

**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**December 26, 2021**

***Entrance Hymn: Wake From Your Sleep(BB 75)***

Wake from your sleep a Savior is born. God's holy child gives light to this morn,  
All our darkness to dispel. Praise to our God whose glory we tell.

Come from your fields as shepherds of old. Welcome this child whom prophets foretold.  
God has made the earth his home. Praise to our God, the Savior has come.

Stay with us now, O Lord of the earth. Make of our hearts a place for your birth.  
Though our cares be great or small, Jesus the Lord, be born in us all.

Now shall the earth take joy in her tears. Now shall our hearts be turned from their fears.  
All the earth shall sing God's praise. Jesus the Lord, be born on this day.

**Greeting**

In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us come to God, mindful of our sins:

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 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.

***God have Mercy***

You come to heal the contrite. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**  
You come to call sinners. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen**

*Gloria*

**Refrain**

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria, Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax. (2X at beginning)

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,

We give you thanks,

We give you thanks, thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly One, O God, almighty Father. **Refrain**

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,

Have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world,

Receive our prayer, receive our prayer

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, the Most High, Jesus Christ.

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God,

The glory of God the Father. **Refrain**

*Collect*

Let us pray:

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*First Reading*

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of the Prophet Samuel

In those days Hannah conceived and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked God for him.

The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to God 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 God 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 God 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 God. I prayed for this child, and God granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the Most High; as long as the child lives, he shall be dedicated to God."

Hannah left Samuel there.

The Word of our God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

#### **Refrain**

Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you,  
Blest are those who seek you, O God.

**Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you,  
Blest are those who seek you, O God.**

Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;  
you will find what you long for: the riches of our God. **Refrain**

Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,  
your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table. **Refrain**

May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,  
may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart. **Refrain**

### ***Second Reading*** 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first Letter of John

Beloved: See what love God 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 God.

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 God for we shall see God as God truly is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive whatever we ask, because we keep God's commandments and do what is pleasing to God.

And God's commandment is this: we should believe in the name of God's Chosen One, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as God has commanded us. Those who keep God's commandments remain in God, and God in them, and the way we know God remains in us is from the Spirit God gave us.

The Word of our God.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Alleluia, Give the Glory! (BB 899)***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give the Glory and the Honor to the Lord!

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Give the Glory and the Honor to the Lord!

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give the Glory and the Honor to the Lord!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Give the Glory and the Honor to the Lord!**

***Gospel Luke 2:41-52***

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 the people.

The Good News of Salvation  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Homily (take a moment to reflect on the readings - what word or phrase stood out to you?)*

### ***Universal Intercessions***

Response: God of Peace, hear our prayer.  
(God of Peace, hear our prayer.)

For the grace of unity and healing: that all families may be united in love and that the grace of this season may heal past hurts, let us pray to our God...

For all who help others grow, particularly parents, teachers, coaches and mentors: that they may affirm and encourage young people to fully recognize and utilize their gifts, let us pray to our God...

For all married couples: that they may faithfully witness to the love that God has placed in their hearts and help each other to continually grow in Christ, let us pray to our God...

For families separated by war or disasters and for those in refugee camps: that God will give them courage, relieve their suffering and open new opportunities for them in the New Year, let us pray to our God...

For what other intentions do we want to pray...

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### ***Preparation of the Gifts* Love Has Come**

Love has come – a light in the darkness!  
Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.  
Hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

Love is born! Come share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother.  
What is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.  
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

Love has come – He never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

### ***Offertory Prayers***

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

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

**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.**

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***The Eucharistic Prayer*** (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Reflection Song below. If you are using this at home with your family, continue with the Spiritual Eucharist below)

***Service Music: Mass of Glory (BB 901)***

### **Spiritual Communion**

***Invite the Family to stand for the Our Father. Although without a Priest, we cannot offer the Mystery of Jesus' Sacrifice on the Cross, we can join with the Church throughout the world in***

*offering a Spiritual Communion until such time as we can again participate in the great Sacrifice of the Mass.*

### **Our Father**

*Leader:* At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*Family:* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

*Leader:* Deliver us Lord we pray from every evil, and grant us peace in our days that by the help of your mercy we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Family:* For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

*Leader:* Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign forever and ever.

*Family:* Amen.

*Leader:* May the peace of the Lord be with us always.

*Invite the family to kneel if practical. The following formula of prayers can be prayed together as a family, inviting Jesus spiritually into our hearts.*

*Leader:* Together with the whole Church throughout the world, let us profess an Act of Faith in Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

*All:* O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

In this faith I intend to live and die.

Amen.

*Leader:* Through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus made the ultimate act of love by offering himself as expiation for our sins. Let us now make our own act of love as we pray:

*All:* O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

*Leader:* With a humble and contrite heart, we ask the Lord to come to us just as He would if we were able to receive the sacrament.

*All:* My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

***Communion Song: Angels We Have Heard on High (BB 82)***

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid Whom the angels praise above  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

***Communion Meditation Be Thou My Vision (H/O)***

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:  
Thou my best thought, by day and by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word:  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:  
Thou my heart's great love, and I am Thine own,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight. Thou my  
soul's shelter, and Thou my great tow'r, O raise  
Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.  
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Naught is all else to me, save that Thou art.

**Prayer after Communion:**

Let us pray:

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that , after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Concluding Rite**

*Final Blessing*

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Creator, and the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

**Amen**

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

*Song of Sending: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (BB 91)*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time, behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King