



SAINT JOHN XXIII ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 2020

Liturgy of the Christmas Mass during the Night

GATHERING MUSIC

O Holy Night

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE CHANT

Silent Night, Holy Night

Gather 371

1. **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.**

Between the first and second verses, the Priest will bless the Christmas Manger scene.

2. **Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour is born! Christ, the Saviour is born!**
3. **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.**

SIGN OF THE CROSS

GREETING *Response:* **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Setting by Marty Haugen

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace.

Kyrie, eleison.
People: **Kyrie, eleison.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary.
Christe, eleison.

People: **Christe, eleison.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father.
Kyrie, eleison.

People: **Kyrie, eleison.**

GLORIA

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Refrain: **Glo – – – ri – a, in excelsis Deo,
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COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 96

LWC Sunday Missal pp. 104-105

Refrain: **Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.**

SECOND READING: Titus 2.11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Christmastime Alleluia” – James J. Chepponis

Refrain: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 2.1-16

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

CIS pp. 16-17

*As we profess our faith, we kneel at the words that enshrine our belief
that the Word of God has indeed become flesh to dwell among us.*

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

All kneel and continue:

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

All sing: **O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

All stand and then continue:

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with 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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

UNIVERSAL PRAYER (PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL)

Response: **Lord, grant us peace.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY CHANT / PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

O Come, All Ye Faithful / Adeste Fideles

Gather 357

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:

PREFACE DIALOGUE

CIS #5.5, p. 82

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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People: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

GREAT AMEN

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LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD: **Lamb of God**

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COMMUNION

Given current circumstances, the Priest alone will receive Holy Communion at this time.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

As the Priest receives Holy Communion, the designated minister extends the following invitation:

Brothers and sisters, we now invite those following this Mass from home to join in praying an Act of Spiritual Communion:

**My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself to you completely.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.**



– attributed to Saint Alphonsus Liguori

COMMUNION CHANT

Immediately after reciting the Act of Spiritual Communion, the following is sung:

Away in a Manger

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

GREETING AND SOLEMN BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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