

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Digital Worship Aid



Entrance Song: 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!**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing all ye
citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the
highest; **To Refrain**

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; **To Refrain**

First Reading:

Is 52:7-10

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.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.

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

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

R. 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.

Second Reading:

Heb 1:1-6

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.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

**Your light has come! The glory of
the Lord shines upon you!**

Gospel:

Jn 1:1-18

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.

Creed:

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

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.

Preparation of the Gifts: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light: The
hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while
mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering
love. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on
earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n! So
God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ
enters in.

Prayer for 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, come at least
spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, 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 the tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

What Child is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch
are keeping?

**This, this is Christ the King, Whom
shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste,
haste to bring him laud, the babe, the
son of Mary.**

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox
and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear:
for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
to refrain

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant king, to own him; the King
of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts
enthroned him. **to refrain**

Sending Forth: 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 angelic hosts proclaim: “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time, behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th’incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus our Emmanuel! **To**

Refrain

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris’n 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, for to give us second birth. **To Refrain**

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