

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 25, 2020

THE MOST REV. STEVEN J. RAICA, JCD, CELEBRANT (8:00PM & 10:00AM MASSES)

Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. We are glad that you are worshipping God with us on this great feast; we hope you will rejoin us throughout the year. This order of worship, which follows the structure of the Mass, is provided to assist you in your prayer and participation. The order of Mass can be found on page 3 in the Sunday's Word booklets found in the pew racks. In keeping with the reverence of the Holy Mass about to be celebrated, please turn off all electronic devices and refrain from talking in normal voice during the prelude and liturgy in general.

CAROLS

(NB: These carols may be used in the prelude or at Holy Communion)

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in the dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH



- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re - ceive her
- 2 Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us, our songs em -
- 3 No more let sin and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, And
play; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains; Re -
ground; He comes to make his bless - ings flow Far
prove The glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, And



heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n, and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE!

IN DULCI JUBILO



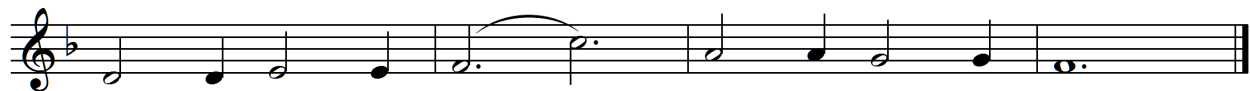
Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
Good Chris - tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

DING, DONG, MERRILY ON HIGH (8:00PM & MIDNIGHT)

SUSSEX CAROL (8:00PM & MIDNIGHT)

ARR. C. WOOD

ARR. D. WILLCOCKS

ENTRANCE HYMN (ALL MASSES)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES



O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 God of _____ God, _____ Light _____ of _____ Light, _____
 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - al - ta - tion, _____
 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing, _____



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come and be - hold him
 Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb; Ve - ry _____ God, Be -
 Sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove; Glo - ry to God _____
 Je - su, to thee be _____ glor - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,



Born the King of An - gels:
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted: O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 In _____ the _____ high - est:
 Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ _____ the Lord!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (MIDNIGHT) *Dominus dixit ad me*

PSALM 2:7, 1, 2, 8

Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te. / The Lord said to me: You are my son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

KYRIE

MASS VIII



Ky - ri - e _____ e - - - le - i - son.

Lord, have mercy;



Chri - ste _____ e - - - le - i - son.

Christ, have mercy;



Ky - ri - e _____ e - - - le - i - son.

Lord, have mercy;



Ky - ri - e _____ e - - - le - i - son.

Glo-ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o. Et in ter-ra pax ho-mi-ni-bus bo-nae vo-lun-ta - tis.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

Lau-da - mus te. Be-ne-di-ci-mus te. A-do-ra - mus te.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,

Glo-ri-fi-ca-mus te. Gra-ti-as a-gi-mus ti - bi prop-ter mag-nam glo-ri-am tu - am.
We glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Do-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae-les - tis, De-us Pa-ter o - mni - po - tens.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Do - mi - ne Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te Je - su Chri - ste.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Do - mi - ne De - us, A - gnus De - i, Fi - li - us Pa - tris.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

Qui tol-lis pec-ca - ta mun - di, mi-se-re - re no - bis.
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

Qui tol-lis pe-ca - ta mun - di, sus-ci-pe de-pre-ca - ti - o - nem no - stram.
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

Qui se-des ad dex-te-ram Pa - tris, mi-se-re-re no - bis. Quo-ni-am tu so-lus sanc - tus.
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One,

Tu so-lus Do - mi - nus. Tu so-lus Al - tis - si-mus, Je - su Chri - ste.
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

Cum San - cto Spi - ri - tu, in glo - ri - a De - i
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Pa - tris. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings chosen for all of this year's Christmas Eve and Day Masses are taken from the Mass in the Night .

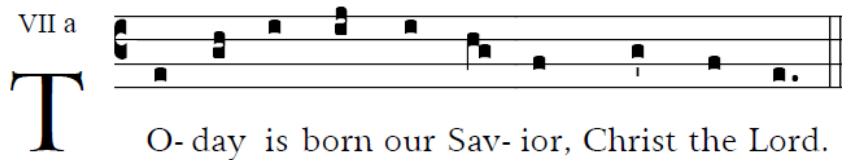
FIRST READING

ISAIAH 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

PSALM 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13



SECOND READING

TITUS 2:11-14

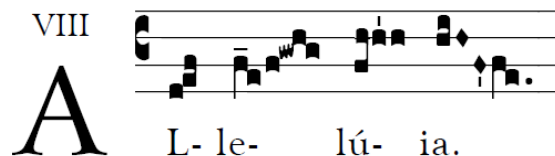
Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.



ALLELUIA (5:00PM & 10:00AM)



ALLELUIA (8:00PM & MIDNIGHT)



I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

After the proclamation of the Gospel at 8:00pm, please remain standing as the Bishop reverences the Book of Gospels.

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 (PROFESSION OF FAITH)

All genuflect at the words "And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate..."

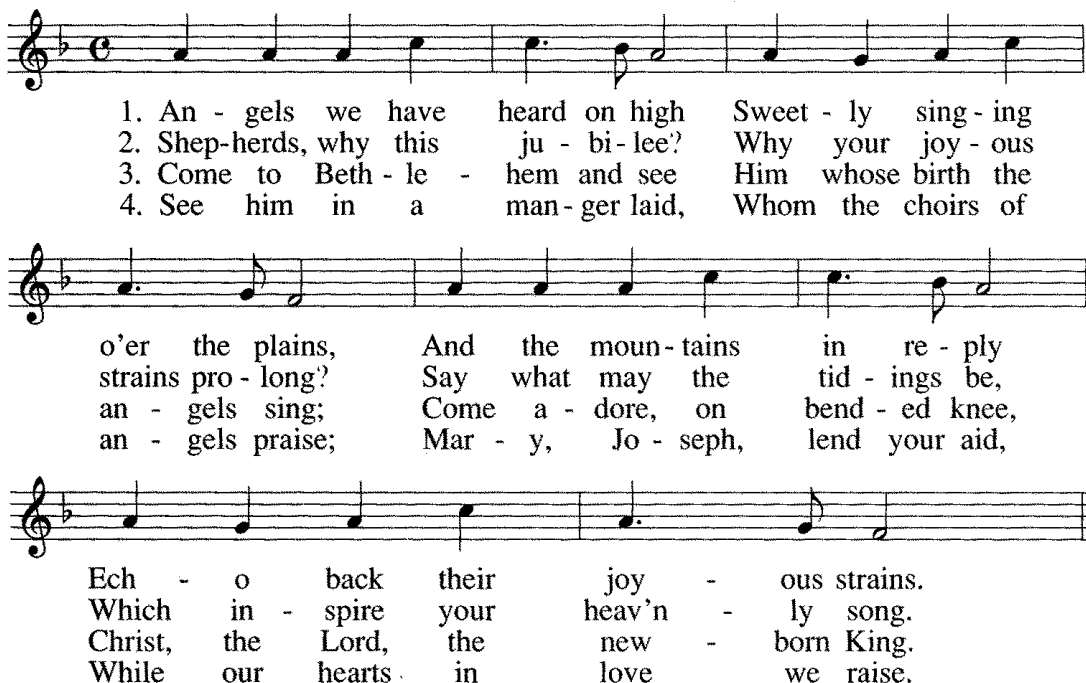
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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OFFERTORY

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

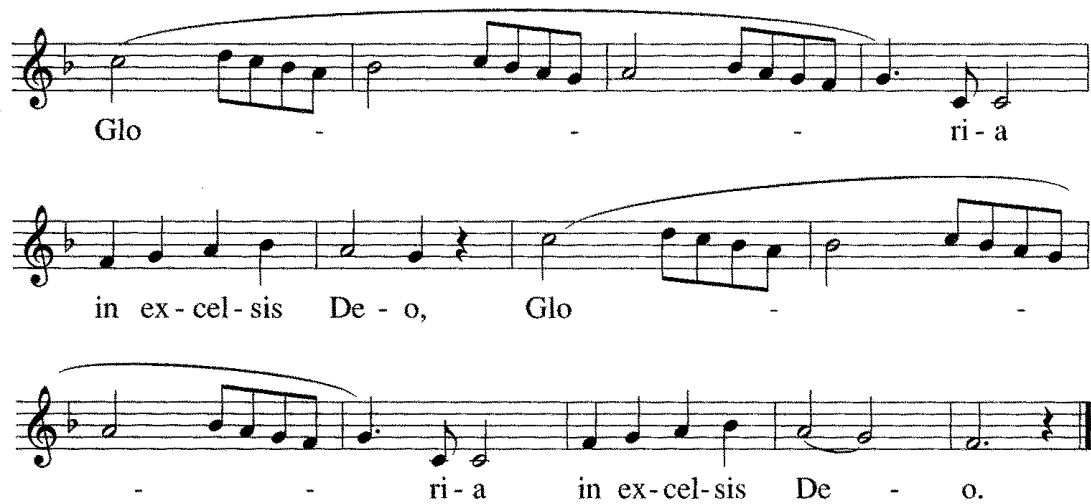
GLORIA



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of

o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply
 strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be,
 an - gels sing; Come a - dore, on bend - ed knee,
 an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
 Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 While our hearts in love we raise.



OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (MIDNIGHT) *Laetentur caeli*

PSALM 96:11

Laetentur caeli et exsultet terra ante faciem Domini: quoniam venit. / Let the heavens rejoice and the earth exult before the face of the Lord, for he comes.

SANCTUS

MASS VIII

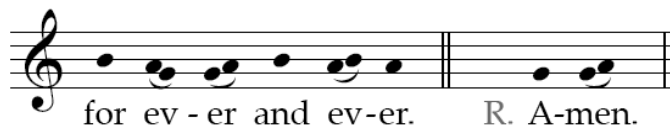
MYSTERIUM FIDEI



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

AMEN

After the Doxology, the people respond "Amen" according to the formula below:



AGNUS DEI

MASS VIII

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. It consists of five staves with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics are: "A - gnus_ De - i, qui tol - lis - pe - ca - ta___ mun - di: mi - se - re - re___ no - bis A - gnus_ De - i, qui tol - lis pe - ca - ta___ mun - di: mi - se - re - re___ no - bis A - gnus_ De - i, qui tol - lis - pe - ca - ta___ mun - di: do - na___ no - bis___ pa - cem." The lyrics are written below the staves. There are also two smaller lines of text: "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," and "have mercy on us." and "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace."

A - gnus_ De - i, qui tol - lis - pe - ca - ta___ mun - di:
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

mi - se - re - re___ no - bis A - gnus_ De - i,
have mercy on us.

qui tol - lis pe - ca - ta___ mun - di: mi - se - re - re___ no - bis

A - gnus_ De - i, qui tol - lis - pe - ca - ta___
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

mun - di: do - na___ no - bis___ pa - cem.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all Catholics who are properly disposed (i.e., in the state of grace and having fasted for one hour before communion) to come forward in the usual way to receive Holy Communion.

All others, including our non-Catholic guests, may remain in their pews and join us in prayer. Alternatively, to participate in the communion procession and receive a blessing, come forward in the line and cross your arms over your chest as you approach the minister. Thank you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (MIDNIGHT) *In splendoribus*


PSALM 110:3

*In splendoribus sanctorum ex utero ante luciferum genui te. / Amidst the splendors of the heavenly sanctuary,
from the womb, before the morning star, I have begotten you.*


COMMUNION

AWAY IN A MANGER (ALL MASSES)


CRADLE SONG



A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed; the lit - tle Lord
 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay close by me for




Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he
 Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the
 ev - er, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der




lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 sky, and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 care, and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

SILENT NIGHT (5:00 & 8:00PM; MIDNIGHT)


STILLE NACHT



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light



round you vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, hea - ven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. — Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. —
 Christ the Sa - vior is born! — Christ the Sa - vior is born! —
 Je - sus, Lord at thy birth. — Je - sus, Lord at thy birth. —



POSTCOMMUNION (8:00PM & MIDNIGHT)

O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

TOMAS LUIS DE VICTORIA

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentem in prae-
 sepio! O Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!

*O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord lying in their manger! Blessed is the
 Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!*

—Matins responsory for Christmas Day

POSTCOMMUNION (10:00AM)

"REJOICE GREATLY" FROM MESSIAH

G.F. HÄNDEL

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Savior, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

-Zechariah 9:9-10

CLOSING

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of
new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild
last - ing Lord: Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his
na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,
With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 4:00 & 5:00PM (ANTICIPATED), SUNDAY 7:15, 8:30 & 11:00AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 6:30AM & 12:10PM; SATURDAY 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 11:30AM-12:00PM; SATURDAY, 2:30PM-3:45PM OR BY APPOINTMENT



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