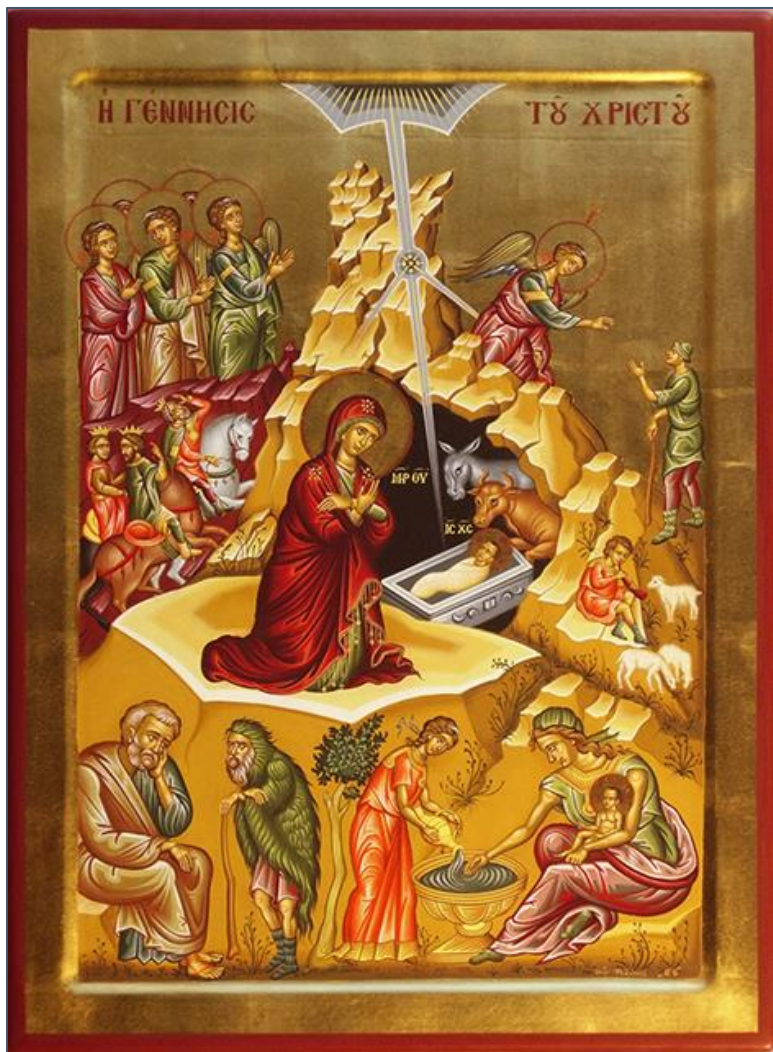


# Nativity of the Lord Day Liturgy



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

(Cycle A B C)

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Hymn

#### O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verses



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, †  
3. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, †  
4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -



1. come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
3. Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n;  
4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.



1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;  
4. Na - tum ví - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O  
Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -



come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!  
ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

### 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.*

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.*

*(Kyrie VIII de Angelis)*

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:* *All:*

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

*Choir:* *All:*

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

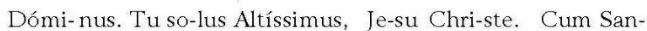
u-ni-gé-ni-te, Je-su Chri-ste. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus

De-i, Fí-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tollis peccá-ta mun-di, mi-se-

rê-re no-bis. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe depre-

ca-ti-ónem no-stram. Qui sedes ad dexte-ram Pa-tris, mi-

se-rê-re no-bis. Quó-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu so-lus



## Opening Prayer

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Reading 1 (*Is 52:7-10*)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,  
announcing peace, bearing good news,  
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,  
“Your God is King!”

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,  
together they shout for joy,  
for they see directly, before their eyes,  
the LORD restoring Zion.  
Break out together in song,  
O ruins of Jerusalem!  
For the LORD comforts his people,  
he redeems Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations;  
all the ends of the earth will behold  
the salvation of our God.

℣. This is the Word of the Lord.

**℟. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.*)



Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.

**℟. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

## **Reading 2 (Heb 1:1-6)**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:  
In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways  
to our ancestors through the prophets;  
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son,  
whom he made heir of all things  
and through whom he created the universe,  
who is the refulgence of his glory,  
the very imprint of his being,  
and who sustains all things by his mighty word.  
When he had accomplished purification from sins,  
he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,  
as far superior to the angels  
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say:  
*You are my son; this day I have begotten you?*  
Or again:  
*I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?*

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says:  
*Let all the angels of God worship him.*

Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

℞. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation



A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.  
For today a great light has come upon the earth.



## Gospel (Jn 1:1-18)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

℞. And also with you.

Ÿ. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*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.

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.  
What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race;  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.



A man named John was sent from God.  
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
but came to testify to the light.  
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.  
He was in the world,  
and the world came to be through him,  
but the world did not know him.  
He came to what was his own,  
but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God,  
to those who believe in his name,  
who were born not by natural generation  
nor by human choice nor by a man's decision  
but of God.


**And the Word became flesh**

and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.  
John testified to him and cried out, saying,  
"This was he of whom I said,  
'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me  
because he existed before me.'"  
From his fullness we have all received,  
grace in place of grace,  
because while the law was given through Moses,  
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.  
No one has ever seen God.  
The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side,  
has revealed him.

✠. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

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.

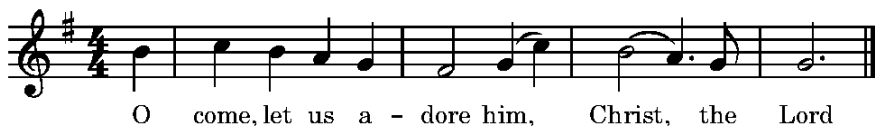
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**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

℣. 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.**

℣. 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.**

Almighty God,  
the saving work of Christ  
made our peace with you.  
May our offering today  
renew that peace within us  
and give you perfect praise.

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.

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## 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

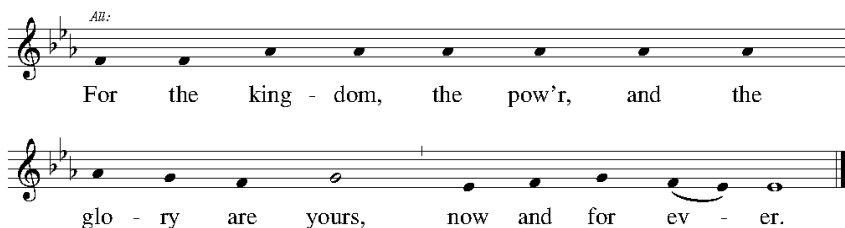
### The Lord's Prayer

℣. 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

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

℞. 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:*

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-  
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.

℞. 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.

℞. Amen.

## Communion Meditation

### 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!"

## Prayer after Communion

Father,  
the child born today is the Savior of the world.  
He made us your children.  
May he welcome us into your kingdom  
where he lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Solemn Blessing 2 (Christmas)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

**R. 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.

**R. 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.

**R. 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.

**R. Amen.**

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

**R. Amen.**

## Dismissal

Y. 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.