



SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:10-11



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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Although no date is indicated for the birth of Christ in the gospels, early Christians connected Jesus to the Sun through the use of such phrases as "Sun of righteousness."

The first recorded Christmas celebration was in Rome on 25 December AD 336, coinciding with the Roman Solstice festival. The feast of the Nativity of the Lord is preceded by the preparation season of Advent, and lasts for a period of twelve days, culminating in the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, when Christ is revealed to the nations. The mystery of the Incarnation is fully revealed in the events of the Easter

Triduum, when Christ was crucified and rose from the dead on the third day. The English term "Christmas" is of relatively recent origin, and derives from the words "Mass on Christ's Day".

"The Word was made flesh, he lived among us."

John 1:14

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN

Bishop of Parramatta

Dear sisters and brothers,

St John, the evangelist, in one simple sentence describes the deepest meaning of Christmas: **"God so loved the world that God gave his only Son."**

That catches the heart of the story. It is because God loves the world, and loves human beings, that God did this. If we think about that over and over, then we discover something about God, and a great deal about this world and about human beings. Imagine. Christmas expresses how much God loves the world!

It's not God loving us "from a distance." It's God loving us and becoming part of this whole cosmos, and because of that, everything is different.

Not only did God visit us. God became part of the human family, and God is still part of the human family, and God will be part of the human family forever.

At the birth of Christ, the manger was full - he was lying in a manger as a baby boy. At the resurrection of Christ, the tomb was empty. It's not as though human nature was a costume God wore, and when he was finished with it, he left it behind and went back to being God. Christ became one of us, and when he rose from the dead his human body was still with him. That's why the tomb was empty. He still stayed one of us and is still part of our family today. The child who was in that manger lives on as a human being, one of us, today. That's what we celebrate at Christmas.

Yet, very often in these tumultuous and violent times – with war and chaos breaking out everywhere – from the horrors and destruction in the Middle East and Ukraine to the floods and frightening climate change events – it can be tempting for us to become despondent.

But take heart from the words of the angel to the shepherds: "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 saviour has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord."

There is a movement within us all, within the human race, toward goodness, toward fulfillment. And it can't be taken away, for the Word became flesh and dwells among us. This is what we celebrate on this holy night.

God's greatest revelation is not through power, majesty, wealth and splendour. Rather, he made himself the poorest, the most vulnerable and despised of all. The birth of Jesus signals God's alignment with those who are at the edges of society. This Christmas, as we contemplate the Christ child in the manger, let us commit ourselves to pray and work for justice in all its manifestations so that God's reign will come in our world.

May the Christ child bless you and your families with a peaceful and holy Christmas!



+Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES 2024

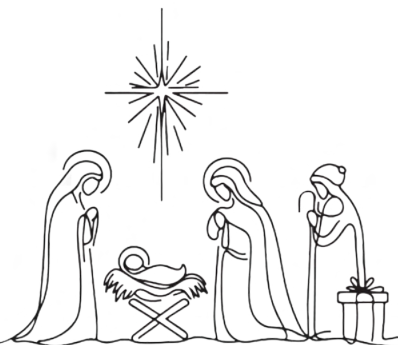
ORDER OF SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE - 24 December

- **6:00pm & 9:00pm**
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- **11:30pm**
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VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS - 6:00PM & 9:00PM

ENTRANCE RITE

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PENITENTIAL ACT

Kyrie

Taizé

The cantor intones then all repeat

The cantors intone in each petition, all repeat:

Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Chri - ste, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Music: Jacques Berthier, © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé Ltd

Gloria

Mass Shalom

C. Smith/P. Mason

Refrain (All)

R. Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

The cantor sings the verses:

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

R. *Glory to God...*

Christmas Day

Focusing the Gospel



A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices.

Key words and phrases

- The Word was the true light and he was coming into the world.
- She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.
- The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light.
- Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
- Good News and great joy to all the world.

to the point

Though the angel reveals the exalted status of Jesus as Christ and Lord, he is actually born humbly as an 'infant . . . in a manger.' Ironically, the humblest of God's instruments, humanity, becomes the means of accomplishing God's greatest deed - salvation.

Connecting the Gospel

• to the readings

The scripture readings make explicit how humanity cooperates with God's plan of salvation: the 'grace of God' trains us 'to give up everything that does not lead to God' and to live with self-restraint, justly, and devoutly.

• to religious experience

A distorted view of humility pictures oneself as worthless. The coming of the Saviour in human flesh reverses this view; it is our very humanity that is the source of our worth.

VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS - 6:00PM & 9:00PM

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
All: Have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
All: Receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
All: Have mercy on us.

R. **Glory to God...**

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.

R. **Glory to God...**



First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (62:1-5)
The Lord takes delight in you.

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29



Second Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (13:16-17, 22-25)
Paul spoke of Christ, the son of David

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue,
held up a hand for silence and began to speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel
chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were
living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out.
'Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words,
'I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who
will carry out my whole purpose'. To keep his promise, God has raised
up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose
coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of
repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his
career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is
coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

The word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat.



Cantor: Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
the Saviour of the world will be our king.

All repeat the Alleluia.

VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS - 6:00PM & 9:00PM

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (1:18-25)

Mary will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Homily

Profession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all KNEEL.*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

Universal Prayer

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

During the Offertory, collection plates are passed along the pews.

There is only one collection taken up at St Patrick's Cathedral.

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please use the QR code shown here*

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Offertory Carol Joy to the World Page 22

Sanctus (Holy, Holy) Mass Shalom C. Smith/P. Mason

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS - 6:00PM & 9:00PM

Mystery of Faith

Congress Mass

A. Rees

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

Amen

Congress Mass

A. Rees

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

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

O Ur Father, who art in heaven, hal-lowed be thy
name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as
it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who tres-
pass against us; and lead us not into tempta- tion, but
de- liver us from e- vil.

Celebrant

Deliver us, Lord, we pray.... and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

F Or the king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours, now and for- ev- er.

Agnus Dei

Mass Shalom

C. Smith

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Holy Communion

Carol Away in a Manger

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Post-Communion

Carol Silent Night, Holy Night!

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Recessional

Carol O come all ye faithful

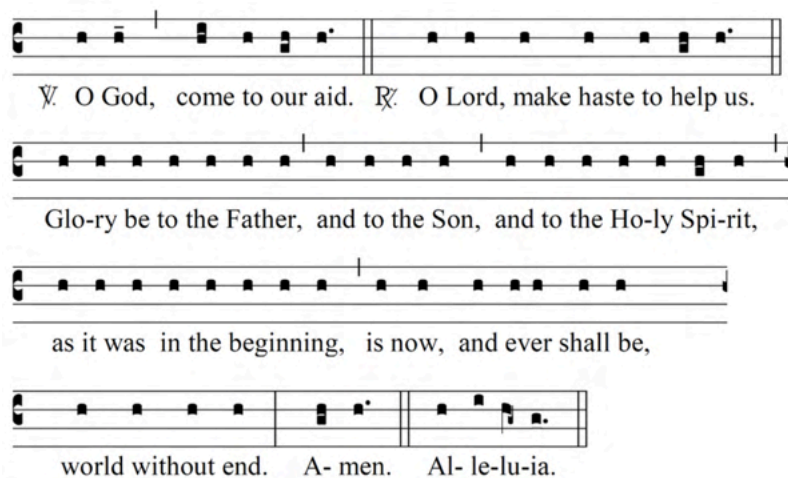
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A CEREMONY OF CAROLS AND READINGS

INTRODUCTION

When the bell is rung, all STAND as the Presider and ministers enter.



♩ O God, come to our aid. ♪ O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. A- men. Al- le-lu-ia.

Advent Versicles & Responses

A. Wilson

Remain STANDING as the Choir sings the Responsory

V. Send us, O Lord, your saving power.

℞. Send your deliverance to us and to all nations.

V. You brought from chaos the light and darkness.

℞. Be the light in our lives and scatter our darkness.

Bring us new birth and restore our hope.

V. Send us, O Lord, your saving power.

℞. Come and redeem us with healing light.

Congregational Carol O Come, O Come Emmanuel

- O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
that into exile drear is gone far from the face of God's dear Son.

℞refrain: (All)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- (Women)
O come, thou Branch of Jesse, Draw
the quarry from the lion's claw;
from the dread caverns of the grave, from nether hell, thy people save. ℞.
- (Men)
O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
pour on our souls thy healing light, dispel
the long night's ling'ring gloom, and pierce the shadows of the tomb. ℞.
- (Choir)
O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
the royal door fling wide and free; safeguard for us
the heav'nward road, and bar the way to death's abode. ℞.
- (All voices)
O come, O come, Adonai,
who in thy glorious majesty from that high mountain
clothed with awe gavest thy folk the elder law. ℞.

Scripture Reading

All SIT

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (11:1-3a; 4a, 6-9)

A Son is given to us.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
With righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The word of the Lord.

℞. **Thanks be to God**

Choir Carol A Spotless Rose

- A spotless Rose is blowing
Sprung from a tender root
Of ancient seers' foreshowing
Of Jesse promised fruit
It's fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter
And in the dark midnight.
- The Rose which I am singing
Whereof Isaiah said
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary, purest Maid
For through our God's great love and might
The blessed babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night.
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Music: Herbert Howells, 1892-1983

Text: Catherine Winkworth, 1869 based on a translation of "Es ist ein ros entsprungen"

Tune: Veni veni Emmanuel - 15th Cent. Franciscan melody
Text: 18th cent. trans. T. A. Lacey

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS AND READINGS

Congregational Carol

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks



1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had
3. "To you in Da - vid's town this day is
4. "The heav'n - ly child you there shall find to
5. Thus spoke the se - raph; and forth - with ap -
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and



1. seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the
2. seized their troub - led mind; "Glad ti - dings of great
3. born of Da - vid's line a Sa - viour, who is
4. hu - man view dis - played, all mean - ly wrapped in
5. peared a shin - ing throng of an - gels prais - ing
6. to the earth be peace; good - will hence - forth from



1. Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
2. joy I bring to you and all man - kind."
3. Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:"
4. swad - dling bands and in a man - ger laid."
5. God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:
6. heav'n to all be - gin and ne - ver cease."

Text: Based on Luke 2:8-14; Nahum Tate 1652-1715 and Nicholas Brady 1659-c.1726, alt.
Tune: WINCHESTER OLD 86.86; Later form of melody from Thomas Este's *Psalter*, 1592

Christmas Reading

ADMIRABLE SIGNUM

of the Holy Father Francis

ON THE MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

Standing before the Christmas crèche, we are reminded of the time when we were children, eagerly waiting to set it up. These memories make us all the more conscious of the precious gift received from those who passed on the faith to us. At the same time, they remind us of our duty to share this same experience with our children and our grandchildren. It does not matter how the nativity scene is arranged: it can always be the same or it can change from year to year. What matters is that it speaks to our lives. Wherever it is, and whatever form it takes, the Christmas crèche speaks to us of the love of God, the God who became a child in order to make us know how close he is to every man, woman and child, regardless of their condition.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realise that in that knowledge we find true happiness. Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wished to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us alone.

(Given in Greccio, at the Shrine of the Nativity, on 01 December 2019.)



A CEREMONY OF CAROLS AND READINGS

Congregational Carol

The Silver Stars

(LULLABY CAROL)

The Silver Stars are in the Sky

Music by WILLIAM G. JAMES
Words by JOHN WHEELER

Very quiet and tenderly



1. The sil-ver stars are in the sky, The red - gold moon is
2. The boo-book calls a - cross the night, the brown moths flut - ter



1. rid - ing high, O sleep my lit - tle one, sleep!
2. in the light. O sleep my lit - tle one, sleep!



1. Once long a - go a - gainst her breast, A
2. In Beth - le - hem long, long a - go, when



1. mo - ther hush'd a babe to rest Who was the Prince of
2. roads and pad - docks gleam'd with snow; on this same night, that



1. heav'n a - bove, The Lord of gen - tle - ness and love. O
2. mo - ther mild lull'd in - to dreams Her Roy - al Child. O



1. sleep, my lit - tle one, sleep.
2. sleep, my lit - tle one, sleep.

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Choir Motet

Gloria in excelsis from the 'Gloria' RV589 A. Vivaldi

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Glory to God in the highest heavens.



The Solemn Proclamation of Christmas

All STAND to hear the Proclamation, sung by the cantor.

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ, Kalenda Proclamation, or Christmas Proclamation, is a chant sung before the Midnight Mass for Christmas. The text is a timeline, in which each verse represents the years from an historical event, either secular or religious, until the birth of Jesus Christ. Originating from the Roman Martyrology, the proclamation places the birth of Christ "within the context of salvation history".

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth, and then formed man and woman in his own image. Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow to shine forth, as a sign of the covenant.

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt. Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges; one thousand years from the anointing of David as King; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel. In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.

The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; the whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal father, desiring to sanctify the world by His most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since His conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary. Today is the nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Congregational Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Page 22

Please be SEATED as the ministers prepare for Mass.

Organ Interlude

Nöels

SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS OF MIDNIGHT

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Introit

Ps 2:7,1-2,8

The celebrant and ministers enter the cathedral as the choir sings the Gregorian Chant Introit.

DOMINUS dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu,
ego hodie genuite.

V: Quare fremuerunt gentes: et populi meditati sunt inania?
Gloria Patri...

THE LORD said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.

V: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
Glory be to the Father...

PENITENTIAL ACT

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

(all strike their breast, three times)

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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

℟. Amen

Kyrie

Missa Brevis in C major KV 220 W.A.Mozart

Sung by the choir

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Gloria

Missa Brevis in C major KV 220 W.A.Mozart

Sung by the choir. All SIT

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine fili, unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi:
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris:
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace to people of goodwill.
We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you
We give you thanks
for Your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are holy.
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.*

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

(9:1-7)

A Son is given to us.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt, and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3, 11-130

*The response is intoned by the cantor and repeated by all.
It is then sung by all between each verse sung by the cantor.*



Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus

(2:11-14)

God's grace has been revealed to the whole human race

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible
for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is
to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly
ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious
lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the
blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great
God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to
set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could
be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The word of the Lord.

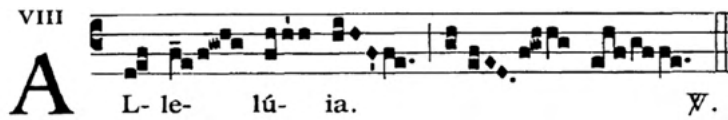
℟. Thanks be to God.

SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS OF MIDNIGHT

Gospel Acclamation

Mode VIII

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor: Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

All repeat the Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:1-14)

In the town of David a saviour has been born for you.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together 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 a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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I believe in God,
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and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

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who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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the holy catholic Church,
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Offertory Motet

Sung by the choir

A Babe is born

W. Mathias

A babe is born all of a may, to bring salvation unto us.

To him we sing both night and day. Veni creator Spiritus.

(Come creator Spirit.)

At Bethlehem, that blessed place, the child of bliss now born he was;

And him to serve God give us grace, O lux beata Trinitas.

(O Light of the blessed Trinity.)

There came three kings out of the East, to worship the King that is so
free, with gold and myrrh and frank incense, A solis ortus cardine.

(From the rising of the Sun.)

A fair song that night sung they In worship of that child:

Gloria tibi Domine.

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To him we sing both night and day. Veni creator Spiritus,

O lux beata Trinitas, A solis ortus cardine, Gloria tibi Domine.

Noel!

SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS OF MIDNIGHT

Sanctus (Holy, Holy) Mass Shalom Smith/Mason

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.
 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith Congress Mass A. Rees

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

Amen Congress Mass A. Rees

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

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

O Ur Father, who art in heaven, hal - lowed be thy
 name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as
 it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and
 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who tres -
 pass against us; and lead us not into tempta - tion, but
 de - liver us from e - vil.

Celebrant

Deliver us, Lord, we pray.... and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

F Or the king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.

Agnus Dei Missa Brevis in C major KV 220 W.A.Mozart

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis (x2)
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Communion Antiphon Psalm 110(111):3

In splendoribus sanctorum,
 ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

*In the splendor of holiness,
 from the womb before the daystar I have begotten you*

Communion Carol Silent Night, Holy Night! Page 22

Post-Communion motet

Little Lamb J. Tavener

Little lamb who made thee?
 Dost thou know who made thee?
 Gave thee life and bid thee feed
 By the stream and o'er the mead?
 Gave thee clothing of delight
 Softest clothing wooly bright?
 Gave thee such a tender voice
 Making all the vales rejoice!
 Little Lamb who made thee?
 Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb I'll tell thee
 Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
 He is called by thy name
 For he calls himself a lamb
 He is meek and he is mild
 He became a little child
 I a child and thou a lamb
 We are called by his name
 Little Lamb God bless thee
 Little Lamb God bless thee

Recessional Carol O Come All Ye Faithful Page 23

Organ Postlude Toccata (Suite No.3) H.A. Stamm

CHRISTMAS DAWN - 8:00AM

Entrance Antiphon

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (62:11-12)

Look, your saviour comes.

This the Lord proclaims
to the ends of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Look,
your saviour comes,
the prize of his victory with him,
his trophies before him.'
They shall be called 'The Holy People',
'The Lord's Redeemed.'
And you shall be called 'The-sought-after',
'City-not-forsaken.'

The word of the Lord.
℟️. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96(97):1,6,11-12

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

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. ℟️
2. Light shines forth for the just
and joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;
give glory to his holy name. ℟️

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus (3:4-7)

His own compassion saved us.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.
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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. ℟️. **alleluia.**

Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.

℟️. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:15-20)

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.

Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Communion Antiphon

**Rejoice, O Daughter Zion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem:
Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.**

CHRISTMAS MASS OF THE DAY - 9:30AM & 6:00PM

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession O come all ye faithful

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PENITENTIAL ACT

Kyrie Taizé

The cantor intones then all repeat.

The cantors intone in each petition, all repeat:



Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Chri - ste, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Music: Jacques Berthier, © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé Ltd

Gloria Mass Shalom Smith/Mason

Refrain (All)



℞ Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

The cantor sings the verses:

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

℞. **Glory to God...**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
All: Have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
All: Receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
All: Have mercy on us.

℞. **Glory to God...**

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.

℞. **Glory to God...**



A - - - men.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

(52:7-10)

Rejoice, for the Lord is consoling his people.

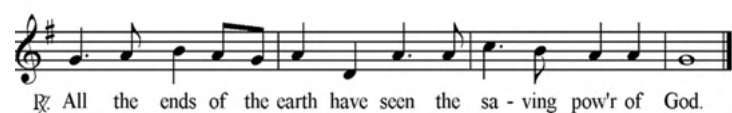
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and tells Zion,
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for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
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for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-6



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CHRISTMAS MASS OF THE DAY - 9:30AM & 6:00PM

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (1:1-6)

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The word of the Lord.
R. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

C. Smith

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Cantor: A holy day has dawned upon us.
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Today a great light has come upon the earth.

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Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (1:1-5,9-14)

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.
The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.
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Offertory Carol

Joy to the World

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Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Mass Shalom

C. Smith/P. Mason

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Mystery of Faith

Congress Mass

A. Rees

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Amen

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COMMUNION RITE

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Agnus Dei

Mass Shalom

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Post-Communion Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night!

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Recessional Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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11:00AM - SOLEMN MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Processional Carol Unto Us A Child is Born Page 23

Introit Is 9:6. Ps 97(98)

The Choir sings the introit during the incensation of the altar.

PUER natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis:
cuius imperium super humerum eius:
et vocabitur nomen eius, magni consilii Angelus.
V. Cantate Dominum canticum novum: quia mirabilia fecit.
Gloria Patri...

*A CHILD is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.
V. Sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has accomplished wondrous deeds.
Glory be to the Father...*

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
(all strike their breast, three times)
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

℟. Amen

Kyrie Mass of the Nativity of the Child Jesus L. Dobbelsteen

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

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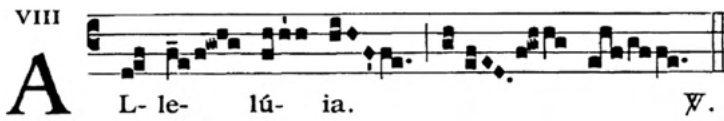
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Offertory Motet A Child is born H. Scheidt

A child is born in Bethlehem Alleluia, alleluia
And joy is in Jerusalem Alleluia
Rejoice, rejoice, sing high, sing low, Alleluia, alleluia
Benedicamus Domino Alleluia

To Thee, O Lord, be glory paid, Alleluia, alleluia
Thou Son of Mary, mother-maid, Alleluia
To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluia, alleluia
With Deo gracias always, Alleluia

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Communion Antiphon

Psalm 97(98):3

Viderunt omnes fines terræ salutare Dei nostri.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Holy Communion Carol

Away in a manger

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Post-Communion Motet

Ding dong! merrily on high

arr. M. Wilberg

Ding-dong! Merrily on high
in heaven the bells are ringing.
Ding-dong! Verily the sky
is riv'n with angels singing:
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so, here below, below,
let steeple bells be swungen;
and i-o, i-o, i-o,
by priest and people sungen!
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
your matin chime, you ringers;
may you beautifully rhyme
your evetime song, you singers:
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Recessional Carol

O come all ye faithful

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Organ Postlude

Toccata (Suite No.3)

H.A. Stamm

WORDS OF THE CAROLS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"**

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. **R.**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. **R.**

*Text: Charles Wesley (1707-88), and others
Music: F. Mendelssohn (1809-47)*

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes
I love the Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'till morning is nigh

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray
Bless all the dear Children in thy tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*Text: Anonymus (19th cent. American)
Music: W. J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921),
arr. Willcocks (1919-2015)*

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love

*Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: George F. Handel (1685-1759)*

Silent Night, Holy Night!

*Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace!*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!*

*Text: Joseph Mohr (1792-1884),
trans. John F. Young (1820-1885)
Music: Franz Xaver Grüber (1787-1863)*

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

God of God, Light of Light,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created; **R.**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest; **R.**

Final Verse for Midnight & Christmas Day only

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: **R.**

*Text: John Francis Wade (c. 1711-1786)
trans. F. Oakley, W. T. Brooke, and others
Music: J. F. Wade, arr. Willcocks (1919-2015)*

Unto Us A Child Is Born

Unto us a child is born! King of all creation;
To a world forlorn he came,
the Lord of ev'ry nation, the Lord of ev'ry nation.

Christ, from heav'n descending low, Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know,
and in a manger cradled, and in a manger cradled.

So was Herod filled with fear: "A prince" he cried "in Jewry"
All the little boys he killed
at Bethl'em in his fury, at Bethl'em in his fury.

O and A and A and O, *cum cantibus in choro, (singing songs in choir)*
Let the merry organ go,
benedicamus Domino, benedicamus Domino. (let us bless the Lord)

*Text: 15th century carol trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Music: Piae Cantiones, 1582 arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

A Great And Mighty Wonder

A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
The virgin bears the Infant
With virgin honor pure!

Repeat the hymn again:
"To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky. **R.**

While thus they sing your monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains!
Ye oceans, clap your hands! **R.**

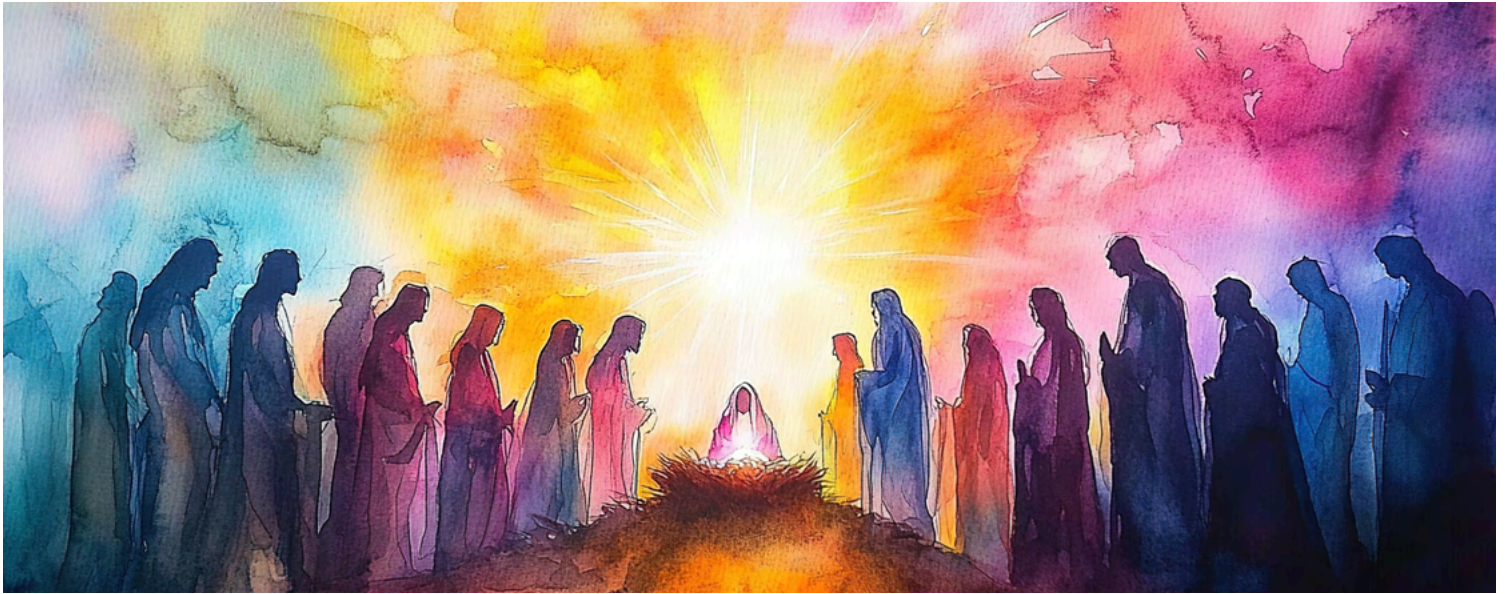
Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em,
The Savior and the Lord! **R.**

And idol forms shall perish,
And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield His scepter,
Our Lord and God for aye. **R.**

*Text: St. Germanus (634-734), translated by J. M. Neale
Music: 14th century German melody,
harmonised by M. Praetorius (1571-1621)*



PARISH NOTICES



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF HOPE

from the staff of St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta

This Christmas, as we celebrate in the spirit of the Jubilee Year of Hope, we extend to all our parishioners, visitors, and friends a heartfelt wish for the joy and peace that only Christ can bring.

In a world that often feels uncertain and burdened, Christmas reminds us of the unshakable truth: Christ is our Hope. He is the Light that shines in the darkness, the Love that overcomes all fear, and the Promise of a life renewed in his grace.

As Pope Francis reminds us, *“Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile.”*

This is the hope that comes alive at Christmas - the hope found in the tiny manger in Bethlehem, in the Saviour who humbled himself to walk among us, and in the promise of eternal life.

May the radiant light of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Christmas, and may his hope inspire you to embrace the year ahead with courage, faith, and love.

Merry Christmas from all of us at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

You remain in our prayers, and we look forward to walking together in this Jubilee Year of Hope.

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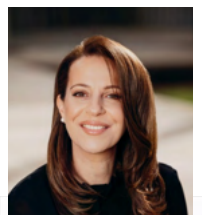


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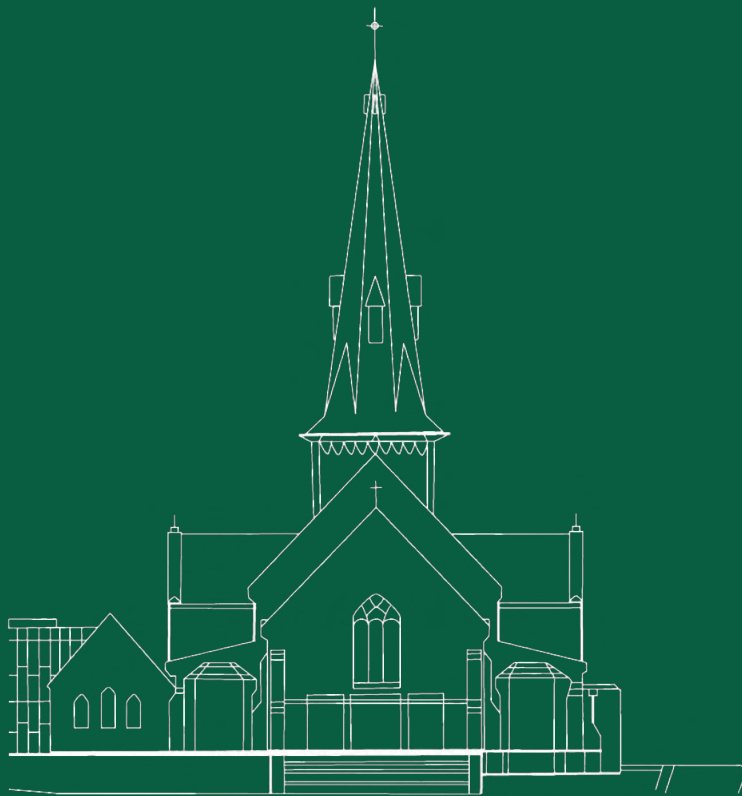
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