

# Feast of the Holy Family



*“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.”*

(Cycle C)

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Opening Hymn

### Sing of Mary, Meek and Lowly



1. Sing of Mar - y meek and low - ly, Vir - gin - moth - er
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Mar - y, In the home at
3. \*Sing of Jo - seph, strong and gen - tle, No - bly born of
4. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to



pure and mild, Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly,  
Naz - a - reth. Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry  
Da - vid's house; Just and up - right man of la - bor,  
God the Son; Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it;



Who be - came her lit - tle child. Fair - est child of  
Love en - dur - ing un - to death. Con - stant was the  
Whom God chose as Mar - y's spouse; Cho - sen, too, as  
Glo - ry to the Three in One. From the heart of



fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,  
love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,  
Je - sus' guard - ian, Guid - ing him since in - fan - cy,  
bless - ed Mar - y, From all saints the song as - cends,



Word made flesh, our ver - y broth - er,  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer,  
Ho - ly Child of ho - ly par - ents,  
And the church the strain re - ech - oes



Takes our na - ture by his birth.  
Till on Cal - va - ry he died.  
Ho - ly is their fam - i - ly.  
Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

## Greeting

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

**R. Amen.**

Ÿ. 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.*

Ÿ 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.*

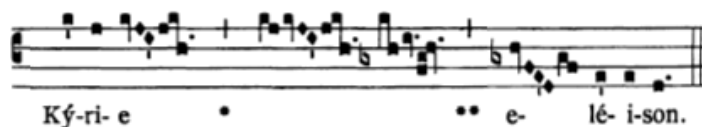
Ÿ Lord Jesus, you are Mighty God and Prince of Peace:



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



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



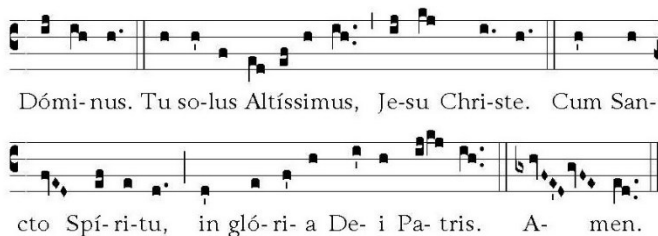
Ÿ May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**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 depre-  
ca-ti-ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad délixte-ram Pa-tris, mi-  
se-ré-re no-bis. Quó-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus



**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**

Let us pray as the family of God  
who share in his life.

*Pause for silent prayer.*

Father in heaven, creator of all,  
you ordered the earth to bring forth life  
and crowned its goodness by creating our human family.  
In history's moment when all was ready,  
you sent your Son to dwell in time,  
obedient to the laws of this world.

Teach us the sanctity of love,  
show us the value of family life,  
and help us to live in peace with all  
that we may share in your life forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading 1 (*SIR 3:2-6, 12-14*)

A reading from the Book of Sirach

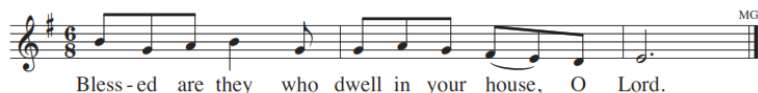
God sets a father in honor over his children;  
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.  
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,  
and preserves himself from them.  
When he prays, he is heard;  
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.  
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,  
and, when he prays, is heard.  
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;  
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;  
grieve him not as long as he lives.  
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;  
revile him not all the days of his life;  
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
firmly planted against the debt of your sins  
—a house raised in justice to you.

¶ This is the Word of the Lord.

**℟. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10*)



How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!  
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.  
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**℟. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

Happy they who dwell in your house!  
Continually they praise you.  
Happy those whose strength you are!  
Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

**℟. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob!  
O God, behold our shield,  
and look upon the face of your anointed.

**℟. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

## **Reading 2 (*Col 3:12-17*)**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,  
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,  
if one has a grievance against another;  
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,  
the peace into which you were also called in one body.  
And be thankful.

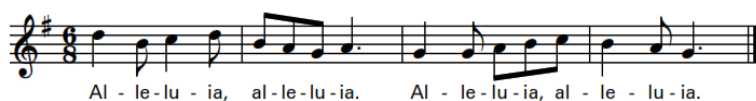
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,  
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs  
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

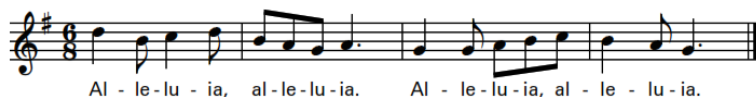
℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

**℟. Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation (COL 3:15A, 16A)



Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;  
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.



## Gospel (Lk 2:41-52)

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. 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.*

℟. Glory to you Lord.

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover,  
and when he was twelve years old,  
they went up according to festival custom.  
After they had completed its days, as they were returning,  
the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem,  
but his parents did not know it.  
Thinking that he was in the caravan,  
they journeyed for a day  
and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances,  
but not finding him,  
they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.



After three days they found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers,  
listening to them and asking them questions,  
and all who heard him were astounded  
at his understanding and his answers.  
When his parents saw him,  
they were astonished,  
and his mother said to him,  
“Son, why have you done this to us?  
Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.”  
And he said to them,  
“Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”  
But they did not understand what he said to them.  
He went down with them and came to Nazareth,  
and was obedient to them;  
and his mother kept all these things in her heart.  
And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor  
before God and man.

Ÿ. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## Homily

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 pec-ca-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.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offering of the Gifts

V. 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.

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

V. 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.

**R. 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.

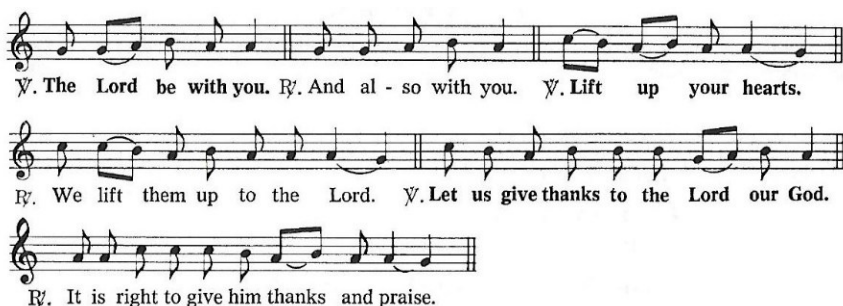
**℞. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord,  
accept this sacrifice  
and through the prayers of Mary, the virgin Mother of God  
and of her husband, Joseph,  
unite our families in peace and love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**℞. 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:

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- sánna in excél- sis.

Bene- dí- ctus qui ve- nit in nómi- 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:*

Ÿ. 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

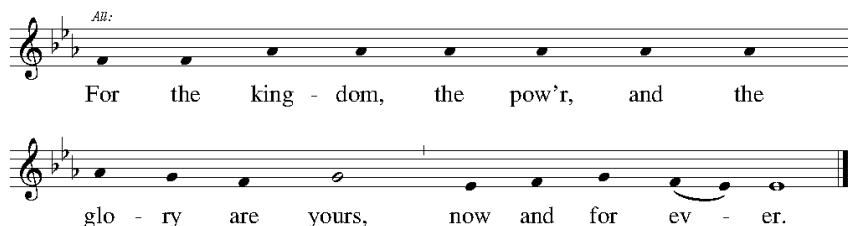
### The Lord's Prayer

℣. 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.

**℟. Amen.**



## Exchange of Peace

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

℞. And also with you.

☩. 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)*

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**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.

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

℞. 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:*

☩. The body and blood of Christ.

℞. Amen.

## Communion Meditation

### What Child is This?

#### Verses



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest On
2. This child is born the Prince of Peace To
3. In joy a moth - er lulls her babe, This
4. A fath - er guards this ho - ly babe Who's
5. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come



1. Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
2. all whose hearts are bro - ken. To love and heal the
3. child of hope and prom - ise; An an - gel's call re -
4. sleep - ing in a man - ger, Pro - tect - ing him from
5. peas - ant, king, to own him; The King of kings sal -



1. an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
2. wound - ed soul, God's might - y Word is spo - ken.
3. ceived her yes, God's love poured out up - on us.
4. earth - ly harm, And keep - ing him from dan - ger.
5. va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

#### Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds



guard and an - gels sing; Haste, haste to



bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

## Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father,  
we want to live as Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in peace with you and with one another.  
May this communion strengthen us  
to face the troubles of life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Prayer over the People

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,  
you care for your people even when they stray.  
Grant us a complete change of heart,  
so that we may follow you with greater fidelity.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

Ÿ. And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit,  
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

**R. Amen.**

## Dismissal

Ÿ. The Mass is end - ed, go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

## Closing Hymn

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the  
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er -  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



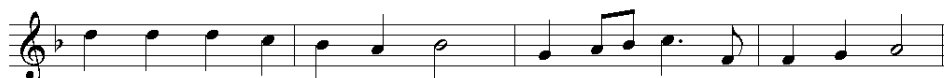
new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild  
last - ing Lord: Late in time be - hold him come,  
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,



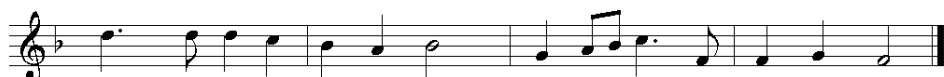
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you  
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
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.



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