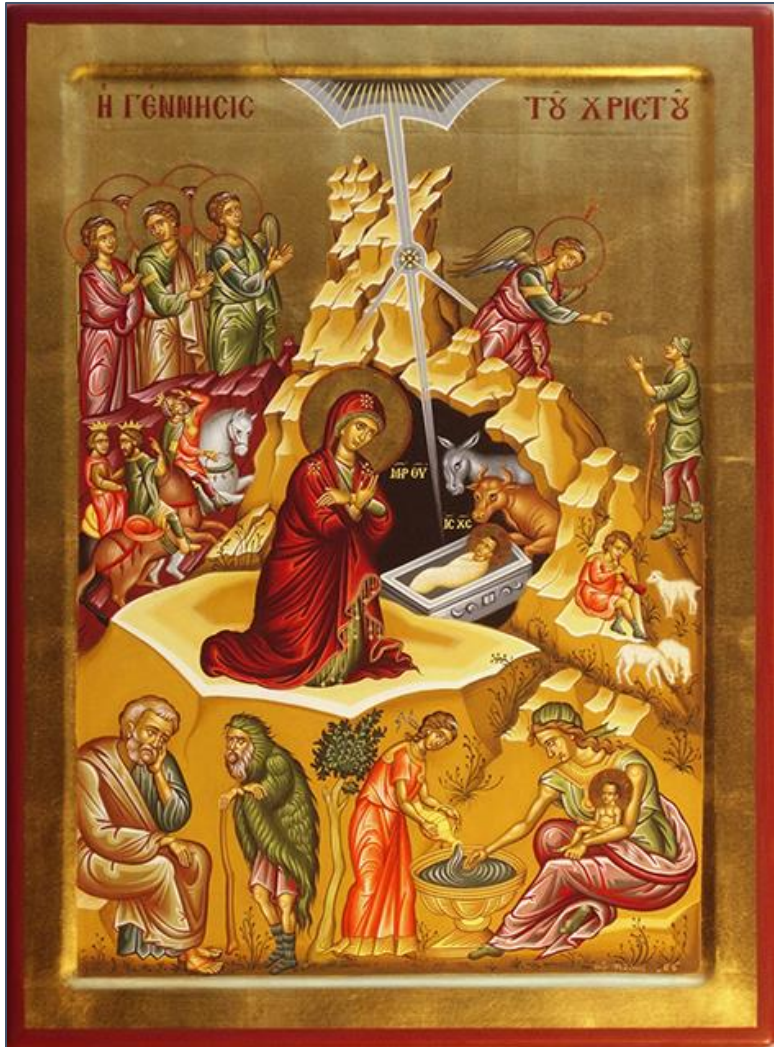


# Nativity of the Lord Mass at Midnight



*“For today in the city of David  
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”*

(Cycle A)

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Opening Hymn

### Silent Night



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,



all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,  
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



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

## Greeting

∇. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R.** Amen.

∇. The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Love of God  
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**R.** And also with you.

## PENITENTIAL RITE (C3)

*Invitation to reflect on our faults and failings.*

∩ To prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries,  
let us call to mind our faults and failings  
and ask our heavenly Father in his mercy  
for his healing and forgiveness.

*Pause for silent reflection.*

*(Kyrie VIII de Angelis)*

∩ Lord Jesus, you are Mighty God and Prince of Peace:

**K** Musical notation for the Kyrie VIII de Angelis, first line. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Y-ri- e \* e- lé- i-son. bis' are written below the staff. A large 'K' is placed to the left of the staff, and a 'v' is placed above the first note.

Y-ri- e \* e- lé- i-son. bis

∩ Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Musical notation for the Kyrie VIII de Angelis, second line. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Chri- ste e- lé- i-son. bis' are written below the staff.

Chri- ste e- lé- i-son. bis

∩ Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father:

Musical notation for the Kyrie VIII de Angelis, third line. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Ky-ri- e e- lé- i-son.' are written below the staff.

Ky-ri- e e- lé- i-son.

Musical notation for the Kyrie VIII de Angelis, fourth line. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Ky-ri- e \* \*\* e- lé- i-son.' are written below the staff.

Ky-ri- e \* \*\* e- lé- i-son.

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

**R Amen.**

# Gloria

*Priest/cantor:* *Alt:*

V  
G Ló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax homí-

*Choir:* *Alt:*

ni-bus bonæ vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Bene-dí-cimus  
te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gimus  
ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-us,  
Rex cæ-lé-stis, De-us Pa-ter omní-pot-ens. Dó-mi-ne Fi-li  
u-ni-gé-ni-te, Je-su Chri-ste. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus  
De-i, Fí-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-  
ré-re no-bis. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe de-pre-  
ca-ti-ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad dè-xte-ram Pa-tris, mi-  
se-ré-re no-bis. Quó-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus



Dómi-nus. Tu so-lus Altíssimus, Je-su Chri-ste. Cum San-



cto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Lord our God,  
with the birth of your Son,  
your glory breaks on the world.

Throughout the night hours of the darkened earth  
we your people watch for the coming of your promised Son.  
As we wait, give us a foretaste of the joy that you will grant us  
when the fullness of his glory has filled the earth,  
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **Reading 1** (*Is 9:1-6*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
will be burned as fuel for flames.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

His dominion is vast  
and forever peaceful,  
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains  
by judgment and justice,  
both now and forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

✠. This is the Word of the Lord.

**℟. Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** (*Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13.*)



Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

**Ṛ. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds

**Ṛ. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and what fills it resound;  
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

**Ṛ. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;  
for he comes to rule the earth.  
He shall rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with his constancy.

**Ṛ. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

**Reading 2** (*Ti 2:11-14*)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all  
and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires  
and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,  
as we await the blessed hope,  
the appearance of the glory of our great God  
and savior Jesus Christ,


who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness  
and to cleanse for himself a people as his own,  
eager to do what is good.

☩. This is the Word of the Lord.

**R̄. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation (*Lk 2:10-11*)


Ant.  
6



**A** L-le-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:  
today a Savior is born for us,  
Christ the Lord.

Ant.  
6



**A** L-le-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

### Gospel (*Lk 2:1-14*)

☩. The Lord be with you.

**R̄. And also with you.**

☩. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

*The celebrant and the people mark a cross on their foreheads (mind),  
their lips (speech) and over their hearts, asking the Lord to open them  
to his Word.*

**R̄. Glory to you Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus  
that the whole world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment,

when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.



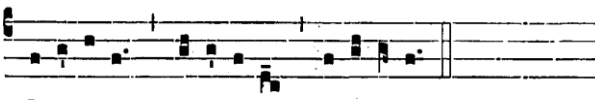
And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

℣. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**℞. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Ant.  
6



**A** L-le-lú-ia, \* alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

**Homily**

# Nicene Creed

XVII. s.

V

**C** Redo in unum De- um, Patrem omni-pot-éntem,  
 factó-rem caeli et terrae, vi-si-bí-li- um ó-mni- um, et in-  
 vi-si-bí- li- um. Et in unum Dómi-num Ie- sum Christum,  
 Fí- li- um De- i u-ni-gé-ni-tum. Et ex Patre na- tum ante  
 ómni- a saé- cu- la. De- um de De- o, lumen de lúmi- ne,  
 De- um ve- rum de De- o ve- ro. Gé- ni- tum, non fa- ctum, con-  
 substanti- á-lem Patri : per quem ómni- a fa- cta sunt. Qui  
 propter nos hómi- nes, et propter nostram sa- lú- tem descén-  
 dit de cae- lis. Et incarná- tus est de Spí- ri- tu Sancto ex  
 Ma- rí- a Vírgi- ne : Et homo factus est. Cru- ci- fí- xus  
 ét- i- am pro no- bis : sub Pónti- o Pi- lá- to passus, et se- púl-

tus est. Et re-surré-xit térti-a di-e, se-cúndum Scri-  
 ptú-ras. Et ascéndit in cae-lum: se-det ad dēxte-ram Pa-  
 tris. Et í-te-rum ventú-rus est cum gló-ri-a, iu-di-cá-re  
 vi-vos et mórtu-os: cu-ius regni non e-rit fi-nis. Et in  
 Spí-ri-tum Sanctum, Dómi-num, et vi-vi-fi-cántem: qui ex  
 Patre Fi-li-óque pro-cé-dit. Qui cum Patre et Fí-li-o  
 simul ad-o-rá-tur, et conglo-ri-fi-cá-tur: qui lo-cú-tus est  
 per Prophé-tas. Et unam sanctam cathó-li-cam et a-po-  
 stó-li-cam Ecclé-si-am. Confi-te-or unum ba-ptisma  
 in remissi-ó-nem pecca-tó-rum. Et expécto re-surre-  
 cti-ó-nem mortu-ó-rum. Et vi-tam ventú-ri saé-cu-li.  
 A- men.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

*All bow at these two lines*

by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## General Intercessions

*The celebrant invites the congregation to pray and offers several  
prayer intentions. Each concludes, "We pray to the Lord."*



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

*The celebrant concludes the intercessions with a final short prayer  
ending with "... through Christ, our Lord."*

**R. Amen.**

## **Blessing of the Creche**

**God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love:  
when our need for a Savior was great  
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.  
To our lives he brings joy and peace,  
justice, mercy, and love.**

**Lord,  
bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,  
and raise our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,  
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.**

**℟. Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Offering of the Gifts**

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

℣. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**℟. Blessed be God for ever.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

℣. Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**℞. 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 Church.**

Lord, accept our gifts on this joyful feast of our salvation.  
By our communion with God made man,  
may we become more like him  
who joins our lives to yours,  
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

**℞. Amen.**

## Preface and *Sanctus* (Christmas II)



℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And al - so with you. ℣. Lift up your hearts.



℞. We lift them up to the Lord. ℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



℞. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The celebrant recites or sings the Preface:*

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today you fill our hearts with joy  
as we recognize in Christ the revelation of your love.  
No eye can see his glory as our God,  
yet now he is seen as one like us.

Christ is your Son before all ages,  
yet now he is born in time.  
He has come to lift up all things to himself,  
to restore unity to creation,  
and to lead mankind from exile into your heavenly kingdom.

And so, with all the angels of heaven  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*(Sanctus VIII De Angelis)*

VI (XI) XII. s.

**S** An- ctus, \* Sanctus, San- ctus Dó- mi- nus  
De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt cae- li et  
ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sán- na in excél- sis.  
Bene- dí- ctus qui ve- nit in nó- mi- ne Dó- mi- ni. Ho-  
sán- na in excél- sis.

**Eucharistic Prayer (I)**

*The celebrant prays the Eucharistic Prayer. After the consecration, the celebrant sings:*

∇. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we pro-  
claim your death, Lord Je- sus, un- til you come in glo- ry.

*The celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

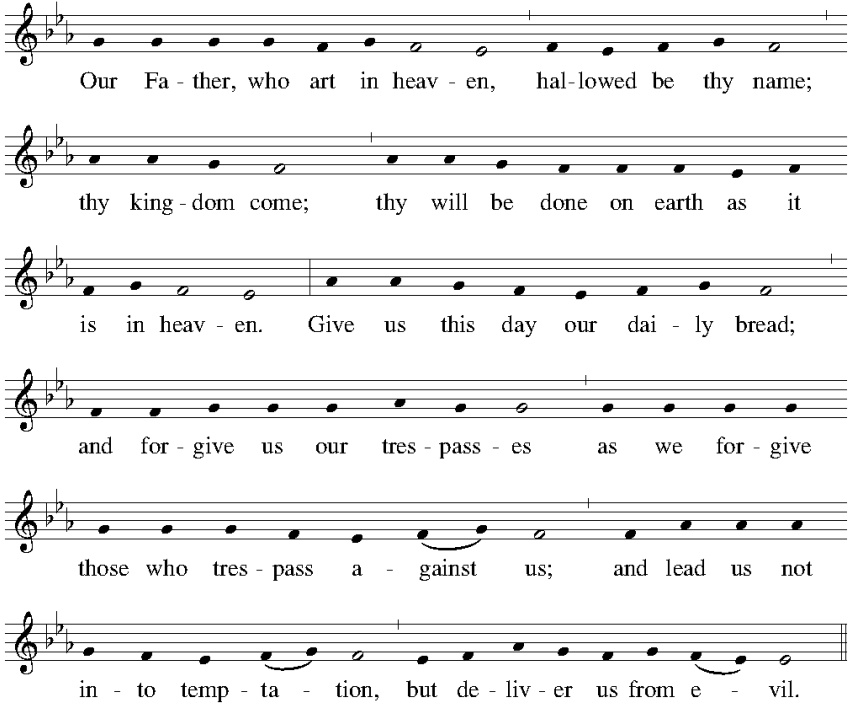
Through him, with him and in him  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father  
Forever and ever.

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

# COMMUNION LITURGY

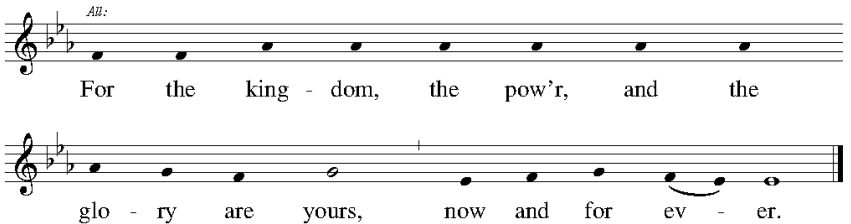
## The Lord's Prayer

∇. We pray confidently in the words our Savior taught us:



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;  
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it  
is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give  
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

∇. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



*All:*  
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

∇. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**



## Exchange of Peace

Ÿ. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Ř. And also with you.**


Ÿ. Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## Breaking of the Bread

*As the bread is broken, we sing or say:*

*(Agnus Dei VIII De Angelis)*

VI XV. s.



**A** - gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di : mi-se-  
ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis peccá-ta  
mun-di : mi-se-ré-re no- bis. A-gnus De- i, \* qui tol-  
lis peccá-ta mun-di : dona no- bis pa- cem.

Ÿ. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Ř. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word  
and I shall be healed.**

*To those receiving Communion (by intinction), the celebrant says:*

Ÿ. The body and blood of Christ.

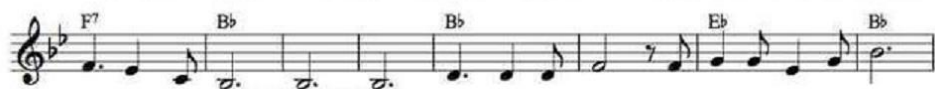
**Ř. Amen.**

## Communion Meditation

### O Holy Night



O Ho-ly Night! The stars are bright-ly shi - ning, It is the night of our  
Led by the light of faith se - rene-ly beam - ing, With glow-ing hearts by His  
Tru - ly He taught us love for onc a - noth - er, His law is love and His



dear Sav-iour's birth. Long lay the world in sin and er - ror pin -  
cra - dle we stand. O - ver the world a star is sweet-ly gleam -  
gos - pel is peace. Chains He shall break, the slave. is ourbroth -



ning. Till He ap - peared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the  
ing, Now come the wise - men from O - ri - ent land. The King of kings lay  
er, And in His name all op - pres - sion shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in



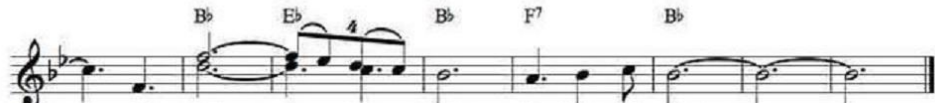
wea - ry world re - joi - ces, For yon - der breaks a new and glor - ious morn. Fall  
thus in low - ly man - ger; In all our tri - als born to be our friend. He  
grate - ful chor - us raise we, With all our hearts we praise His ho - ly name. Christ



— on your knees! Oh, hear the an - gel voi - ces! O night  
— knows our need, our weak - ness is no strang - er! Be - hold  
— is the Lord! Oh, praise His name for - ev - er! His pow'r



— di - vine, O night when Christ was born; O night,  
— your King! Be - fore him low - ly bend! Be - hold  
— and glo - ry - ev - er - more pro - claim! His pow'r



— O Ho - ly Night, O night di - vine!  
— your King! Be - fore Him low - ly bend!  
— and glo - ry - ev - er - more pro - claim!

## Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
we rejoice in the birth of our Savior.  
May we share his life completely  
by living as he has taught.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**R̄. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Solemn Blessing 2 (Christmas)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

**R̄. And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

When he came to us as man,  
the Son of God scattered the darkness of this world,  
and filled this holy night with his glory.  
May the God of infinite goodness  
scatter the darkness of sin  
and brighten your hearts with holiness.

**R̄. Amen.**

God sent his angels to shepherds  
to herald the great joy of our Savior's birth.  
May he fill you with joy  
and make you heralds of his gospel.

**R̄. Amen.**

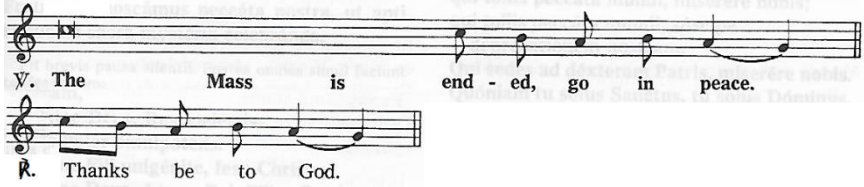
When the Word became man,  
earth was joined to heaven.  
May he give you his peace and good will,  
and fellowship with all the heavenly host.

**R̄. Amen.**

Ÿ. May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**R̄. Amen.**

## Dismissal



V. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn

### Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -  
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our  
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.