

Sunday, December 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Digital Worship Aid



Entrance Song: Once In Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord
of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a
stall. With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our
Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood He would honor
and obey, love and watch the lowly maiden in whose
gentle arms he lay. Christian children all should be Kind,
obedient, good as he.

First Reading:

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision,
saying:

“Fear not, Abram!

I am your shield;

I will make your reward very great.”

But Abram said,

“O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be,
if I keep on being childless
and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?”

Abram continued,

“See, you have given me no offspring,
and so one of my servants will be my heir.”

Then the word of the LORD came to him:

“No, that one shall not be your heir;
your own issue shall be your heir.”

The Lord took Abram outside and said,

“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.”

Abram put his faith in the LORD,
who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would;
he did for her as he had promised.

Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old
age,

at the set time that God had stated.

Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his
whom Sarah bore him.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (7a , 8a) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the nations his deeds.

Sing to him, sing his praise,
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Glory in his holy name;
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!
Look to the LORD in his strength;
constantly seek his face.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

You descendants of Abraham, his servants,
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He, the LORD, is our God;
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

He remembers forever his covenant
which he made binding for a thousand generations
which he entered into with Abraham
and by his oath to Isaac.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and Sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Gospel:

LK 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.

This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
that he should not see death
before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.
He came in the Spirit into the temple;
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus
to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,
He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:
“Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.”
The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was
said about him;
and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
“Behold, this child is destined
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted
—and you yourself a sword will pierce—
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”
There was also a prophetess, Anna,
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.
She was advanced in years,
having lived seven years with her husband after her
marriage,
and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.
She never left the temple,

but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.
And coming forward at that very time,
she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child
to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.
When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions
of the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee,
to their own town of Nazareth.
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon 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: Away in the 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.

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.

The First Nowell

The first Nowell, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **To Refrain**

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **To Refrain**

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. **To Refrain**

Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon the knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **To Refrain**

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord; who with the Father we adore and Spirit blest forevermore. **To Refrain**

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**

Sending Forth: Go Tell It On The Mountain

**Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and
ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus
Christ is born.**

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by
night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy
light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when high above the
earth rang our the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's
birth.

And lo, when they had heard it, they all bowed down and prayed; they traveled on together to where the Babe was laid.

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