

Please
Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

℟: Amen

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

℟: Thanks be to God.

JOY TO THE WORLD

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! The Sav - ior reigns; Let men their
3. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let eve - ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his right-eous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25th 2021



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

Merry Christmas!



AWAY IN A MANGER

Welcome to St. Nicholas! Please help us to preserve the sanctity of this time and space by maintaining a reverent **silence** before and after the liturgy.

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OPENING HYMN

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri -
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul -
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py
 4. *Ad - és - te, fi - dé - les, Læ - ti tri - um -*

1. um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2. ta - tion, Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove:
 3. morn - ing; Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;
 4. *phán - tes, Ve - ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.*

1. Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels;
 2. Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry in the high - est; O
 3. Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing; *Ve -*
 4. *Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.*

come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
ní - te a - do - ré - mus, Ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus, Ve -

come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.
ní - te a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

After Receiving
 communion,
 Please
Kneel
 or sit

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
 2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
 3. by me for ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The
 2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
 3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

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COMMUNION HYMN

SILENT NIGHT

After Receiving
communion,
Please
Kneel
or sit



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,



1. all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and Child.
2. at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
3. love's pure light; Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face



1. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
2. Heav'n ly hosts— sing, "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Sav - ior is
3. With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



1. peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
2. born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
3. birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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| <p>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!</p> <p>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!</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> |
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GREETING **R:** AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

PENITENTIAL ACT

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please
Sit

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 11-12

"They shall be called the holy people the redeemed of the LORD."

Responsorial: Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12



A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

"...He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit ..."

Please
Stand

GOSPEL

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

Luke 32:10-11

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

"...While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son..."

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HOMILY

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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,

(kneel) *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 **R:** Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please Sit

Preparation of the Altar

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



- 1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly
- 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your
- 3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose
- 4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the



- 1. sing - ing o'er the plains; And the moun-tains in re - ply,
- 2. joy - ous strains pro-long? Say what may the tid - ings be
- 3. birth the an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee
- 4. choirs of an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,



- 1. Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
- 2. Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song? Gló -
- 3. Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
- 4. While our hearts in love we raise.



- - - - - ri - a in ex - cé - sis



De - o! Gló - - - - -



- ri - a in ex - cé - sis De - o!

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SANCTUS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please Kneel

Priest: The Mystery of Faith

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death O Lord, until you come again

GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER + SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the 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.

R: 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.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Savior of the world.
cf. Zechariah 9: 9