



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: VIGIL MASS

December 24, 2022

3:00PM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
In the City of Harrison, Ohio

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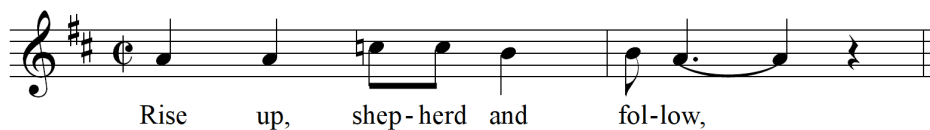
PRELUDE MUSIC

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

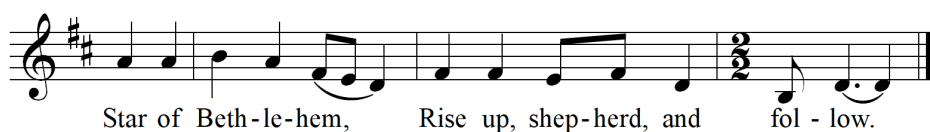
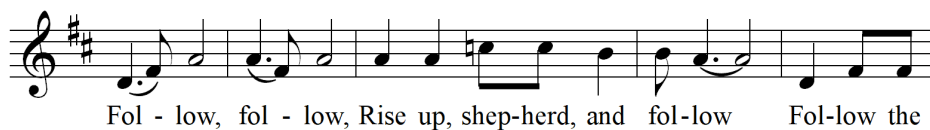
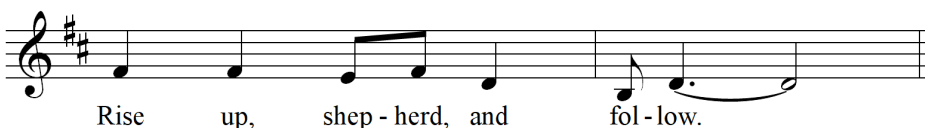
Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow

Spiritual

1. *There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,*
2. *If you take good heed to the angel's words,*



1. *It will lead to the place where the Christ was born,*
2. *You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget you herds,*



Text: Traditional
Tune: African American Spiritual



Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA/arr. Jeanne Cotter

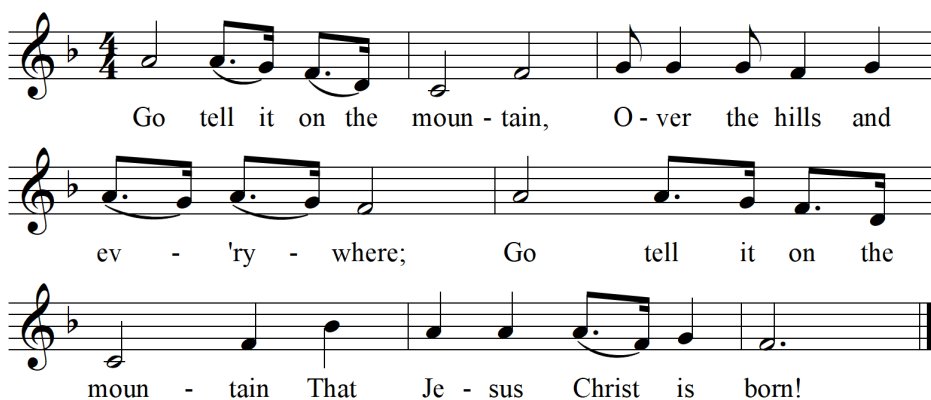
Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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!

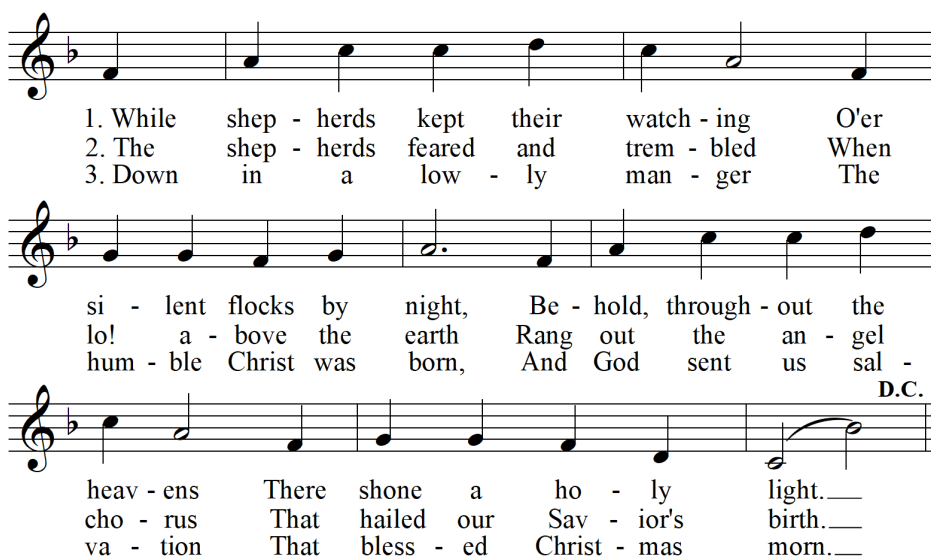
Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French carol, c. 18th C.; tr. From *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862
Tune: GLORIA; French carol, Arr. Jeanne Cotter, © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Refrain:



Go tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and
 ev - 'ry - where; Go tell it on the
 moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

Verses:



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The
 si - lent flocks by night, Be - hold, through - out the
 lo! a - bove the earth Rang out the an - gel
 hum - ble Christ was born, And God sent us sal -
 heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.____
 cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.____
 va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.____

Text: African American spiritual; adapt. by John W. Work, Jr. 1871–1925

Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; African American spiritual; harm.



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.

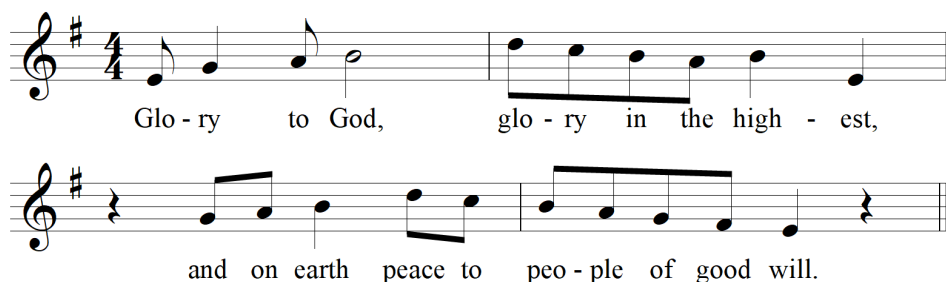
R/. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

GLORY TO GOD:

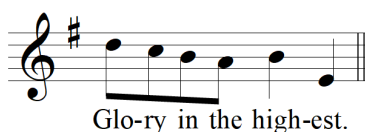
Jones

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

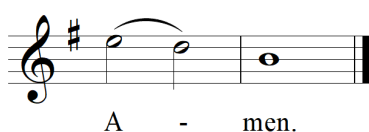


Cantor/Choir: you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **(Refrain 3)**

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

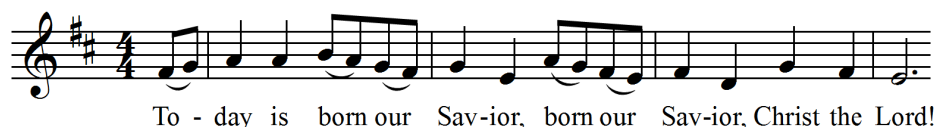
Isaiah 9:1-6

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

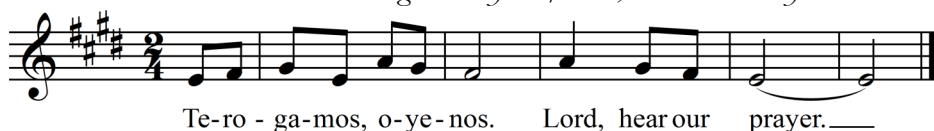
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with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

(All Genuflect: 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.)

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

PREPARATION OF GIFTS (CHORAL ANTHEM:

Sing We Noel!

Terry D. Taylor

Noel, noel, noel we sing! Tidings of joyful news we bring! Christ has come with us to dwell. Jesus, our Emmanuel. Noel, noel, noel we sing! Tidings of joyful news we bring! With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father. Jesus, Messiah, the Prince of Peace, come to reign forever.



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.

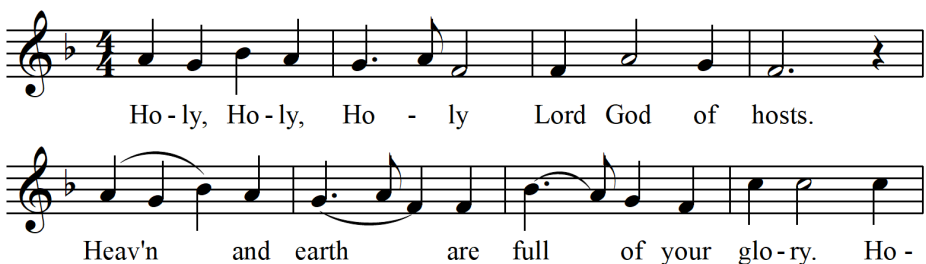
R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

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.

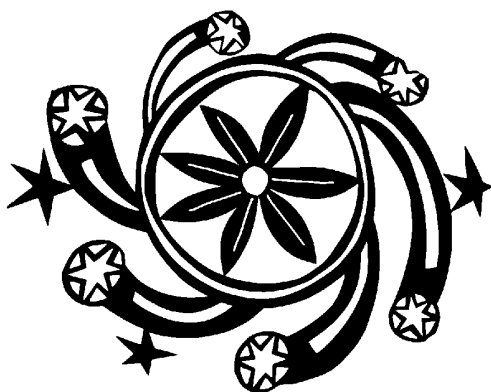
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GREAT AMEN: *A Community Mass*

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,



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



Music: *Mass of the Angels and Saints*, Steven R. Janco, © 1996, GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

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

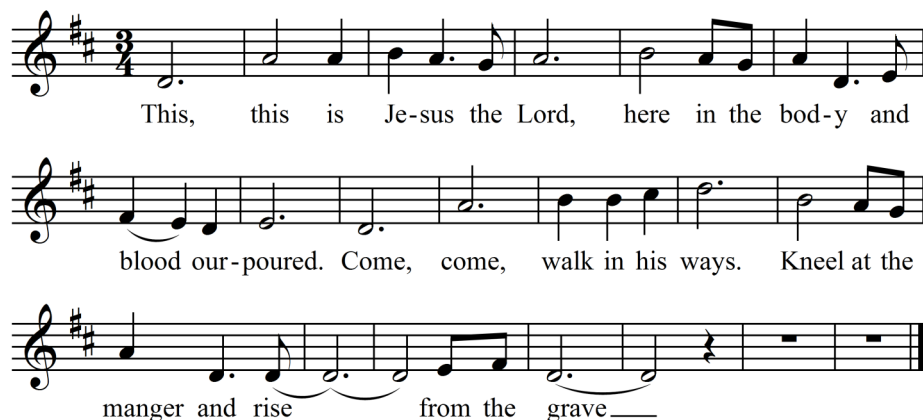
Wood of the Cradle

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first two staves end with a repeat sign, and the last two staves end with a double bar line.

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

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



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