



# **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:**

## **VIGIL MASSES**

December 24, 2021

3:00PM & 5:30PM

## **DURING THE DAY**

December 25, 2021

9:00AM & 11:00AM

**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

*Prelude music at each Mass will be a combination of instrumental pieces and congregational Christmas carols. Instrumental pieces will vary at each Mass.*

### *The First Noel*

### THE FIRST NOEL



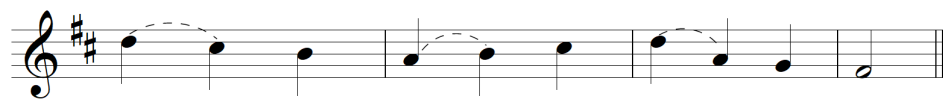
1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing
3. And by the light of that same star Three
4. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing



1. cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; In
2. in the east, be - yond them far, And
3. wise men came from coun - try far; To
4. prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord; Who



1. fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a
2. to the earth it gave great light, And
3. seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
4. with the Fa - ther we a - dore And



1. cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2. so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3. fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
4. Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.



- 1.-4. No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,



- 1.-4. Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English carol, 17th C.

Tune: THE FIRST NOEL; English carol: harmonization from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

### *Angels We Have Heard on High*

### GLORIA/arr. Jeanne Cotter

**A**ngels 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!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French carol, c. 18th C.; tr. From *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862  
Tune: GLORIA; French carol, Arr. Jeanne Cotter, © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

### *Away in a Manger*

MUELLER

**A**way in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright 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 you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay, close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Text: Verses 1-2, anon., Verse 3 by John T. McFarland, 1851-1913  
Tune: MUELLER, James R. Murray, 1841-1905.



## 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

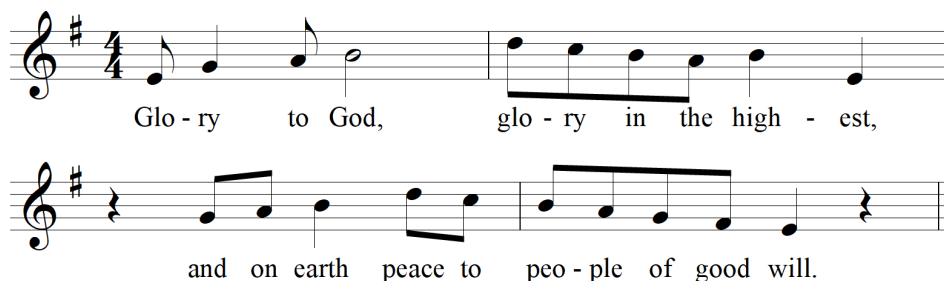
### SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

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.**

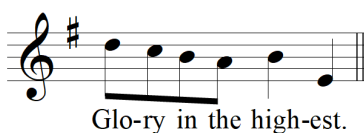
### PENITENTIAL RITE

**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

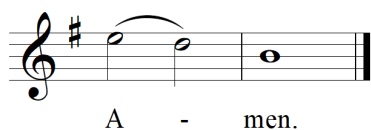


Cantor/Choir: you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **(Refrain 3)**

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

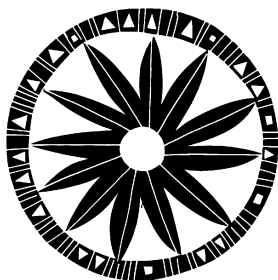
Cantor/Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father. **(Refrain 1)**

1st time: Cantor/Choir, All repeat



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## OPENING PRAYER



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 1ST READING

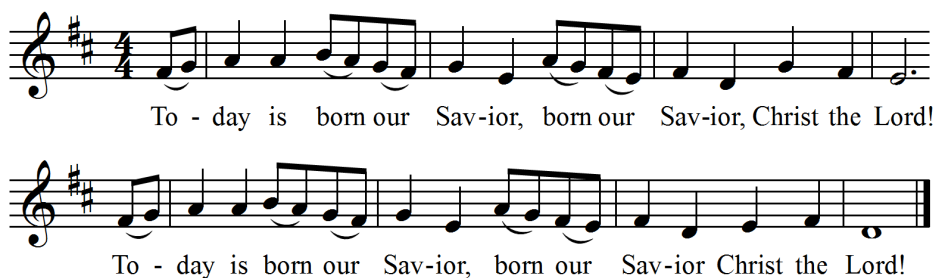
Isaiah 9:1-6

*A son is given us*

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

O'Brien

Refrain:



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### SECOND READING:

Titus 2:11-14

*The grace of God has appeared to all.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Christmastime Alleluia*

Chepponis

Refrain:



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## GOSPEL DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 1-14

*Today a Savior has been born for you.*

## HOMILY

## CREED

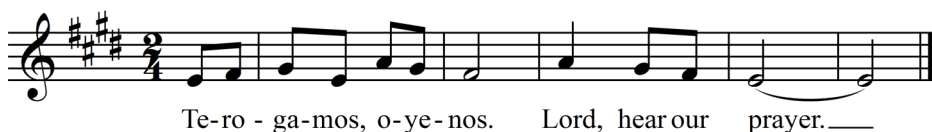
**I** believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not

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.

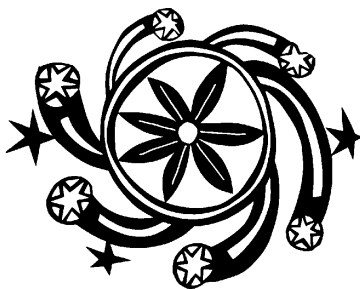
*All kneel for a moment of silent prayer.*

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

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PREPARATION OF GIFTS: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

**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.

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.

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.

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

## 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.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

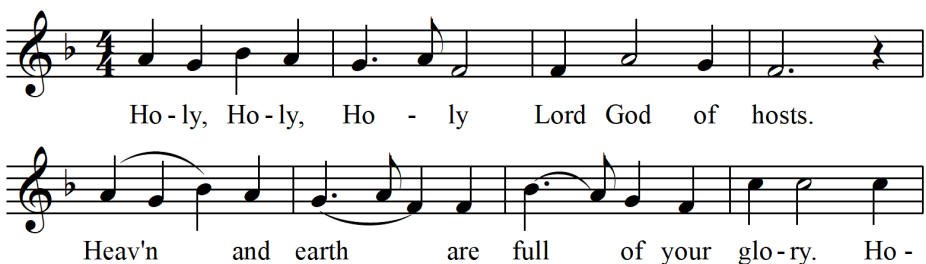
**R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: *A Community Mass*

Proulx





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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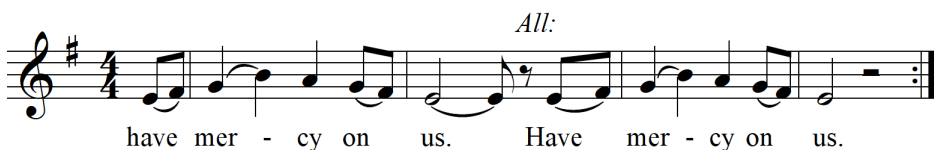
## COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

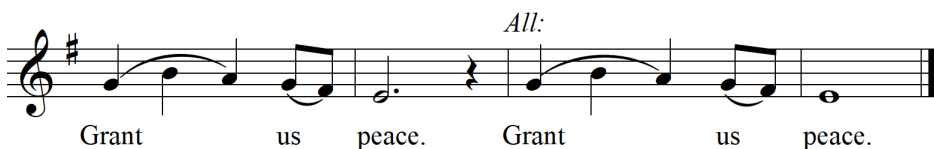
SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 R/. **And with your spirit.**

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



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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

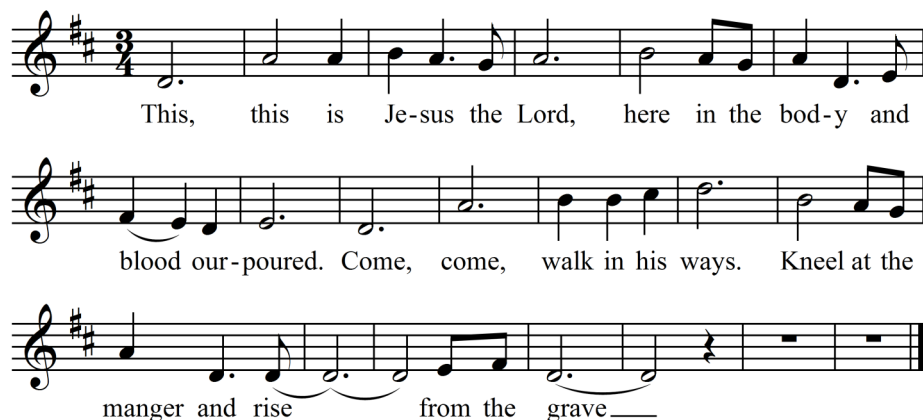
*Wood of the Cradle*

O'Brien

Verses (*sung by cantor/choir*)

1. Wood of the cradle, wood of the cross, bearing a lifetime of joy and of loss, who is your loved one? Who could he be, born in a manger to die on a tree?

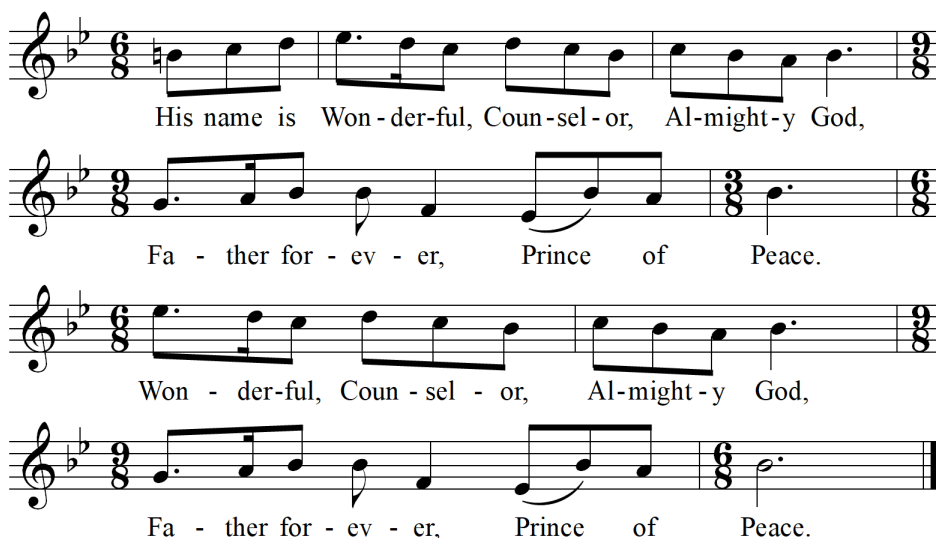
Refrain (*sung by all*)



2. Shepherds lie sleeping, deep in their dreams; angels awaken them: "What could this mean? Whom do you herald? Whom must we find? A child in a manger? Our God born in time?" (*To refrain*)
3. Star in the heavens bearing new light, guiding the sages and ages this night: Where will you lead us? Where can he be, the child born of myst'ry who died on a tree? (*To refrain*)
4. Come, all who hunger, come, all who thirst; Come, all who seek him, God's joy on the earth. Find him a shelter, bright, safe, and warm, see in all people his love being born. (*To refrain*)

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Refrain:



His name is Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or, Al - might - y God,  
Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace.  
Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or, Al - might - y God,  
Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace.

Text: Isaiah 9:1-6; Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Tune: ISAIAH 9, 8 8 12 7 with refrain; Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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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

**H**ark! 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





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