

**THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

St. Andrew Catholic Church
Columbus, Ohio

December 2023



Welcome

to Saint Andrew Catholic Church
and to this celebration of The Nativity of the Lord.

Many different paths have led us here today,
yet we gather as *one* family to rejoice and celebrate the birth of Christ.
To those from far and near, we welcome you.

In the spirit of this joyful solemnity,
please join in all the spoken and sung prayers of the liturgy.
Let us raise our voices together, proclaiming the good news:
“Jesus Christ is born!”



The first thirty pages of the Breaking Bread missal in your pew
contain all the spoken responses and prayers of the liturgy.

Out of respect for this sacred space and all who are gathered here,
please silence your cell phones and all other electronic devices.

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Thank You.

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS VIGIL, NIGHT, AND DAY LITURGIES

Choral music texts for the 10:00 Mass in the Night are found on the final pages of this worship aid.

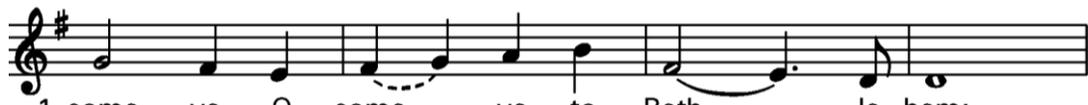
+ INTRODUCTORY RITES +

Gathering Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, †
3. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, †



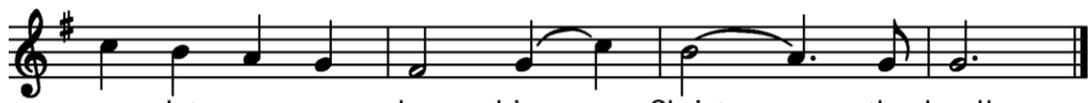
1. come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
3. Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n;



1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



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

Greeting

Penitential Act

Glory to God

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, O
God, al-might-y Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you
take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are — seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most — High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men, a — men.

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Opening Prayer



+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89

Forever I Will Sing



♩. For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Psalm 96

Today is Born Our Savior



♩. To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

Psalm 97

A Light Will Shine on Us



♩. A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

Psalm 98

All the Ends of the Earth



♩. All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing pow - er of God.

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New Testament Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel

Homily

Profession of Faith

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.

Prayers of the Faithful

+ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST +

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, 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;



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



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



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

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer and Acclamations

Holy

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho - san-na in the



high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

Mystery of Faith

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

Great Amen

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

+ COMMUNION RITE +

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

The Breaking of the Bread

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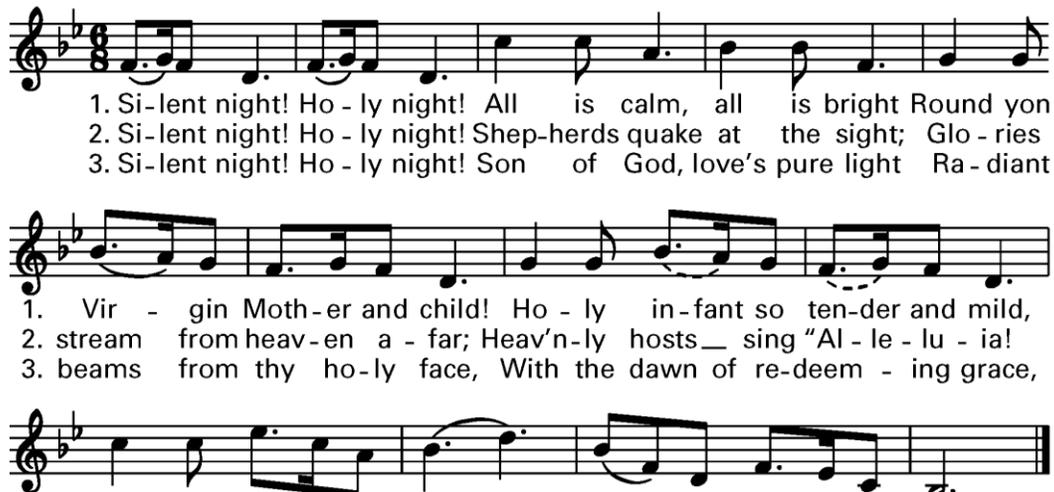


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us world, grant us peace.

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Communion Song

Silent Night



1. Si-lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round you
2. Si-lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
3. Si-lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant

1. Vir - gin Moth-er and child! Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
2. stream from heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts_ sing "Al - le - lu - ia!
3. beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

1. Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
2. Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
3. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. by John F. Young, 1820-1885. Music: Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863.

Communion Song

Today is Born Our Savior



To - day is born our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ the Lord.

*Phrase repeated final time.

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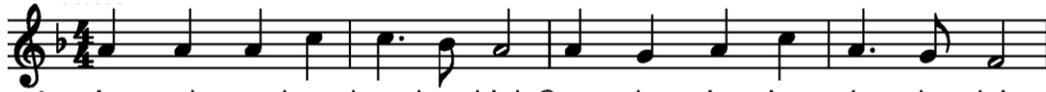
Reflection and Prayer after Communion

+ CONCLUDING RITES +

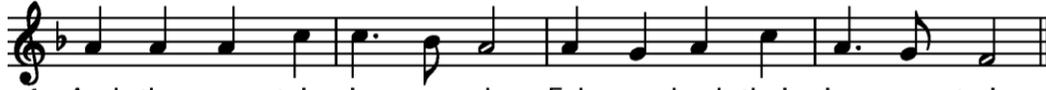
Final Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Forth

Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.



Refrain

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Text: French, ca. 18th century; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London. 1862. Music: GLORIA, Traditional French Carol.

Choral Recessional

Sung by the Choir at the 10:00 PM Mass only.

Tollite Hostias

Sung in Latin. English Translation:

Enter the holy gates with adoration!
Bring the Lord an offering in the holy place.
Let heaven rejoice, and let earth ring out praises,
for he comes, Alleluia!

Text: Psalm 96. Music: Camille Saint-Saëns
from the Christmas Oratorio, Opus 12.

Please return this worship aid at the conclusion of today's liturgy.

Thank You.

Gloria In Excelsis Deo!

Choral Music Texts for the 10:00 PM Mass in the Night

Listed alphabetically.

Before the Marvel of This Night

Before the marvel of this night, adoring, fold your wings and bow,
then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace, sing peace, since gift of peace. Sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song: This is the day the Lord has made!
Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss. Sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light,
Now to the loveless world be shown: Now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song, compress the love that rules the universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love. Sing love, sing God is love!

Text: Jaroslav Vajda. Music: Carl Schalk

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Ding Dong! Merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing!
Ding Dong! Verily the sky is riven with angels singing!
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Even so, here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
and "I-o-i-o-i-o" by priest and people sungen.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your Matin chime, ye ringers.
May you beautifully rime your Eve-time Song, ye singers:
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Traditional French Carol

He is Born

He is born, the Holy Child, play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the Holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.

Through the ages of long ago, prophets have foretold his coming.
Through the ages of long ago, now the time has come at last!

O how lovely! O how pure is this perfect Child of heaven!
O how lovely! O how pure! Gracious gift to humankind!

Traditional French Carol. Arranged by Dave and Jean Perry.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, this Rose I have in mind, With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

O Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air. Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere;
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our ev'ry load.

Traditional 15th century German Carol, based on Isaiah 11.

O Holy Night

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining. It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world, in sin and error pining till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night! O night divine!

Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love, and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we! Let all within us praise His holy name!
Christ is the Lord! Oh, praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

Adolphe Adam

O Nata Lux

Sung in Latin. English Translation:

O Light born of Light; Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving kindness deign to receive our suppliant praise and prayer.
You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members of your blessed body.

Music: Tom Porter

Peace Child

Peace Child. Peace Child.

In the sleep of the night, in the dark before light
You come, in the silence of stars, in the violence of wars –
Savior, your name.

To the road and the storm, to the gun and the bomb
You come, through the hate and the hurt, thru the hunger and dirt –
bearing a dream.

To our dark and our sleep, to the conflict we reap
now come be your dream born alive, held in hope, wrapped in love:
God's true shalom.

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