

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

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 9:1-6

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!

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13.

**Today our Savior is born! Today our Savior is born!
This is the day, this is the day, Christ, our Savior is
born!**

Sing to our God a joyful song! Everyone bless God's name. Tell of God's wondrous deeds; sing to all the world.

Heaven be glad and earth rejoice, let every ocean roar!
Every forest, every tree joins the song of joy!

Cry out with joy for God has come, come to rule the earth. God will rule the world with love, righteousness and truth.

Second Reading:

Ti 2:11-14

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.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come! The glory of the Lord shines upon you!

Gospel:

Lk 2:1-14

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.”

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: Child of the Poor (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
bebe, 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 enthrone him. **to refrain**

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.

Night of Silence

Cold are the people, winter of life, we tremble in shadows
this cold endless night, frozen in the snow lie roses
sleeping, flowers that will echo the sunrise, fire of hope is
our only warmth, weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night, on wind you enfold
us, you speak of the light, gentle on the ear you whisper
softly, rumors of a dawn so embracing, breathless love
awaits darkened souls, soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star, your light that guides
shepherds and kings from afar, shimmer in the sky so
empty, lonely, rising in the warmth of your Son's love,
Star unknowing of night and day, spirit we wait for your
loving Son.

Silent 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; Heav'nly hosts sing
"Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior 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.

Sending Forth: Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her
King; let ev'ry 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 Savior reigns; let us our 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, and wonders of his love.

Merry Christmas and God Bless you all!

Fr. Carlos, Fr Wanjiru and the St. Thomas Staff!

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