

## Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

(sung by cantor)

*The twenty-fifth day of December.*

*In the five thousand one hundred and ninety-ninth year of the creation of the world*

*from the time when God in the beginning created the heavens and the earth;*

*the two thousand nine hundred and fifty-seventh year after the flood;*

*the two thousand and fifteenth year from the birth of Abraham;*

*the one thousand five hundred and tenth year from Moses*

*and the going forth of the people of Israel from Egypt;*

*the one thousand and thirty-second year from David's being anointed king;*

*in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel;*

*in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;*

*the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome;*

*the forty second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;*

*the whole world being at peace,*

*in the sixth age of the world,*

*Jesus Christ the eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,*

*desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming,*

*being conceived by the Holy Spirit,*

*and nine months having passed since his conception,*

*was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary,*

*being made flesh.*

*The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.*



# Christmas 2025

## St. Cronan Church



### Christmas Eve Carols

**Love Has Come!** (French Carol)

*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!*

**Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming** (German Carol) ... BB97

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly** (Polish Carol) ... BB94

**O Holy Night** (inspired by the Gospel of Luke and the birth of Jesus)

**Away in a Manger** ... BB80

**O Little Town of Bethlehem** ... BB88

**Awake, Arise** (John Foley, SJ)

*Arise, arise: shine. Awake, arise, your light is come;*

*Behold, darkness has covered the earth. And thick darkness its people.*

*But God arose: see. Awake, arise, God's glory shines,*

*In you, glory the nations will know. In you, brightness arising!*



## (Christmas Eve Carols - continued)



**Awake, Arise** (continued)  
O lift your eyes: see.  
O raise your eyes, look up and see!

[INTERLUDE]

Arise, arise, O see the people find God's glory  
Arise, awake, the glory of the Lord within you.  
Awake, awake, arise.

**Child of the Poor/What Child Is This?** ... BB100/101  
**Proclamation of the Birth of Christ** ... (see back page)

## Christmas Vigil Mass

**Gathering:** **O Come, All Ye Faithful** ... BB102

**Gloria:**

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria, Gloria.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax.  
[continue in Breaking Bread, page 6]*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Today Is Born Our Savior** ... G84

**Alleluia, Give the Glory!**

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give the Glory and the honor to the Lord!*

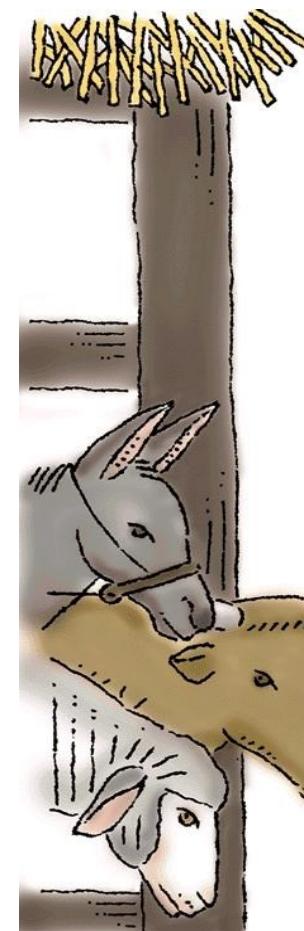
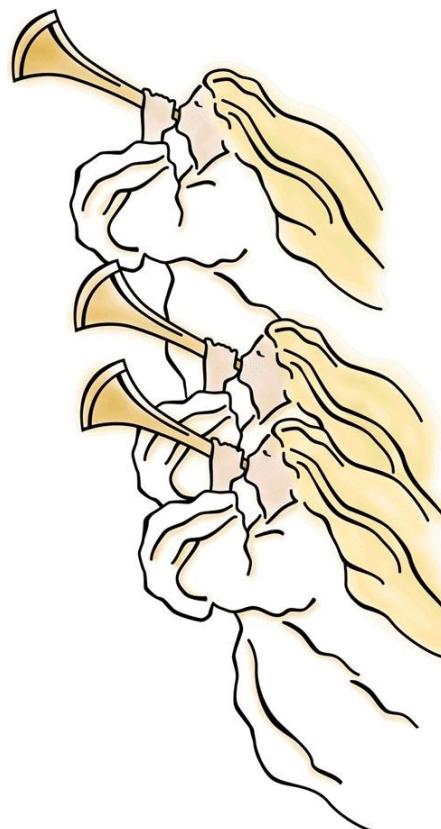
**Presentation of Gifts:**

**Hark, the Herald Angels Sing** ... BB105  
**Angels We Have Heard on High** ... BB109

**Mass of Glory** ... BB881, 884, 885, 886

**Communion:**

**Night of Silence/Silent Night** ... BB83/84



**Communion (continued)**

**Wonderful Counselor** (John Michael Talbot)  
*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.*

**Recessional:** **Joy to the World** ... BB90

## Christmas Day Masses

*See Christmas Vigil Mass, except:*

**Mass of Renewal** (8am) ... BB856, 858, 861  
BB862, 863

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
**All the Ends of the Earth**

**Communion:**  
**Child of the Poor/What Child Is This?** ...  
BB100/101

**Wonderful Counselor** ... (above)

