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Mass of Christmas Day



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The Opening Carol

Please stand when the bell rings

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn,
whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love,
which hosts of angels chanted from above;
With them the joyful tidings were begun
of God incarnate and the virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
who heard th'angelic herald's voice: Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Savior's birth
to you and all the nations of the earth;
this day hath God fulfilled His promised word;
this day is born a Savior, Christ the Lord."

He spake, and straightway the celestial choir
in hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;
the praises of redeeming love they sang,
and heav'n's whole orb with alleluias rang;
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
peace on the earth, and unto men good will.

Like Mary, let us ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind!
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
from His poor manger to His bitter cross.
Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace,
till man's first heavenly state again takes.

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The Introductory Rites

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

The Priest introduces the Mass and invites the congregation to confess their sins.

**All: 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.**

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

The Kyrie

**All: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

The Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King.
O God, almighty Father.

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;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

P: Let us pray.
O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please sit down for the readings

The First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

R: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98

R: 'All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.'

The Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

R: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

Unto us is born a son,
King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal,
Of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heav'n descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know,
Becradled in a manger,
Becradled in a manger.

This did Herod sore affray
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer,
And slew the little childer.

Of His love and mercy mild,
This the Christmas story:
O that Mary's gentle Child
Might lead us up to glory,
Might lead us up to glory!

O and A and A and O,
Cum cantemus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino,
Benedicamus Domino.

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The Gospel

John 1:1-18

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Cantor: A hallowed day has shone upon us.
Come, O nations, and adore the Lord;
for today a great light has come down to earth.

.All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Sermon

Please sit down

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

All: 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,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all kneel or bow.

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 Intercessions

R: Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

After the prayer for the faithful departed:

R: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

All: Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. **Amen.**

Carol

*During this carol the bread and wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared.
A collection will be taken for the work of the church. All donations are gratefully received.*

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Saviour
was born on Christmas Day
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray.

***O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.***

From God our heav'nly Father
a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same;
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name.

The shepherds at those tidings
rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks afeeding,
in tempest, storm, and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway,
this blessed Babe to find.

But when to Bethlehem they came,
Wherat this infant lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay:
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:

Now to the Lord sing praises
all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
all other doth deface.

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

**All: 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.**

The Prayer over the Gifts now follows.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

The preface continues until we sing:

The Sanctus and Benedictus

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel or sit

P: The Mystery of faith

All: We proclaim your death O Lord, And profess your Resurrection
Until you come again..

P: ... for ever and ever

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand

P: At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: 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.

P: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

The Priest continues.....

P: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

P: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

B: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion is now distributed. All those who are regular communicants in their own church are welcome to receive the Sacrament at this celebration.

Please bring a service book with you if you would like to simply receive a blessing.

Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet
head.

The stars in the sky looked down where
He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from
the sky

And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to
stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender
care,
And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee
there.

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The Concluding Rite

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

The priest blesses the congregation: the response to each statement is:

All: **Amen**

P: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

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 th'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 the Virgin's womb:

veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

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We hope you have enjoyed this service and wish you a very happy Christmas.

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