



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

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ENTRANCE

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES

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, lae - 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 vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain

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!
 ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

PRIEST: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

ALL: *And with your spirit.*

GLORIA

Refrain

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

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

Join in by ringing the bells during the refrain!

COLLECT PRAYER

PRIEST: *...through Christ our Lord.*

ALL: *Amen.*

Please be seated

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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!

READER: *The word of the Lord.*

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96

Psalm 96: Today Is Born Our Savior

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

*Phrase repeated final time.

1. Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD; bless his holy name.
2. Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among all the nations; among all peoples his marvelous deeds.
3. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them be joyful. Then let all the trees of the forest rejoice.
4. They shall rejoice before the LORD, who comes to govern the earth, to govern the world with justice and all the peoples with faithfulness.

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.

READER: *The word of the Lord.*

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

“Good news and great joy to all the world,
today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.”

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

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.”

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

ALL: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Please be seated

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please stand

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,

(please genuflect)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man. *(please stand)*

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

Reader: *we pray:*

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Please be seated

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION / PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

AWAY IN A MANGER



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.

Please stand as the priest says:

PRIEST: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: 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.

THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

PRIEST: (The Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings; following this, the people respond:)

ALL: Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And with your spirit.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right and just.

Holy

Mass of Creation
Marty Haugen

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Please remain standing, if able

Mystery of Faith

Mass of Creation
Marty Haugen

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

Amen

Mass of Creation
Marty Haugen

A-men, a-men, a-men! A-men, a-men, a-men!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

PRIEST: Deliver us Lord... the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

THE RITE OF PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

Mass of Creation
Marty Haugen

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 HYMN

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR




1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are
4. For, lo, the days are has - tening on, By proph - et




1. song of old, From an - gels bend - ing near the
2. wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic
3. bend - ing low, Who toil a - long the climb - ing
4. bards fore - told, When with the ev - er - cir - cling



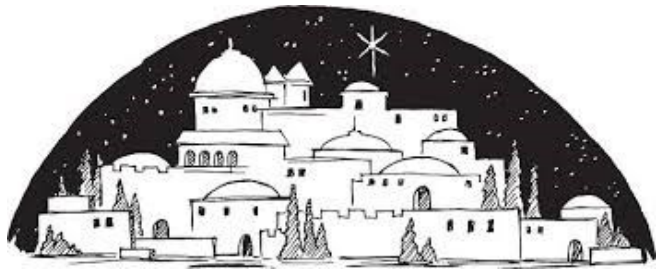
1. earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good
2. floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A - bove its sad and
3. way With pain - ful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and
4. years Comes 'round the age of gold; When peace shall o - ver




1. will to all From heav'n's all gra - cious King;" The
2. low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing, And
3. gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing: O
4. all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling, And




1. world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
2. ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
3. rest be - side the wea - ry road And hear the an - gels sing.
4. all the world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.




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!


COMMUNION HYMN

SILENT NIGHT

STILLE NACHT



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon
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.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

PRIEST: *The Lord be with you.*

ALL: *And with your spirit.*

PRIEST: *May almighty God bless you, the Father....* †

ALL: *Amen.*

PRIEST: *Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.*


ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SENDING FORTH HYMN


JOY TO THE WORLD



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let
3. No more let sin and sor - rows grow, Nor
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And



earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry
us, our songs em - ploy; While fields and
thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to
makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room, And
floods, rocks, hills and plains Re -
make his bless - ings flow Far
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.