

## WITHDRAWAL HYMN - CONH 237

1. O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark street shineth,  
The everlasting Light  
The hope and fears of all the years,  
Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ was born of Mary  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.
3. How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God impart to human heart  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray.  
Cast out our sin, and enter in  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel. Amen

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### ARCHBISHOP VINING MEMORIAL CHURCH CATHEDRAL, GRA - IKEJA

### CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2024



7.00am & 10.00am

ISAIAH 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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*The Diocesan*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**THEME:** THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST  
**CELEBRANT:** THE DIOCESAN  
**PREACHER:** THE DIOCESAN

1. Processional Hymn: CONH 219
2. Preparation to Penitence
3. O.T. Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7
4. Psalm: 98:1-6
5. Epistles: Hebrews 1:1-12
6. Gradual Hymn: CONH 570
7. Gospel: John 1:1-14
8. Hymn before Sermon CONH 238
9. **SERMON**
10. Nicene Creed and Intercession
11. The Peace
12. All Offerings: Choruses  
*(Tithes, Covenant Seed, Service Offering & Offertory)*
13. Eucharistic Prayers
14. Administration: CONH 221, 231, 227
15. Ablution Hymn: CONH 233
16. Thanksgiving:
- (a) Christmas Thanksgiving (Birthday gift to Jesus)
17. Episcopal Blessings
18. The Notices
19. Song: We wish you A Merry Christmas .... (pg 7)
20. The Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 237

### Introductory Sentence:

I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

**Luke 2:10-11.**

### COLLECT

All praise to You, Almighty God and Heavenly King, who sent Your Son into the world to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure Virgin Mary. Grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace may continually dwell in Him and reign on earth as He reigns in Heaven with You, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### Post Communion Sentence:

The word was made flesh, and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CONH 219

- 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:

**Ref: Come and worship  
Christ, the new born King.**

2.

## **ABLUTION HYMN – CONH 233**

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.
2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns,  
Let men, their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow  
No thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse if found  
Far as the curse if found
4. He rules the earth with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove,  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love.  
And wonders of His love. Amen.

### SONG – WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

1. We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year  
*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year*
2. Now bring us some figgy pudding  
Now bring us some figgy pudding  
Now bring us some figgy pudding  
And bring some out here  
*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year*
3. For we all like figgy pudding  
We all like figgy pudding  
We all like figgy pudding  
So bring some out here  
*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year*
4. We won't go until we get some  
We won't go until we get some  
We won't go until we got some  
So bring some out here  
*Good tidings we bring to you and your kin  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year*

7.

**HYMN: CONH 227**

- 1 Good Christian men rejoice,  
With heart and soul, and voice,  
Give ye heed, to what we say  
News! News!  
Jesus Christ is born today,  
Ox and ass before Him bow,  
And He is in the manger now!  
Christ is born today  
Christ is born today.
2. Good Christian men rejoice,  
With heart and soul, and voice  
Now ye hear the endless bliss  
Joy! Joy!  
Jesus Christ was born for this,  
He has opened the heavenly door  
And man is blessed for evermore  
Christ was born for this  
Christ was born for this,
3. Good Christian men rejoice,  
With heart and soul, and voice,  
Now ye need not fear the grave,  
Peace! Peace!  
Jesus Christ was born to save,  
Calls you one, and calls you all,  
To gain His everlasting hall  
Christ was born to save,  
Christ was born to save. Amen

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the Infant light.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
Ye have seen His natal star:
4. Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending  
In His temple shall appear. Amen

**GRADUAL HYMN: CONH 570**

1. Thou, whose almighty Word,  
Chaos and darkness heard  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray  
And, where the Gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray  
Let there be light.
- 2 Thou, who did come to bring  
On Thy redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight  
Health to the sick in mind  
Sight to the inly blind  
O now, to all mankind,  
Let there be light.
- 3 Spirit of truth and love  
Life-giver from above  
Speed forth Thy flight  
Move on the waters' face  
Bearing the lamp of grace  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light.
4. Holy and Blessèd Three  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might  
Boundless as ocean tide  
Rolling in fullest pride  
Through the world, far and wide  
Let there be light. Amen!

**HYMN BEFORE SERMON**

**CONH 238**

- 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 the 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  
Live on earth our Saviour holy.
- 3 For He is our childhood pattern  
Day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak and helpless  
Tears and smiles like us he knew  
And He feelth for our sadness  
And He shareth in our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him  
Through His own redeeming love.  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above.  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.
- 5 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.  
When like stars His children crowned,  
All in white shall wait around. Amen

**ADMINISTRATION HYMNS - CONH 221**

1. Christians awake, salute the happy morn,  
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born.  
Rise to adore the mystery of love  
Which hosts of angels chanted from above  
With them the joyful tidings first begun  
Of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son.
- 2 Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,  
Who heard th' angelic herald's voice, "Behold  
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth,  
To you, and all nations upon the earth.  
This day has God fulfilled His promised word,  
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord"
3. He spoke and straightway the celestial choir  
In hymns of joy, unknown before conspire.  
The praises of redeeming love they sang  
And heaven's orb with alleluias rang  
God's highest glory was their anthem still  
Peace on the earth and unto men, goodwill.

4.

4. Oh may we keep and ponder in our mind,  
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind.  
Christ that was born upon this joyful day  
From the poor manger, to His bitter cross.  
Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace  
Till man's first heavenly state again takes place.  
Amen

**HYMN – CONH 231**

1. It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold.  
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men,  
From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats,  
O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wings,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.
3. O ye beneath life's crushing load  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps, and slow.  
Look now, for glad and golden hours,  
Come swiftly on the wing,  
Oh, rest beside the weary road,  
And hear the angels sing.
4. For lo, the days are hastening on  
By prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years,  
Shall come the time foretold.  
When the new Heaven and earth shall own,  
The Prince of Peace their King,  
And the whole world sends back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

*Refrain to tune: MIDNIGHT GLORY  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God on high,  
Goodwill to men and peace. Amen*

5.

