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Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. 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.
3. 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.



Blessed Christmas!

JOY TO THE WORLD

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25th 2023



Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

Cf. Is 9: 1, 5; Lk 1: 33

PRELUDE

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay tending their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

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 streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight!

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:
Glória in excélsis Deo!
Glória in excélsis Deo!

1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

Refrain:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day. **Ps 2: 7**

OPENING HYMN

I. 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;

Refrain:
O come, let us adore him (x3) Christ the Lord.

Venite adorémus (x3) Dóminum.

THE FIRST NOEL

2. They lookèd up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

3. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring 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 giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

3. Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN

2. From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

3. Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
Our quarrels and contentions let Christmas joys erase.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

2. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing,
all ye citizens of heav'n above: Glory to God,
Glory in the highest;

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;

4. *Adéste, fidéles, Læti triumphántes, Veníte, veníte
in Bétlehem. Natum vidéte Regem angelórum.*

COMMUNION HYMN

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.

2. 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 cradle till morning is nigh.

3. 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER



1. In the bleak mid - win - ter,
2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold him,
3. An - gels and arch - an - gels
4. What can I give him,



1. Frost - y wind made moan, Earth stood hard as
2. Nor earth sus - tain; Heav'n and earth shall
3. May have gath - ered there, Cher - u - bim and
4. Poor as I am? If I were a



1. i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone; Snow had fall - en,
2. flee a-way When he comes to reign; In the bleak mid-
3. ser - a-phem Thronged the air; But his moth-er
4. shep - herd I would bring a lamb; If I were a



1. snow on snow, Snow on snow,
2. win - ter A sta - ble place suf - ficed The
3. on - ly, In her maid - en bliss,
4. wise man I would do my part; Yet

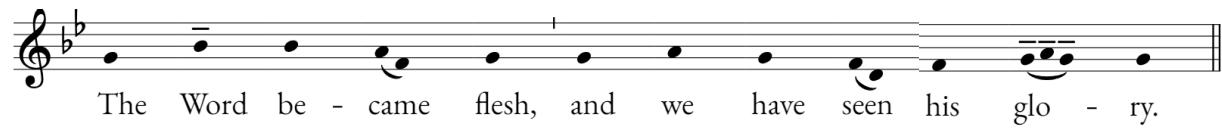


1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, Long a - go.
2. Lord God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
3. Wor - shiped the Be - lov - ed With a kiss.
4. what I can I give him— Give my heart.

Please
Kneel

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 1: 14



The Word be - came flesh, and we have seen his glo - ry.

COMMUNION HYMN

SILENT NIGHT

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| <p>1. Silent 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.</p> <p>2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!"</p> | <p>3. 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.</p> |
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After
Receiving
communion,
Please
Kneel
or sit

COMMUNION HYMN

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

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| <p>1. It came upon a 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 heav'n's allgracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.</p> <p>2. Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.</p> | <p>3. And 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.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!</p> <p>4. For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.</p> |
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GREETING *R:* And with your Spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

KYRIE *R:* Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

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.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-6 *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.."*

Responsorial: Lk 2: 11

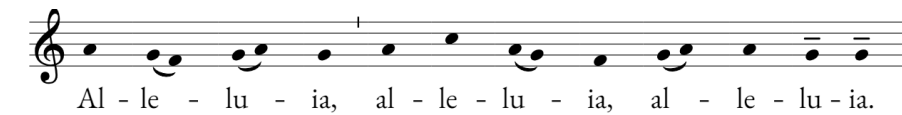


To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14

"..we await the blessed hope."

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

R: I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us,
Christ the Lord. Lk 2: 10-11

Gospel Luke 2: 1-14

"Glory to God in the highest.."

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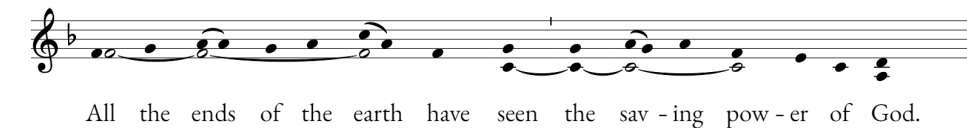
HOMILY

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LITURGY OF THE WORD (CHRISTMAS DAY READINGS)

First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10 *"..behold the salvation of our God."*

Responsorial: Ps 98



All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing pow - er of God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6

"Let all the angels of God worship him."

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

R: A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light has come upon the earth.

Gospel John 1: 1-18

"..and we saw his Glory.."

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THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Niceno-Constantinopolitan 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,

(bow) *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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

℟: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please Sit

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

CHILD OF THE POOR / WHAT CHILD IS THIS

1. Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly he lies, wrapped in the
2. Who is the strang-er here in our midst, look - ing for

1. chill of mid - win - ter; comes now a-mong us, born in - to
2. shel-ter a - mong us? Who is the out-cast? Who do we

1. pov - er - ty's em - brace, new life for the world.
2. see a - mid the poor, the chil - dren of God?

Refrain
Who is this who lives with the low-ly, shar-ing their sor-rows,
know-ing their hun-ger? This is Christ, re-vealed to the
world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

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?
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 Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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SANCTUS

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na! Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Please Kneel

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Mystery of Faith

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER + SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

Please Kneel

At the Conclusion of Lamb of God please kneel

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

℟: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Reception of Communion: The Eucharist is extremely sacred to Catholics. Practicing Catholics who are properly disposed are invited to come forward to receive Communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like a blessing) or they may remain at their seat. *If you have questions or would like to receive communion for the first time/return to receiving, please see Fr. Mark.*