



Christmas 2024

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

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!*



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) ... BB859, 861, 862
BB865, 866*

Responsorial Psalm:

In These Days Justice Will Flourish ... G67

Communion:

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

Wonderful Counselor ... (above)

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 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 ... BB884, 885, 888, 889

Communion:

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



A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

See, the Most High God proclaims to the ends of the earth:
say to daughter Zion, your savior comes!

This savior brings reward and recompense to them.

They shall be called the holy people,
the redeemed of the Most High God,
and you shall be called "Frequented,"
a city that is not forsaken.

The Word of our God.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

Beloved:

When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,

not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of God's own mercy,

we were saved through the bath of rebirth and renewal by
the Holy Spirit, richly poured out on us through Jesus
Christ our savior,

so that we might be justified by God's grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

The Word of our God.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

“Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which God has made known to us.”

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

The Good News of salvation.

Universal Intercessions

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

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

(after the petitions, please blow out the candles by the ambo).