

Nativity of the Lord
Mass During the Night Liturgy
December 25, 2021

Entrance Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful (BB 92)

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.

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes, Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte Regem angelorum

Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus Dominum.

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 have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light, grant,
we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his
gladness in heaven. 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

Isaiah 9:1-6

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

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, an heir is given us;
upon whose shoulder dominion rests.
They will name this child Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Everlasting Holy One, Giver of Peace.
This ruler's dominion is vast and forever peaceful,
from David's throne, and over David's realm,
to confirm and sustain it
by judgment and justice,
both now and forever.

The zeal of our Mighty God of hosts will do this!
this Holy One shall be peace.

The Word of our God.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.
Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing out to God a new song, Sing out to God all you lands;
Sing out in joy, sing out in love to our God!. **Refrain**

Announce God's salvation forever, and glory proclaim to the earth;
tell all the peoples the wondrous deeds of our God. **Refrain**

Let us rejoice in our Savior, who has come now to rule the earth;
rule it in justice, rule it in mercy forever! **Refrain**

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Titus

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.

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.

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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Gospel Luke 2:1-14

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

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 to the towns of their ancestors.

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 God appeared to them and the glory of God 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 all 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, here our prayer.
(God of Peace, here our prayer.)

For the church: for an outpouring of God's favor in our time; for a rekindling of a childlike spirit of wonder and awe; and for openness to life and a renewed excitement about life, let us pray...

For all gathered here: that we, like the angels, may announce the good news of God's saving love and be instruments of peace to all we meet each day, let us pray...

For all children: that they may be welcomed into this world with joy, nurtured and cared for as they grow, and loved into maturity, let us pray...

For all who celebrate Christmas: that our minds may be more aware and our hearts more responsive to all who are in need, particularly the victims of war, human trafficking, refugees, and those recovering from natural disasters, let us pray...

For peace throughout the world: that the Prince of Peace may bring an end to violence and lead all peoples to greater cooperation in overcoming poverty and disease, let us pray...

For reconciliation in families: that God will heal old wounds and help us to recognize the gift of each person

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

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

Angels We Have Heard on High (BB82)

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!

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.

May the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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: Night of Silence/Silent Night (BB 76/77)

Cold are the people, winter of life, we tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, Flowers that will echo the sunrise,
Fire of hope is our only warmth, weary the flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night, on wind you enfold us, you speak of the light,
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly, rumors of a dawn so embracing,
Breathless love awaits darkened souls, soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star, your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, rising in the warmth of your Son's love.
Star unknowing of night and day, Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

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.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing "Aleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

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.

Communion Meditation Wonderful Counselor (H/O)

For unto us / a child is born / a Son is given.
Come Holy / Spirit, Come / bring us this Child.
The Virgin / Mary / shall be his mother
And his name / shall be called / Emmanuel.

Sing Alleluia! to the wonderful Counselor.
Sing Alleluia! to the mighty God.
Sing Alleluia! to the Father forever and
Sing Alleluia! to the true Prince of Peace!

Understand / -ing he will come / come with compassion.
Come to forgive / all of the world / of sin.
And he will save / all of the weak / and tender hearted.
And the meek / forever shall / dwell in their land.

So let us / beat all our / swords into plowshares And let the wolf / come be the guest / of the lamb.
And let the song / of the world's / nations be peaceful.
Worship the Child / unto the world / in Bethlehem.

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honorable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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: Joy to the World (BB 80)

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, And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

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.