



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:

DURING THE NIGHT

December 25, 2021

12:00AM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the City of Harrison, Ohio

On the Reception of Holy Communion

Believing that the reception of Communion is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united ordinarily do not receive Holy Communion.

Because Communion is a commitment to living fully in Christ, Catholics who are conscious of grave sin do not participate in Communion without prior sacramental confession unless there is no opportunity for confession.

Anyone not receiving Communion is welcome to come forward for a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest.

Looking for a faith community???

Call our parish office for more information on joining the parish:

513-367-9086

The parish office will next be open on December 28th at 8:30AM.

**In preparation for the liturgy, you are asked
to please silence all electronic devices.**

PRELUDE MUSIC

Choir: *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pervia
cæli porta manes, et stella maris,
succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat,
populo; Tu quæ genuisti, natura
mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab
ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum
miserere.

*Loving Mother of the Redeemer, you
remain the gateway to heaven and star
of the sea. Rise up to help the falling,
and care for your people. You who
gave wondrous birth to your Creator,
Virgin first and last, by the "Ave"
from Gabriel's mouth, have mercy on
us sinners.*

Choir: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Harold Darke

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk,
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can, I give Him -
Give my heart.

Brass: *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

ed. Christopher Rolfes

Choir: *Sans Day Carol*

Caracciolo

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk, and Mary bore Jesus,
who was wrapped up in silk: and Mary bore Jesus Christ, our Savior
for to be, and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass, and Mary bore Jesus,
who died on the cross: and Mary bore Jesus Christ, our Savior for to be,
and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal, and Mary bore Jesus, who
died for us all: and Mary bore Jesus Christ, our Savior for to be, and the
first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red, then trust we our Savior,
who rose from the dead: and Mary bore Jesus Christ, our Savior for to be,
and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

~ Text: 19th cent. Cornish



Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here. Offer thanks, ye faithful, to the news give ear. Sing we nowell, a new King born today. Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Unto humble shepherds came the angel near; 'hence, said, he 'to Bethlehem, be ye of good cheer. Seek there the Lamb of God, love's own pure ray.' Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

When to Bethlehem they came in lowly fear, found they gentle Mary with her son so dear. Heaven's mighty Lord all cradled in the hay, nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Eastern sages seek him, in the darkness drear by a star illumined shining forth so clear, guiding them to Bethlehem far away. Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Now doth our Savior Jesus Christ appear, bringing salvation promised many a year by his redeeming blood this happy day. Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Congregational: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting Light: The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of this heav'n. No ear may hear this coming, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

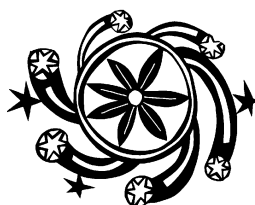
Tune: ST. LOUIS; Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

Brass: *Psallite*

Praetorius/arr. Hyslop



Some millions of years having passed since the creation of the world, When, in the beginning, God created heaven and earth; Some thousands of years from the salvation of man when the family of Noah survived the flood; About nineteen centuries after the promise was given to Abraham, the father of faith; Many ages after Moses brought the people from bondage in Egypt; A thousand years from the anointing of David as King over the chosen people; In fulfillment of the times and year and months and days discerned by the vision of the prophets; In the course of secular history: In the one hundred and ninety-third Olympiad; Seven and one half centuries from the founding of the city of Rome; In the twentieth year of the reign of the Emperor Octavian Augustus, while the whole world enjoyed a span of peace; In the sixth and final age of human achievement; Wishing to consecrate the whole world and all time by his blessed presence, Jesus Christ, eternal God, and son of the eternal Father, conceived as man by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, after nine months of growth in the womb of his mother, Was born of the Virgin Mary and for our salvation became man in Bethlehem of Judah. Now in our own times this marks the birthday of Our Lord Jesus Christ after the manner of all flesh.



GATHERING RITE

GATHERING SONG: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELIS

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.

God of God, Light of Light, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb. Our very God, begotten not created, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Text: *Adeste fideles*; John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786; tr. By Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.
Tune: ADESTE FIDELIS, John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786

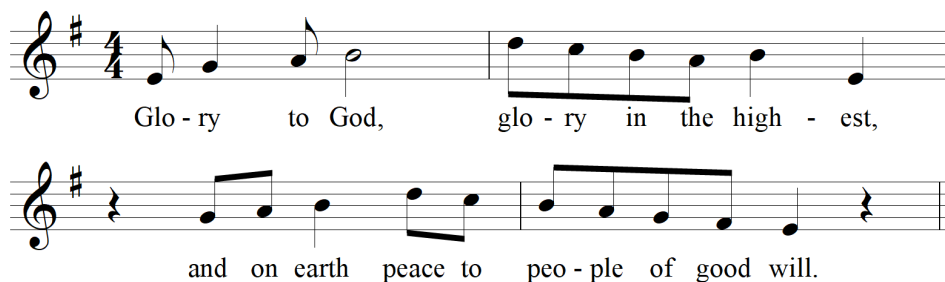
SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

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

R/. And with your spirit.

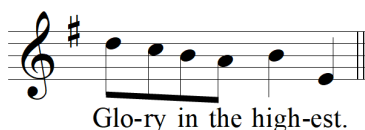
PENITENTIAL RITE

Refrain 1: 1st time: Cantor/Choir, All repeat; thereafter: All



Cantor/Choir: We praise you, we bless you,

Refrain 2: All



Cantor/Choir: we adore you, **(Refrain 2)**

Cantor/Choir: we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, **(Refrain 2)**

Cantor/Choir: heavenly King, **(Refrain 2)**

Cantor/Choir: O God, almighty Father. **(Refrain 1)**

Cantor/Choir: 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

Refrain 3: All



Cantor/Choir: you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,

All



Cantor/Choir: you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on
us. **(Refrain 3)**

Cantor/Choir: Glory to God, glory in the highest, and on earth peace to people
of good will. **(Refrain 1)**

Cantor/Choir: 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 glory of God the Father. **(Refrain 1)**

OPENING PRAYER

1ST READING

Isaiah 9:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 96: Today Is Born Our Savior*

French

To - day is born our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING:

Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Christmastime Alleluia*

Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL DIALOGUE

R/. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 1-14

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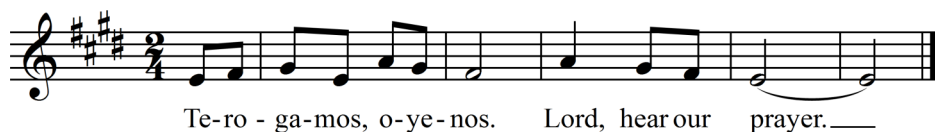
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not

made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

All kneel for a moment of silent prayer.

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS: *Te Rogamos Oyenos/Lord, Hear Our Prayer* Kolar



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Our monetary collection is taken up by leaving your offering in the baskets as you enter or leave church. We are especially grateful to any visitors for your financial support.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS (CHORAL ANTHEM):

‘For Unto Us a Child is Born’ from *The Messiah* George Frederick Handel

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

(Isaiah 9:5)

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray Brothers & Sisters... the almighty father.

R/. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

R/. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

R/. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. **It is right and just.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: *A Community Mass*

Proulx

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho -
san-na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: *A Community Mass*

Proulx

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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GREAT AMEN: *A Community Mass*

Proulx

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/. **And with your spirit.**

LAMB OF GOD: *Mass of the Angels and Saints*

Janco

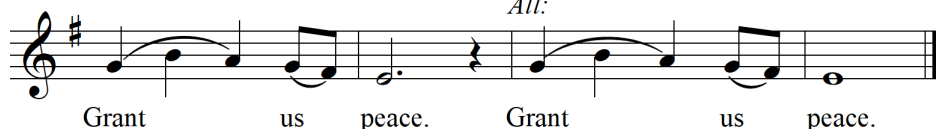
Cantor/Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

All:



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God... Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

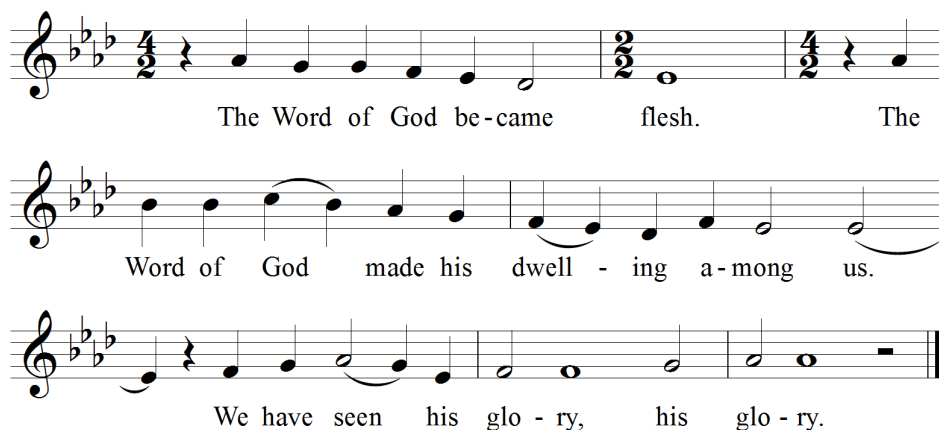
COMMUNION SONGS

The Word of God Became Flesh

Gouin

First time the refrain is sung by the choir and then by all.

Refrain:



Verses: (Choir)

1. O sing a new song to the LORD, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

2. The LORD has made known his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations. He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise.
4. Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the LORD.
5. Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world, and those who dwell in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

Text: John 1:14, alt.; Psalm 98:1-9ab, *The Revised Grail Psalms*, © 2010, The Grail, admin. by GIA Publications, Inc.
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It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all gracious king"; The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world: Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing, And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife, The world has suffered long; Beneath the heav'nly hymn have rolled Two thousand years of wrong: And warring humankind hears not The tidings which they bring; O hush the noise and cease your strife And hear the angels sing.
4. For, lo, the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old, When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold, When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling, And all the world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876
Tune: CAROL; Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING & FINAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

R/. **And with your spirit.**

SONG OF SENDING FORTH: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

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

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Tune: MENDELSSOHN, 77 77D with refrain; Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Echo Noël*

Louis Claude D’Aquin

