

I INTRODUCTORY RITES Please stand.

Entrance Hymn: The First Nowell (*Today's Missal - #90, pg 228*)

Blessing and Sprinkling of the water

Gloria: Sung

II THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Homily

III The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation / Preparation of the Gifts

Song: Away in a Manger (*Today's Missal - #72, pg 216*)

Holy Holy / Mystery of Faith (*Today's Missal - pg 99*)

IV The Communion Rite (*Today's Missal - pg 109*)
Lamb of God (*Today's Missal - pg 110*)

Song / Chant: It Came upon a Midnight Clear
(*Today's Missal - #78 pg 220*)

V Concluding Rites

Song: Joy to the World (*Today's Missal - #62 pg 209*)

*MAY THE CHRIST CHILD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE
WITH A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
AND PEACE AND GOOD HEALTH IN THE NEW YEAR.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!*



FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY A SAVIOUR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD, IN THE CITY OF DAVID. AND THIS SHALL BE A SIGN UNTO YOU. YOU SHALL FIND THE INFANT WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, AND LAID IN A MANGER. AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL A MULTITUDE OF THE HEAVENLY ARMY, PRAISING GOD, AND SAYING: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST; AND ON EARTH PEACE TO MEN OF GOOD WILL. AND IT CAME TO PASS, AFTER THE ANGELS DEPARTED FROM THEM INTO HEAVEN, THE SHEPHERDS SAID ONE TO ANOTHER: LET US GO OVER TO BETHLEHEM, AND LET US SEE THIS WORD THAT IS COME TO PASS, WHICH THE LORD HATH SHEWED TO US.

AND THEY CAME WITH HASTE; AND THEY FOUND MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE INFANT LYING IN THE MANGER. AND SEEING, THEY UNDERSTOOD OF THE WORD THAT HAD BEEN SPOKEN TO THEM CONCERNING THIS CHILD.

AND ALL THAT HEARD, WONDERED; AND AT THOSE THINGS THAT WERE TOLD THEM BY THE SHEPHERDS. BUT MARY KEPT ALL THESE WORDS, PONDERING THEM IN HER HEART. AND THE SHEPHERDS RETURNED, GLORIFYING AND PRAISING GOD, FOR ALL THE THINGS THEY HAD HEARD AND SEEN, AS IT WAS TOLD UNTO THEM.



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

