



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

VIGIL MASS

December 24, 2024

3:00PM, 5:30PM

MASS DURING THE DAY

December 25, 2024

9:00AM, 11:00AM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the City of Harrison, Ohio

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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 27th at 8:30AM.

PRELUDE (caroling from among the following)

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOEL

Ritual Song Hymnal #554, verses 1-3

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Ritual Song Hymnal #523, verses 1-3

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Ritual Song Hymnal #522

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

Ritual Song Hymnal #515

*Organ: "What Child Is This" (GREENSLEEVES)

FROM Ten Chorale Improvisations, Set 7 (1975)

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

GATHERING RITE

GATHERING: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Willcocks/ADESTE FIDELES

Ritual Song Hymnal #521

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. God of God, Light of Light,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come, come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Lo! He comes forth from the Vir - gin's womb.
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n, a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Refrain
 Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 Our ve - ry God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted, O
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

come, let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him, O
 come let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

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: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth — peace to
 peo - ple of — good will. — We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
 glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord — God, heav - en - ly King, O
 God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten
 Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son — of the Fa - ther, —

you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;
 you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fath - er. A - men, a - men.

OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 97: A light will shine on us this day* Guimont

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

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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.

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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

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, óyenos. Lord, hear our prayer* Kolar

Te-ro - ga-mos, o-ye-nos. Lord, hear our prayer.---

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA
Ritual Song Hymnal #524

1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth of an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

and the moun-tains in re - ply e - cho back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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: *Mass of Redemption* Janco

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts Heav'n and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: *Mass of Redemption* Janco

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

GREAT AMEN: *Mass of Redemption* Janco

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

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 Redemption* Janco

Cantor, All repeat

Have mer - cy on us,

Last time

Cantor, All repeat

Grant us peace.

Cantor, All repeat

Grant us peace.

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 ANTIPHON: (Graduale Romanum): Jn 1:14; Ps. 97 Johnson

R./ (*cantor only*) The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

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

Vs 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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit...
Amen. R./

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COMMUNION: *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* GOD REST YOU MERRY
Ritual Song Hymnal #525

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may; re -
2. In Beth - le - hem in Ju - dah this bless - ed babe was born, and
3. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came, and
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind, and
5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place, and

mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day to
laid with - in a man - ger up - on this bless - ed morn, for
un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same, how
left their flocks a - feed - ing in tem - pest, storm, and wind, and
with true love and char - i - ty each oth - er now em - brace; this

Refrain

save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray.
which his moth - er Mar - y did noth - ing take in scorn. O ____
that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name. O ____
went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, this bless - ed babe to find.
ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers shall re - place.

tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy; O ____
tid - ings of com - fort and joy! ____

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

Ritual Song Hymnal #527, verse 3 a cappella

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far; heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia!
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, ____ sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! ____ Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, ____ Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING & FINAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.



SENDING FORTH: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
Ritual Song Hymnal #520

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, — "glo - ry to the new - born King!
Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; — Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
Hail the heav'n - born prince of peace! — Hail the Sun of right - eous - ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, — off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, — ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; — Join the tri - umph of the skies; —
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; — hail the in - car - nate de - i - ty, —
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die, —

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise us from the earth, born to — give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry — to the new - born King!"

POSTLUDE: "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (IN DULCI JUBILO)
FROM Six Carol Settings (1970) Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

