



Merry Christmas



Thank you for joining us today for Mass!
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O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES
Arranged by Tom Booth

Verses



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, ‡
4. *Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, láe - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -*



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;
4. *ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.*



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;
4. *Na - tum ví - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.*



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -



come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord! } O come, let us a -
ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi-num.



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

Christmas Eve

Gathering Song:

O Come All Ye Faithful

Greeting

Penitential Act: *Confiteor*

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints;
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

-AND/OR-

Lord have Mercy,
Christ have Mercy,
Lord have Mercy



GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God,
heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.



Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading Is: 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,
announcing peace, bearing good news,
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,
“Your God is King!”

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,
together they shout for joy,
for they see directly, before their eyes,
the LORD restoring Zion.
Break out together in song,
O ruins of Jerusalem!
For the LORD comforts his people,
he redeems Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth will behold
the salvation of our God.
The Word of the Lord,

~Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.

R. (3c) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

2nd Reading Heb 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways
to our ancestors through the prophets;
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son,
whom he made heir of all things
and through whom he created the universe,
who is the refulgence of his glory,
the very imprint of his being,
and who sustains all things by his mighty word.
When he had accomplished purification from sins,
he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
as far superior to the angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say:

You are my son; this day I have begotten you?

Or again:

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says:

Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord,

~Thanks be to God



Alleluia Isaiah 60:1

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come!

The glory of the Lord shines upon you!

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



Gospel Jn 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race;
the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe
through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and the world came to be through him,
but the world did not know him.
He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.
But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God,
to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation
nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.
And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying,
"This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead
of me because he existed before me.'"
From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace,
because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came
through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God.
The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.



The Gospel of the Lord,
~Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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.**

Universal Prayer: Prayers of Petition

~ Lord, hear our prayers



Offertory Song: What Child is This

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

Verses



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to



1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Refrain



1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,



haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

This song may be combined with *Child of the Poor*; use accompaniment and instructions found for *Child of the Poor*.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.
Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Acclamations:

R: Blessed be God forever

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R: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church

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R: And with your spirit

R: We lift them up to the Lord

R: It is right and just.

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Or

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again

Or

Save us, Savior of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free

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Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

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The Lord's Prayer



The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.*


*Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

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For the kingdom, the power and glory
are yours now and forever.~Amen



Spiritual Communion:

A photograph of a church altar. In the center is a red tabernacle with a glass door. To the left is a crucifix with a red cloth. To the right is a statue of the Virgin Mary in white. The altar is covered with a white cloth and has flowers. The background is a plain wall.

**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

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Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw — a star
3. And by the light of that — same star
4. This star drew nigh to the — north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise — men three,
6. Then let us all with one — ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in — the east, — be - yond — them far;
3. Three — wise — men came — from coun - try far;
4. O'er — Beth - le - hem — it took — its rest,
5. Full — rev - 'rent - ly — up - on — the knee,
6. Sing — prais - es to — our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where — they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the — earth it gave — great light,
3. To seek for a king was their — in - tent,
4. And there it — did both stop — and stay,
5. And of - fered — there, in his — pres - ence,
6. Who with the — Fa - ther we — a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night — that was — so deep.
2. And — so it con - tin - ued both day — and night.
3. And to fol - low the star — wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right — o - ver the place — where Je - sus lay.
5. Their gold — and myrrh — and frank - in - cense.
6. And — Spir - it blest — for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.


Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

Communion Song: The First Nowell

Communion Meditation: Silent Night

SILENT NIGHT
Noche de Paz/Stille Nacht


STILLE NACHT



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, —
2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake —
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, —

1. No - che de paz, No - che de a - mor; To - do duer - me en
2. No - che de paz, No - che de a - mor; Mi - ra qué gran
3. No - che de paz, No - che de a - mor; Al Di - vi - no

1. Stil - le Nacht! Hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, —
2. Stil - le Nacht! Hei - li - ge Nacht! Hir - ten erst —
3. Stil - le Nacht! Hei - li - ge Nacht! Got - tes Sohn, —



1. all is bright Round — yon Vir - gin Moth - er and child!
2. at the sight; Glo - ries stream — from heav - en a - far;
3. love's pure light Ra - diant beams — from thy ho - ly face,

1. de - rre - dor. En - tre los as - tros que es - par - cen su luz
2. res - plan - dor Lu - ce en el ros - tro del Ni - ño Je - sús,
3. Sal - va - dor Que por no - so - tros na - ció en un por - tal.


1. ein - sam wacht Nur — das trau - te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar,
2. kund - ge - macht Durch — der En - gel Hal - le - lu - ja,
3. o wie lacht Lieb' — aus dei - nem gött - li - chen Mund,



1. Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep — in
2. Heav'n - ly hosts — sing "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ — the
3. With — the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,

1. Be - lla a - nun - cian - do al ni - ñi - to Je - sús, Bri - lla la es -
2. En el pe - se - bre del mun - do la luz, Bri - lla la es -
3. Him - nos can - te - mos de a - mor ce - les - tial. ¡Glo - ria por

1. Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, Schlaf' — in
2. Tönt — es laut — von fer - ne und nah; Christ — der
3. Da — uns schlägt — die ret - ten - de Stund'. Je - sus in



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

1. tre - lla de paz, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de paz.
2. tre - lla de paz, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de paz.
3. siem - pre al Se - ñor! ¡Glo - ria por siem - pre al Se - ñor!

1. himm - li - scher Ruh'! Schlaf' — in himm - li - scher Ruh'!
2. Ret - ter ist da! Christ — der Ret - ter ist da!
3. dei - ner Ge - burt! Je - sus in dei - ner Ge - burt!

Text: Irregular; Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; English tr. by John F. Young, 1820–1885;
Spanish tr. of verse 1 by Federico Fliedner, 1845–1901. Music: Franz X. Gruber, 1787–1863.

Concluding Rite

Closing Song: Joy To The World

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -



1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

Vocations Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Bless our diocese with the grace of many vocations
to the priesthood, diaconate and to religious life.
Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother,
grant to those You have called
the willingness and the generosity of spirit
to give of themselves in devoting their lives and their talents
to the service of our Lord and to His Church.

Increase the faith of all within our diocese,
and especially the faith of those You are calling.
We ask this through Christ, Your Son our Lord. ~ **Amen**

Christ is Born



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