

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:

VIGIL MASS, MASS DURING THE NIGHT, MASS DURING THE DAY

DECEMBER 24-25, 2021

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

Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. We are glad that you have chosen to worship 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. Out of courtesy towards the musicians and in keeping with the reverence of the Holy Mass, please turn off all electronic devices and refrain from talking in normal voice during the prelude. Please join in singing the carols below.

CAROL: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains. *Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song. *Gloria...*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Gloria...*

See him in a manger laid Whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise. *Gloria...*



PRELUDE ON *DIVINUM MYSTERIUM*

PRELUDE ON FOREST GREEN

PRELUDE ON *GREENSLEEVES*

T. FREDERICK H. CANDLYN

CRAIG PHILIPS

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

CAROL: WHAT CHILD IS THIS?**GREENSLEEVES**

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 Christians, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *This, this is Christ the King....*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *This, this is Christ the King...*

QUAND JESUS NAQUIT À NOËL**CLAUDE BALBASTRE****CAROL: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM****ST. LOUIS**

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in the 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 wond'ring 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.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

GESU BAMBINO (5:00PM & 10:00AM)**PIETRO YON****WHAT IS THIS LOVELY FRAGRANCE? (8:00PM & 10:00AM)****TRAD. FRENCH/ARR. HEALEY WILLAN**

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flowers in spring! Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, Hear you not heavenly caroling? What is this lovely fragrance... What is this light so fair, so tender, Breaking upon our wondering eyes? Never the Morning Star so radiant Followed his course over eastern skies. What is this light... Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps Seek the Savior, born today. Low at his feet we lay our treasure, Heart's adoration, love for aye. Shepherds, o haste...

ENTRANCE ANTIphon (10:00AM) *Puer natus***CF. ISAIAH 9:5**

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

ENTRANCE HYMN (ALL MASSES)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, 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!

KYRIE

MASS VIII

Please repeat the "Kyrie" and "Christe" phrases after the cantor; then join in the final "Kyrie".

VIII

K Y- ri- e e- lé- i-son. *ij.* Chri ste e-

lé- i-son. *ij.* Ký- ri- e e- lé- i-son. Ký- ri- e e- lé- i-son.

GLORIA

MASS VIII.

V
G Ló-ri- a in excélsis Dé- o. Et in térra pax homí- ni bus bónae vo-lun tá- tis.
 Lau dá- mus te. Benedí- cí mus te. A do- rá- mus te. Glo- ri- fi- cámus te. Grá- ti- as á- gi-
 mus tí- bi prop ter mágnam gló- ri- am tú- am. Dómine Dé- us, Rex caelés tis, Dé- us Pá-
 ter omní- po- tens. Dómine Fí- li uní- géni- te Jésu Chrís te. Dómine Dé- us, Agnus
 Dé- i, Fí- li- us Pá- tris. Qui tóllis peccá- ta mún- di, mi- se- ré- re nó- bis. Qui tóllis
 peccá- ta mún di, súscipe depreca- ti- ónem nós- tram. Qui sédes ad déx te- ram Pá- tris,
 mi- se- ré- re nó- bis. Quó ni- am tu só- lus sánctus. Tu só- lus Dómi- nus. Tu só- lus Al- tís-
 simus, Jésu Chri- ste. Cum Sán cto Spí- ri- tu, in gló- ri- a Dé- i Pá- tris. A-
 men.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

VII a

T O- day is born our Sav- ior, Christ the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Cantor, then all:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

CREED (PROFESSION OF FAITH)

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

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!"

SANCTUS

MASS VIII

VI

S An- cтus, * San ctus, San- cтus Dó- mi- nus De- us Sá-
 ba- oth. Pleni sunt cæ- li et ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho-sán na in ex cé-
 sis. Bene-dí- cтus qui ve- nit in nómine Dó- mi- ni. Ho- sán- na in
 ex cé- sis.

MYSTERIUM FIDEI

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

AMEN (8:00PM & 10:00AM)

A - men, a - men, a - men.

AGNUS DEI

MASS VIII

(Facing page)

VI

A - gnus De- i, * qui tollis pec cá- ta mun- di : mi- se- ré- re no- bis.

Agnus De- i, * qui tol- lis pec cá- ta mun- di : mi- se- ré- re no- bis. A-

gnus De- i, * qui tollis pec cá- ta mun- di : mi- se- ré- re no- bis.

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

(Please join in singing the Christmas carols below.)

AWAY IN A MANGER

MUELLER

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 Thy tender care, And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.

SILENT NIGHT

STILLE NACHT

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, Heavenly 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.

POSTCOMMUNION (8:00PM & 10:00AM)

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MAX REGER

Amid the rose bower, Mary sits and rocks her Jesus-child, While amid the treetops blows the Summer breeze. At her feet, the bright bird sings: Little child, go to sleep; little child, sleep. Your smile is lovely, yet lovelier still is your happy sleep. Lay your tired little head against your mother's breast. Little child, go to sleep; little child, sleep.

—Sung in German; poem by Martin Böllitz

CLOSING

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
ploy; 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.

VOLUNTARY

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