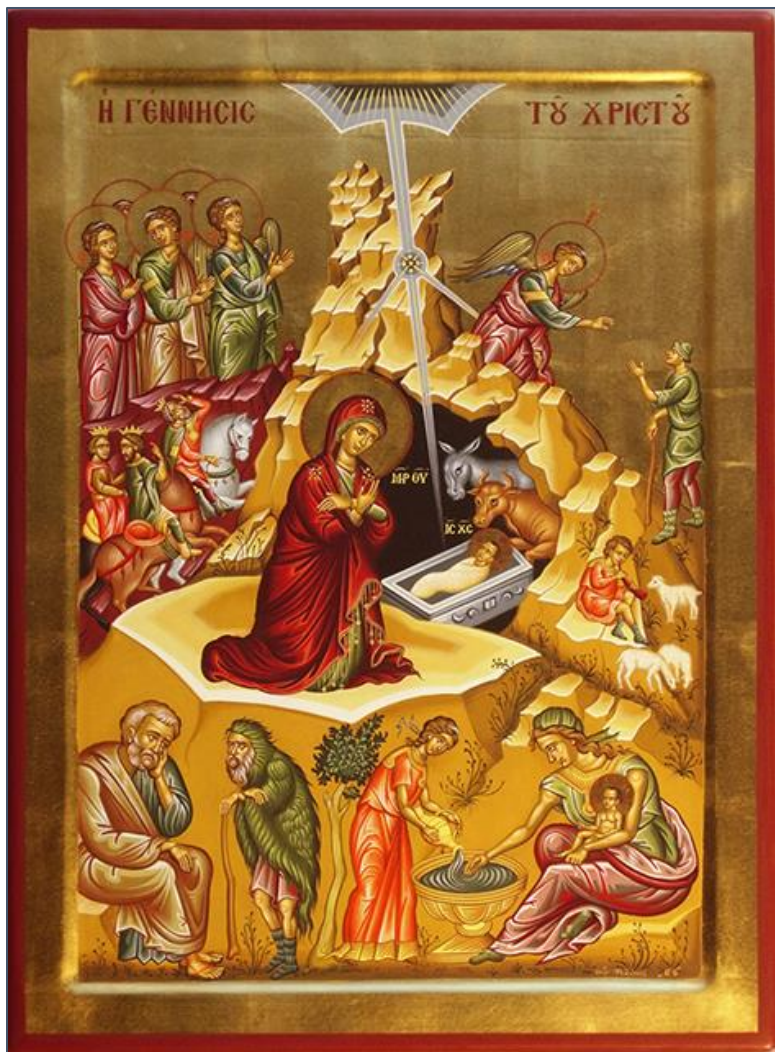


Nativity of the Lord Night Liturgy



*“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

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.

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-

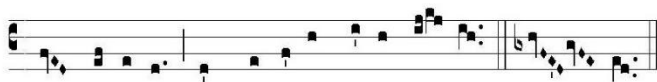
rê-re no-bis. Qui tollis peccá-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe depre-

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



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.

R̃. 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

R̃. 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.

R̃. 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.

R̃. 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:

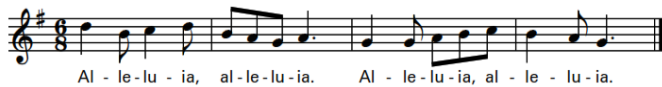
The grace of God has appeared, saving all
and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires
and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,
as we await the blessed hope,
the appearance of the glory of our great God
and savior Jesus Christ,

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.

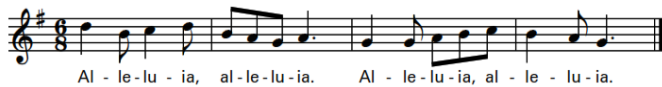
Ÿ. This is the Word of the Lord.

R̃. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Lk 2:10-11)



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



Gospel (Lk 2:1-14)

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

R̃. And also with you.

Ÿ. 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.*

R̃. 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.

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L-le-lú-ia, * alle-lú-ia, alle-lú-ia.

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.

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- 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:

¶. 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

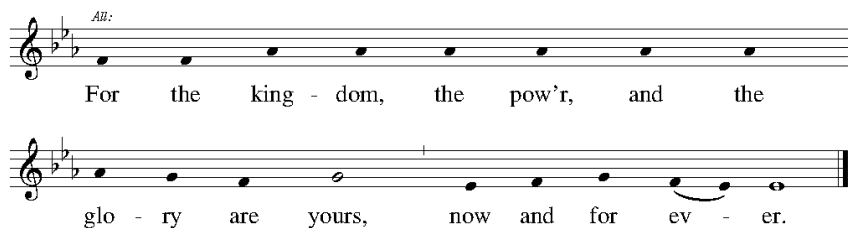
The Lord's Prayer

℣. 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)

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.

℣. 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

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 one 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.

R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing 2 (Christmas)

℣. 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.

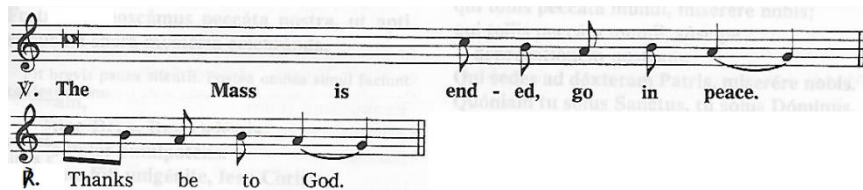
When the Word became man,
earth was joined to heaven.
May he give you his peace and good will,
and fellowship with all the heavenly host.

R. Amen.

℣. 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.