



Merry Christmas



Thank you for joining us today for Mass!
~~There is nothing like receiving the Holy Eucharist~~
We hope to see you soon.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off-spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na-tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies; With an -
2. God-head see! Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro-claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

Holy Family of Jesus

Gathering Song:

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.
The Word of the Lord,

~Thanks be to God



Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Happy they who dwell in your house!

Continually they praise you.

Happy the men whose strength you are!

Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

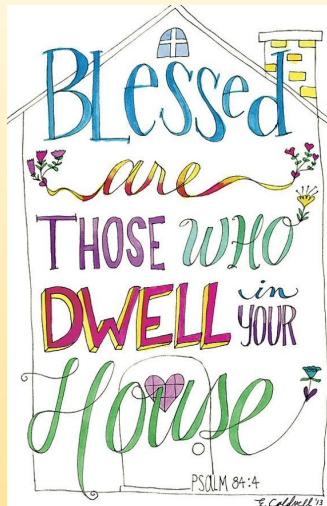
O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer;

hearken, O God of Jacob!

O God, behold our shield,

and look upon the face of your anointed.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.



2nd Reading COL 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.
And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.
And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands,
as is proper in the Lord.

Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.

Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

The Word of the Lord,
~Thanks be to God

Life Lessons From

Colossians 3:12

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 Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us?

Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."

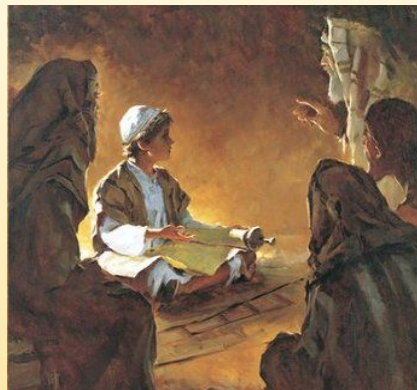
And he said to them,

"Why were you looking for me?

Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them.

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man



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: Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

MUELLER



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close



1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless



1. stars in the sky — looked down where he lay, The
2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And



1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885;
verse 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.

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.**

CHILD OF THE POOR

Scott Soper

Verses



1. Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly he lies, wrapped in the
2. Who is the strang-er here in our midst, look-ing for
3. Bring all the thirst-y, all who seek peace; bring those with



1. chill of mid-win-ter; comes now a-mong us, born in-to
2. shel-ter a-mong us? Who is the out-cast? Who do we
3. noth-ing to of-fer. Strength-en the fee-ble, say to the



1. pov-er-ty's em-brace, new life for the world.
2. see a-mid the poor, the chil-dren of God?
3. fright-ened heart: "Fear not: here is your God!"

Refrain



Who is this who lives with the low-ly, shar-ing their sor-rows,



know-ing their hun-ger? This is Christ, re-vealed to the



world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

This song may be combined with "What Child Is This." Use instructions in accompaniment books.

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Communion Song:

Child of the Poor

CHRIST OUR LIGHT HAS COME

Steve Angrisano and Curtis Stephan

Verses



1. Still, come be still; let us hear the proph-ets call - ing.
2. Peace, there is peace; for new hope to - day is dawn - ing.
3. Here in this place let us stand in awe and won - der.



1. Still, come be still; let us hear the an - gels sing. For true
2. Peace, there is peace; come be - hold the face of God. In a
3. Here in this place we be - hold the mys - ter - y. For the



1. light has ar - rived to il - lu - mine our lives so of - ten be -
2. prom - ise ful - filled now his love is re - vealed; all heav - en and
3. mes - sage goes out; there is no room for doubt: the child now



1. set by the dark - ness. We find who we are in the
2. earth are re - joic - ing. Put a way all your fear for our
3. laid in a man - ger; true God and true man, now re -



1. light of the star on the way to our jour - ney's end.
2. path now is clear on the way to our jour - ney's end.
3. veal - ing the plan, 7 the way to our jour - ney's end.

Refrain



Cast a - side all your fear and dread, come fol - low the light to



Beth - le - hem. The way of sal - va - tion re - vealed to all:



Christ our light has come, Christ our light has come.

Concluding Rite

Closing Song: Christ Our Light has Come

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**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the
Gospel and small domestic Churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence,
rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or
scandalized find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching
Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of
the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.*

Amen.



Merry Christmas!!



Christ is Born





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