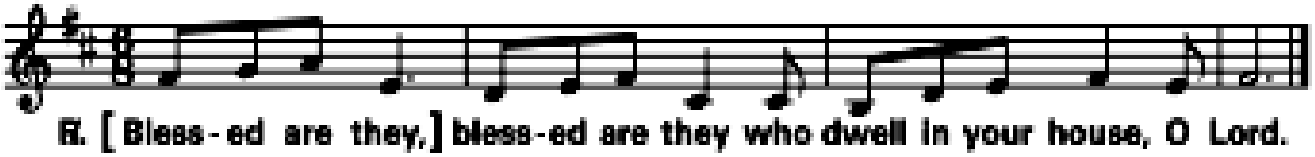
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1SM 1:20-22, 24-28

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD 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 the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite."

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 the LORD 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 the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *PSALM 84*

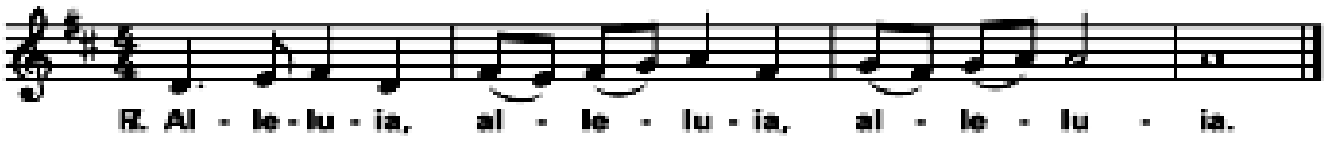


SECOND READING 1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what love the Father 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 him. 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 him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL LK 2:41-52

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 man.

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

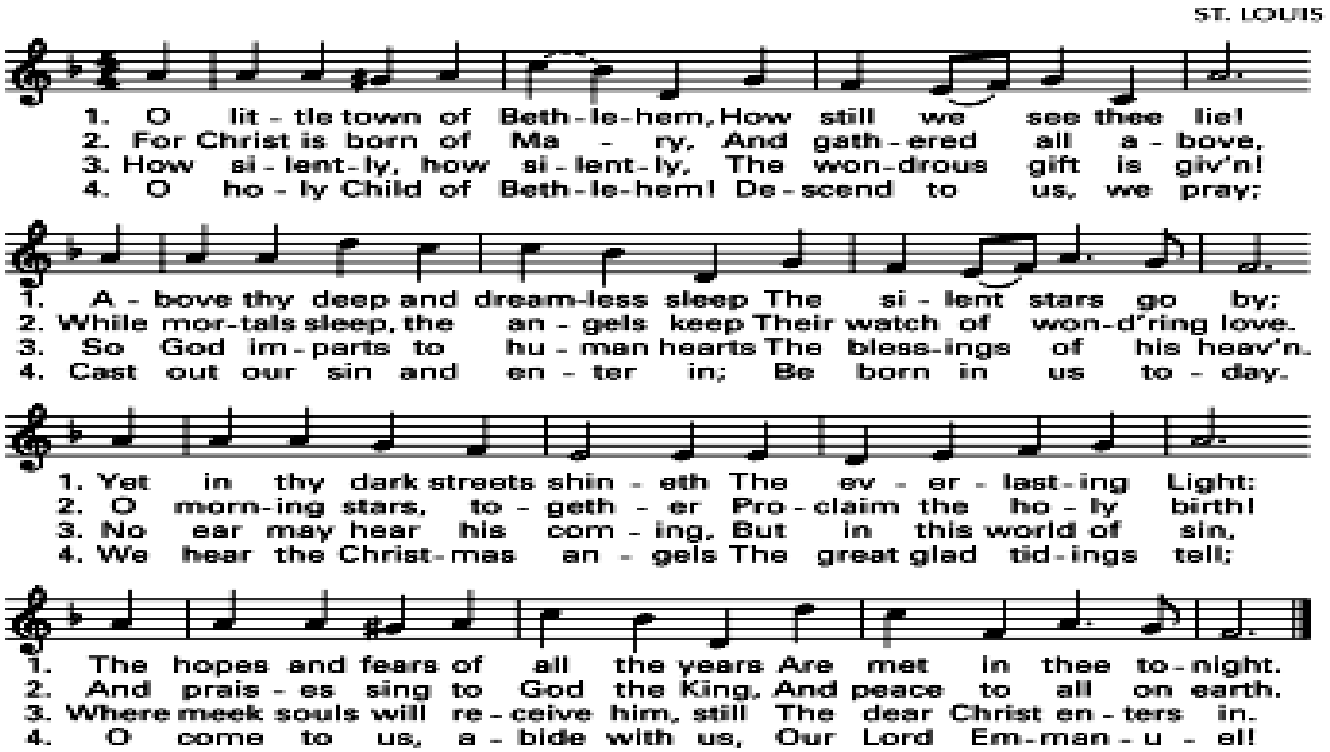
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. ·

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS ***Please respond: "Watch over our families."***

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS ***O Little Town of Bethlehem***



HOLY, HOLY **MASS OF CREATION**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.
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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION **MASS OF CREATION**

When we eat this bread, and drink this cup,
We proclaim your death O Lord,
Until you come again.

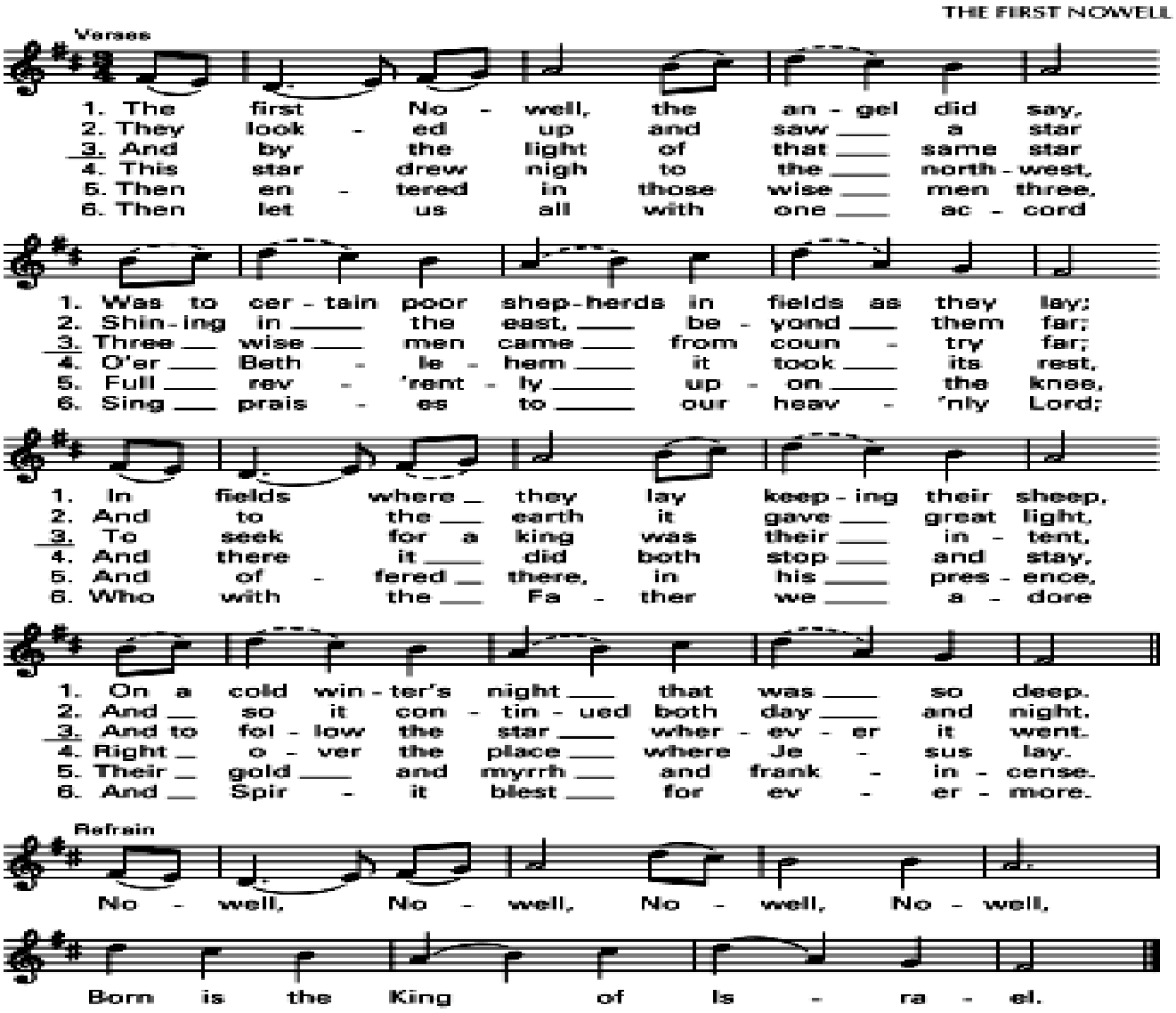
GREAT AMEN **MASS OF CREATION**

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

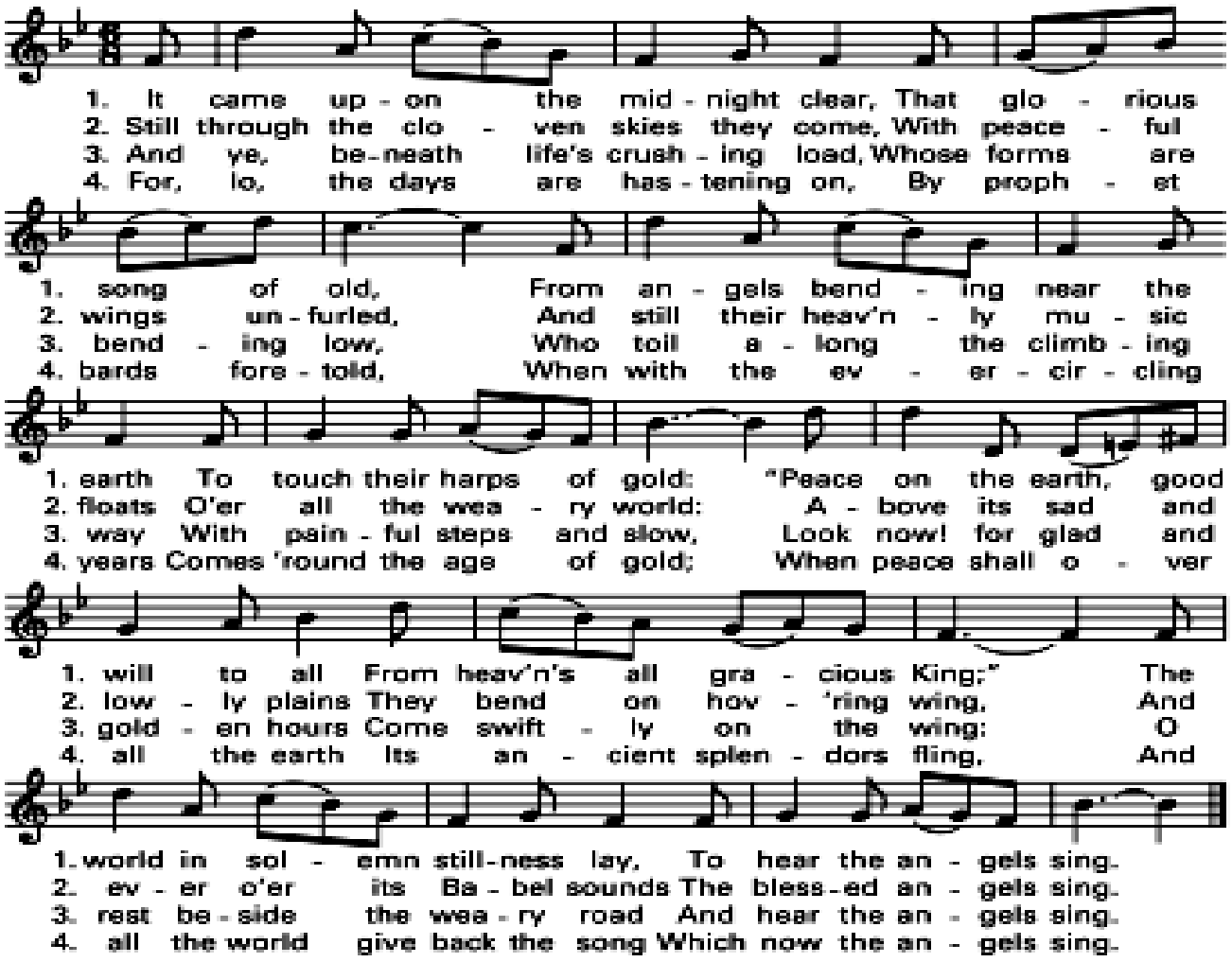
LAMB OF GOD **MASS OF CREATION**

COMMUNION ***The First Nowell***



RECESSIONAL ***It Came Upon A Midnight Clear***

CAROL



Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God - New Year's

Monday, December 31st, 5:30pm
Tuesday, January 1st, 8:00am