

# THE ORDER OF HOLY MASS

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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2023



*Song of the Angels* by William-Adolphe Bouguereau (1881)

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## PRELUDE MUSIC

Please join in singing these traditional Christmas carols and silently meditate on the instrumental and choral pieces. Please silence your cell phone. Thank you.

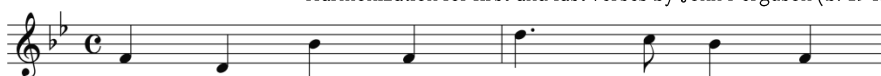
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*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Congregation

Introduction by Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)

Harmonization for first and last verses by John Ferguson (b. 1941)



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry,  
2. Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing,  
4. Though an in - fant now we view him,



Wing your flight o'er all the earth; You who sang cre -  
Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night, God on earth is  
He shall fill his heav'n-ly throne, Gath - er all the



a - tion's sto - ry, Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
now re - sid - ing, Yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
na - tions to him; Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down.

**Come, and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.**

Text: Sts. 1-3, James Montgomery, 1771-1854; st. 4, *Christmas Box*, 1825  
Tune: REGENT SQUARE, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Henry Smart, 1813-1879

*Candlelight Carol*

Choir

Text and Music by John Rutter (b. 1945)

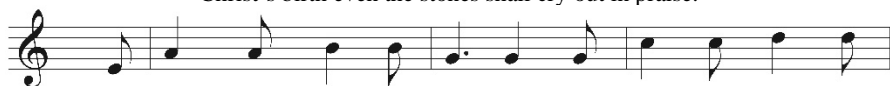
<sup>1</sup> How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother? Or how can you write down a baby's first cry? ✠ Candlelight, angel light firelight and star-glow, shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo, angels are singing, the Christ child is born. <sup>2</sup> Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, seraphim round him their vigil will keep; nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior,

but Mary will hold him, and sing him to sleep. <sup>3</sup> Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay. Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation a child with his mother that first Christmas Day. Text © 1985, Oxford University Press.

*A Stable Lamp is Lighted*

Congregation

This contemporary carol moves through the birth of Christ, to his triumph entry into Jerusalem, to his betrayal, and finally the end of times when the low are lifted up. At Christ's birth even the stones shall cry out in praise.



1. A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose glow shall wake the
2. This child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall ride in tri - umph
3. Yet he shall be for - sak - en, And yield - ed up to
4. But now, as at the end - ing, The low is lift - ed



sky;  
by;  
die,  
high,

The stars shall bend  
The palm shall strew  
The sky shall groan  
The stars shall bend

their voic - es, And  
its branch - es, And  
and dark - en, And  
their voic - es, And



ev' - ry stone shall cry. And ev' - ry stone shall cry,  
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ev' - ry stone shall cry. And ev' - ry stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor  
Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the  
For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the  
In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a -



hea - ven, A stall be - come a shrine.  
road - way To pave his king - dom come.  
spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain.  
mong us The worlds are rec - on - ciled.

## Ding Dong Merrily on High

Choir

Text by George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)  
Traditional Christmas Carol, Harmonized by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

<sup>1</sup> Ding dong merrily on high, in heaven the bells are ringing: ding dong! verily the sky is riven with angel singing. ✠ Gloria Hosanna in excelsis! <sup>2</sup> E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, and "io, io, io!" by priest and people sung.

<sup>3</sup> Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers, may you beautifully rhyme your eventime song, ye singers.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Congregation



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply  
strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be  
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee



Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.  
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French carol, c. 18th C.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862  
Tune: GLORIA, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; French carol

## Ring, Christmas Bells

Choir

Text by M.L. Hohman  
Music by Mykola Leontovich (1877-1921)

Ring, Christmas bells, merrily ring, tell all the world Jesus is King. Loudly proclaim, with one accord, the happy tale, welcome the Lord! Ring, Christmas bells, sound far and near, the birthday of Jesus is here. Herald the news, to old and young, tell it to all, in ev'ry tongue. Ring, Christmas bells, toll loud and long, your message sweet, peel and prolong. Come all ye people, join in the singing, repeat the story, told by the ringing. Ring, Christmas bells, tell the glad news of Jesus birth.

# God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen

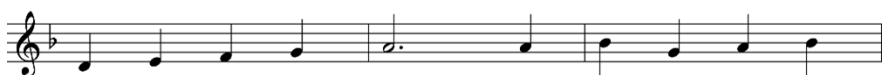
Congregation



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis -  
 2. In Beth - le - hem in Ju - dah This bless - ed babe was  
 5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this



may; Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was  
 born, And laid with - in a man - ger Up -  
 place, And with true love and char - i - ty Each



born on Christ - mas day To save us all from  
 on this bless - ed morn, For which his moth - er  
 oth - er now em - brace; This ho - ly tide of



Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.  
 Mar - y Did noth - ing take in scorn.  
 Christ - mas All oth - ers shall re - place.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
 O tidings of comfort and joy!

Text: English carol, 18th C.

Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY, 8 6 8 6 8 6 with refrain; English carol, 18th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840-1901

## Winter's Night Carol

Choir

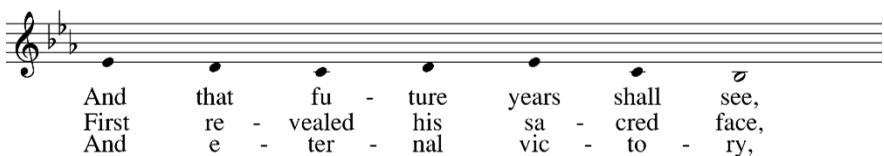
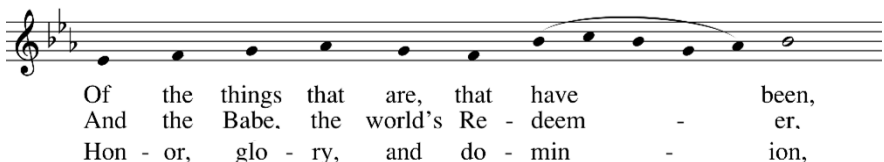
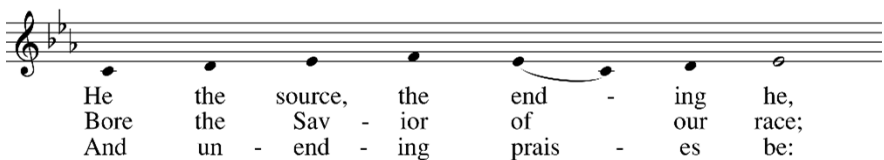
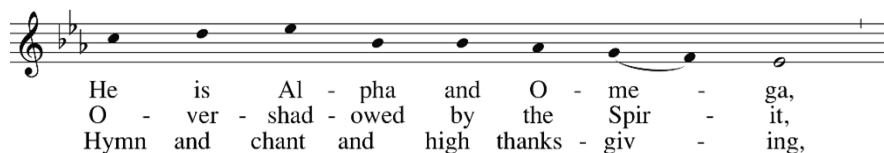
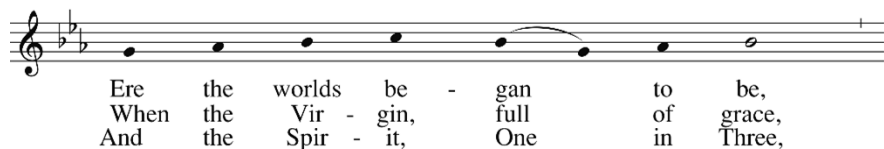
Music by Daniel Killman

<sup>1</sup> In the dead of winter chilling winds did blow; all the land lay frozen over; streams, they ceased to flow. Fallen snow had covered everything in sight; it was, oh, so long ago on that winter's night. <sup>2</sup> Heaven could not keep Him, nor the earth, but then both shall pass away forever when he comes again. In a humble stable on that winter's night, Christ, our Lord, was born to us bringing heaven's light. <sup>3</sup> Angels 'round him gathered for to give Him praise; cherubim and seraphim did their voices raise; but the blessed Virgin Mary, meek and mild offered but a simple kiss to her new-born child. <sup>4</sup> But unlike a shepherd who a lamb might bring, what is there that I may offer when I've not a thing? Kings may bring Him gold, though surely have I none; thus I give all my heart to God's only Son. <sup>5</sup> In the dead of winter chilling winds did blow; all the land lay frozen over; streams, they ceased to flow. Fallen snow had covered everything in sight when our Lord was born to us on that winter's night.

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Of the Father's Love Begotten

Congregation



Text: *Corde natus ex Parentis*; Aurelius Prudentius, 348-413; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866 and Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877  
Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, 8 7 8 7 8 7 7; 12th C.; Mode V; acc. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

*The Glory of the Father* (4PM & 10AM)

Choir

Music by Egil Hovland; arranged by Alvez Barkoskie IV

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, we beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning was the Word. The Word, as with God. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. He came to his own, and his own received him not.

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*Hodie Christus Natus Est* (12AM)

Brass Quartet

Music by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1547-1580)

*The Sussex Carol*

Congregation

1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To  
2. Then why should we on earth be so sad, Since  
3. All out of dark - ness we have light, Which

hear the news the an - gels bring; On  
our Re - deem - er made us glad? Then  
made the an - gels sing this night; All

Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To  
why should we on earth be so sad, Since  
out of dark - ness we have light, Which

hear the news the an - gels bring;  
our Re - deem - er made us glad;  
made the an - gels sing this night;

News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
When from our joy, sin he of set us free,  
"Glo - ry to God and peace to men,

News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
All for to gain our lib - er - ty?  
Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

Text: Traditional English carol

Tune: SUSSEX CAROL, 88 88 88, harm by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1912.

*There is No Rose*

Choir  
Music by Philip WJ Stopford

<sup>1</sup> There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bear Jesu; Alleluia. <sup>2</sup> For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space; Res miranda. <sup>3</sup> By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three, Pares forma. <sup>4</sup> The angels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gaudeamus. <sup>5</sup> Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth; Transeamus.

Alleluia	<i>God be praised</i>
Res miranda	<i>a wondrous thing</i>
Pares forma	<i>equal in form</i>
Gloria in excelsis Deo	<i>Glory to God in the highest</i>
Gaudeamus	<i>rejoice</i>
Transeamus	<i>we travel on</i>

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Congregation  
Organ Introduction by Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

All: O Little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark street shineth, the everlasting Light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years, are met in thee tonight.

Choir: 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 his holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the Kings, and peace to all on earth!

All: 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, <sup>1</sup>abide with us, <sup>1</sup>our Lord Emmanuel!

*Dormi, Jesu*

Choir  
Music by Luc Jakobs (b. 1956)

Dormi, Jesu! Mater ridet	<i>Sleep, Jesus! Mother smiles</i>
Quae tam dulcem somnum videt,	<i>Who sees such sweet sleep,</i>
Dormi, Jesu! blandule!	<i>Sleep, Jesus, gentling!</i>
Si non dormis, Mater plorat,	<i>If you sleep not, Mother weeps,</i>
Inter fila cantans orat,	<i>While she spins, in song she prays,</i>
Blande, veni, somnule.	<i>Come, gentle little sleep.</i>



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## The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ (12AM)

The Twenty-fifth Day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace, JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

## Introitus at the Vigil (4PM)

*Hodie sciétis  
Graduale Romanum*

Hodie sciétis,  
quia véniet Dóminus,  
et salvábit nos:  
et mane vidébitis glóriam ejus.

*Today you will know  
that the Lord will come,  
and he will save us,  
and in the morning you will see his glory.*

## Introitus at Mass During the Night (12AM)

*Dóminus dixit  
Graduale Romanum*

Dóminus díxit ad me:  
Fílius meus es tu,  
ego hódie génuite.

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

## Introitus at Mass During the Day (10AM)

*Puer natus est  
Graduale Romanum*

Puer natus est nobis  
et fílius datus est nobis:  
cuius imperium super húmerum ejus:  
et vocábitur nomen ejus,  
magni consilii Angelus.

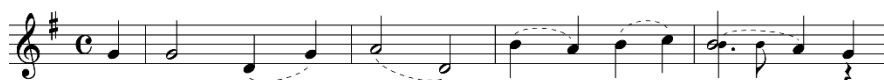
*A child is born for us,  
and a son is given to us;  
his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder  
and his name will be called*

# Processional Hymn

*Adéste Fidèles/O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
Setting for verses 3 & 4 by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Choir: Adéste fidèles, laéti triumphántes,  
Veníte, veníte in Bétlehem.  
Natum vidéte, Regem angelórum.

Congregation: Veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus,  
veníte adorémus Dóminum.



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. † God of — God, — Light — of — Light, —
3. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Lo! He comes forth from the Vir - gin's womb.  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
Our ver - y God, | be - got - ten not cre - a - ted,  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come. let us a - dore him. O come. let us a - dore him.



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

Text: *Adeste fideles*; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.  
Tune: ADESTE FIDELLES, Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786

# The Introductory Rites

## Sign of the Cross & Greeting

### Penitential Act

*All strike their breast at the **bolded** text*

I confess to almighty God / and to you, my brothers and sisters, / that I have greatly sinned, / in my thoughts and in my words, / in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, / **through my fault, through my fault, / through my most grievous fault,** / therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, / all the Angels and Saints, / and you, my brothers and sisters, / to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Kyrie



Music: Charles Covington, based on Palestrina's "Kyrie" from *Missa Brevis*.

Choral Expansion from *Missa Brevis* by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1547-1580)

### Gloria

*A Community Mass*



Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the

Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re -

ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus

Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the

Fa-ther. A - men, a - men.

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## Collect

# The Liturgy of the Word at the Vigil Mass

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## First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be  
quiet,  
until her vindication shines forth like the  
dawn  
and her victory like a burning torch.  
Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
you shall be called by a new name  
pronounced by the mouth of the  
LORD.  
You shall be a glorious crown in the  
hand of the LORD,

a royal diadem held by your God.  
No more shall people call you  
"Forsaken,"  
or your land "Desolate,"  
but you shall be called "My Delight,"  
and your land "Espoused."  
For the LORD delights in you  
and makes your land his spouse.  
As a young man marries a virgin,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Misericórdias tuas, Dómine*

Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29



"With my chosen one I have made a  
covenant;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your descendants forever,  
and set up your throne through all  
ages." R.

How blessed the people who know your  
praise,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of  
your face,

who find their joy every day in your  
name,  
who make your justice their joyful  
acclaim. R.

"He will call out to me, 'You are my  
father,  
my God, the rock of my salvation.'  
I will keep my faithful love for him  
always;  
with him my covenant shall last." R.

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## Second Reading

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, “Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.’ From this man’s descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.’”

## Gospel Acclamation

*Crástina die delébitur*



*Crástina die delébitur iníquitas terrae:  
et regnabit super nos Salvátor mundi.*

*Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will  
be destroyed:  
the Savior of the world will reign over us.*

Music: Refrain, *Festive Alleluia*, James J. Chepponis, © 1999, Morningstar Music Publishers.; verse, *Graduale Romanum*

## Gospel Proclamation

Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father

of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,*

which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

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## **The Liturgy of the Word at the Mass During the Night**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of  
gloom  
a light has shone.  
You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the  
harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing  
spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of  
Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,

every cloak rolled in blood,  
will be burned as fuel for flames.  
For a child is born to us, a son is given  
us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor,  
God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.  
His dominion is vast  
and forever peaceful,  
from David's throne, and over his  
kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains  
by judgment and justice,  
both now and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do  
this!

## Responsorial Psalm

*Hódie natus est nobis Salvátor*

Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13



O sing a new song to the LORD;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
O sing to the LORD; bless his name. *℟.*

Let the land and all it bears  
rejoice.  
Then will all the trees of the wood  
shout for joy. *℟.*

Proclaim his salvation day by day.  
Tell among the nations his glory,  
and his wonders among all the  
peoples. *℟.*

At the presence of the LORD, for he  
comes,  
he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with justice;  
he will govern the peoples with his  
truth. *℟.*

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad;  
let the sea and all within it thunder  
praise.

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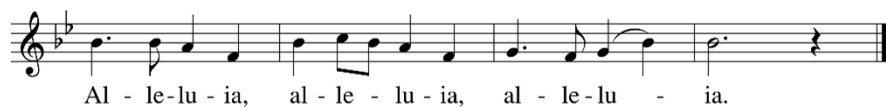
## Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

## Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 2:7



Dóminus díxit ad me:  
Fílius meus es tu,  
ego hódie génuíte.

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

Music: Refrain, *Festive Alleluia*, James J. Chepponis, © 1999, Morningstar Music Publishers.; verse, *Graduale Romanum*



## **Gospel Proclamation**

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

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## **The Liturgy of the Word at the Mass During the Day**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings glad  
tidings,  
announcing peace, bearing good news,  
announcing salvation, and saying to  
Zion,  
"Your God is King!"

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,  
together they shout for joy,  
for they see directly, before their eyes,

the LORD restoring Zion.  
Break out together in song,  
O ruins of Jerusalem!  
For the LORD comforts his people,  
he redeems Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations;  
all the ends of the earth will behold  
the salvation of our God.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Vidérunt omnes ermini*  
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6



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

O sing a new song to the LORD,  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. *R.*

The LORD has made known his salvation,  
has shown his deliverance to the  
nations.  
He has remembered his merciful love  
and his truth for the house of  
Israel. *R.*

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

Shout to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song,  
and sing out your praise. *R.*

Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,  
raise a shout before the King,  
the LORD. *R.*

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## Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters: / In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways / to our ancestors through the prophets; / in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, / whom he made heir of all things / and through whom he created the universe, / who is the refulgence of his glory, / the very imprint of his being, / and who sustains all things by his mighty word. / When he had accomplished purification from sins, / he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, / as far superior to the angels / as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. / For to which of the angels did God ever say: / *You are my son; this day I have begotten you?* / Or again: / *I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?* / And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: / *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Dies sanctificátus*



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



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

*Dies sanctificátus illúxit nobis:*  
Veníte gentes, et adorate Dóminum:  
Quia hódie descéndit lux magna super  
teram.

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

Music: Refrain, *Festive Alleluia*, James J. Chepponis, © 1999, Morningstar Music Publishers.; verse, *Gloria patri*, tone VIII

## Gospel Proclamation

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, / and the Word was with God, / and the Word was God. / He was in the beginning with God. / All things came to be through him, / and without him nothing came to be. / What came to be through him was life, / and this life was the light of the human race; / the light shines in the darkness, / and the darkness has not overcome it. / A man named John was sent from God. / He came for testimony, to testify to the light, / so that all might believe through him. / He was not the light, / but came to testify to the light. / The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. / He was in the world, / and the world came to be through him, / but the world did not know him. / He came to what was his own, / but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him / he gave power to become children of God, / to those who believe in his name, / who were born not by natural generation / nor by human choice nor by a man's decision / but of God. / And the Word became flesh / and made his dwelling among us, / and we saw his glory, / the glory as of the Father's only Son, / full of grace and truth. / John testified to him and cried out, saying, / "This was he of whom I said, / 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me / because he existed before me.'" / From his fullness we have all received, / grace in place of grace, / because while the law was given through Moses, / grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. / No one has ever seen God. / The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, / has revealed him.



## 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,

*All genuflect at the **bolded** text*

**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.

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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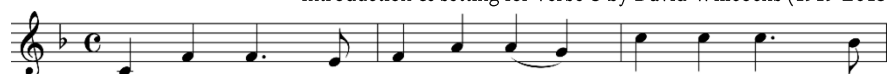
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## Offertory Hymn

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Introduction & setting for verse 3 by David Willcocks (1919-2015)



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



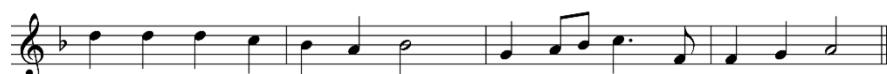
new - born King! Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,  
last - ing Lord! Late in time be - hold him come,  
Right-eous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



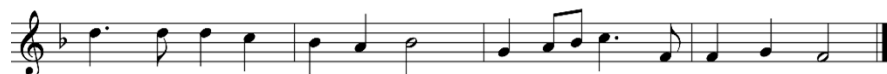
God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled!" Joy - ful, all you  
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
God-head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Tune: MENDELSSÖHN, 77 77 D with refrain; Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847

## Offertory Anthem

*Before the Marvel of This Night*

Text by Jaroslav J. Vajda © 1981

Music by Carl Schalk

Before the marvel of this night  
Adoring, fold your wings and bow,  
Then tear the sky apart with light  
And with your news the world endow.  
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,  
That fear and death and sorrow cease:  
Sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song,  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Assemble here celestial throng,  
In royal splendor come arrayed.

Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss,  
A teasing taste of what they miss:  
Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known,  
Our constant joy and endless light,  
Now to the loveless world be shown,  
Now break upon its deathly night.  
Into one song compress the love  
That rules our universe above:  
sing love, sing God is love!

## Invitation to Prayers

Priest: Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## Prayer over the Offerings

## Preface Dialogue & Preface

## Sanctus

*A Community Mass*

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

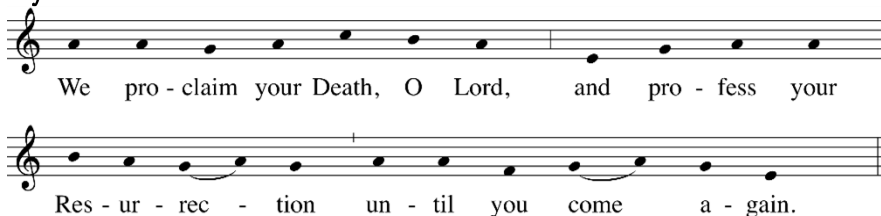
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## Eucharistic Prayer

### Mystérium Fidei

*Roman Missal*



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

Text: *The Roman Missal*

Music: *The Roman Missal*

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### Conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer

*Roman Missal*

Through him, and with him,  
and in him, O God, almighty Father,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever.



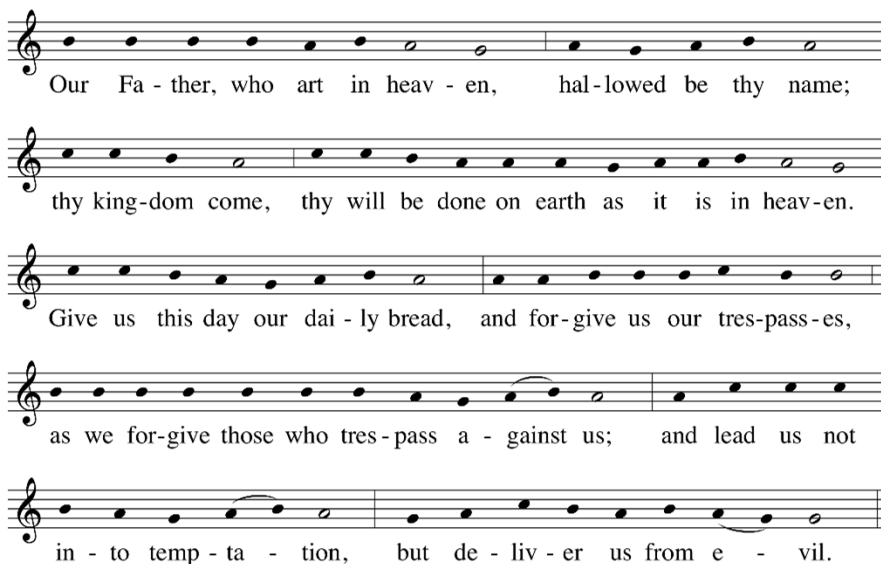
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## The Communion Rite

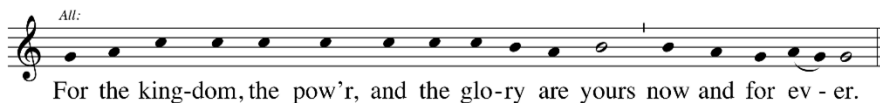
### Lord's Prayer

*Roman Missal*



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;  
thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

*Priest:* Deliver us, Lord...and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



## Communio at the Vigil Mass

*Revelábitur  
Graduale Romanum*

Revelábitur gloria Dómini:  
et vidébit omnis caro salutáre Dei nostri  
nostri.

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation  
which comes from our God.*

## Communio at the Mass During the Night

*In splendóribus  
Graduale Romanum*

In splendóribus sanctórum,  
ex útero ante lucíferum génui te.

*Amidst the splendors of the heavenly sanctuary,  
from the womb, before the morning star,  
I have begotten you.*

## Communio at the Mass During the Day

*Vidérunt omnes  
Graduale Romanum*

Vidérunt omnes fines terræ  
salutáre Dei nostri.

*All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation which comes from God.*

## Communion Hymn

*Away in a Manger*

An alternate tune will be sung for verse 2



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



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



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love you, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,



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

Text: Sts. 1, 2, anonymous; st. 3, John T. McFarland, 1851–1913  
Tune: CRADLE SONG, 11 11 11 11: William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921



## Communion Hymn

*In The Bleak Midwinter*

Verse 1, choir only

Verses 2-3, all

Verse 4, see directions



*Choir* 1. / In the bleak mid-win - ter, frost - y wind made moan;  
*All* 2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;  
*All* 3. / An - gels and arch-an - gels may have gath - ered there;  
*Women* 4. / What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thronged the air;  
*Men* If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, / snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
 but his moth - er on - ly, / in her maid - en bliss,  
*All* if I were a wise man, / I would do my part;



/ in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 / wor - shipped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Text: Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

Music: CRANHAM, Irregular, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

## Communion Meditation

*O Magnum Mysterium*

Music by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

O magnum mysterium  
 et admirabile sacramentum,  
 ut animalia viderent Dominum natum  
 jacentem in praesepio.

O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt  
 portare Dominum Jesum Christum.  
 Alleluia!

*O great mystery  
 and wonderful sacrament,  
 that animals should see the new-born  
 Lord lying in a manger!  
 O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb  
 was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.  
 Alleluia!*

## Hymn

## Silent Night

Verses 1 and 3 in harmony  
Verse 2 in unison.

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,

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

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

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

Text: *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht*; Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. by John F. Young, 1820–1885  
Tune: STILLE NACHT, 66 89 66; Franz X. Gruber, 1787–1863

## Prayer after Communion

# The Concluding Rites

## Final Blessing & Dismissal

### Hymn

*Joy to the World*



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let  
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let  
 3. No more let sin and sor - row grow, Nor  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And



earth re - ceive her king; Let ev - 'ry  
 us our songs em - ploy; While fields and  
 thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to  
 makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room And heav'n and na - ture  
 floods, rocks, hills and plains Re - peat the sound - ing  
 make his bless - ings flow Far as the curse is  
 of his right - eous - ness, And won - ders of his



sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
 joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -  
 found, Far as the curse is found, Far  
 love, And won - ders of his love, And



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 as, far as the curse is found.  
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748; tr. anonymous

Tune: ANTIOCH, CM with repeat; arr. from George F. Handel, 1685–1759, in T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833

### Postlude

“Joy to the World”

from *Five for the Christmas Season* by Kristina Langlois (b. 1956)

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**Thank you for celebrating Christmas with us this year.**

**May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.**

**Merry Christmas**

*Fr. Jounh Paul, Fr. Lourdu, Deacon John & the staff*

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