

The Nativity of the Lord

Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Newtown, Pennsylvania | December 24-25, 2023

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Give the Church more priests, worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel. Grant also to us an increase in vocations to the religious life.

May more of our young people respond to your call in a spirit of joyful generosity. May they serve your people in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE

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!

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786;
tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

The people reply: *(1) Amen; (2) and with your spirit.*

PENITENTIAL ACT

Heritage Mass

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,

{AND STRIKING THEIR BREAST, THEY SAY} through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

{THEN THEY CONTINUE} 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.

{THE ABSOLUTION BY THE PRIEST FOLLOWS} May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply: *Amen.*

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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GLORIA

Heritage Mass

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, heav'nly 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.

COLLECT

The people reply: *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

The people reply: *Thanks be to God!*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM [CHRISTMAS EVE]

Psalm 89

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

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM [CHRISTMAS DAY]

Psalm 98

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

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SECOND READING

The people reply: *Thanks be to God!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Festival Alleluia



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Verse

Today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL

The people reply: *Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.*

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,

[AT THE WORDS THAT FOLLOW, ALL BOW]

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

The people reply: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

ANTHEM (9:30PM ONLY)

Christmas Gloria (Allen Pote)

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

The First Nowell

ALL The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
CHOIR They look - ed up and saw ___ a star
ALL Then let us all with one ___ ac - cord

Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
Shin - ing in ___ the east, ___ be - yond ___ them far;
Sing ___ prais - es to ___ our heav - 'nly Lord;

In fields where _ they lay keep - ing their sheep,
And to the ___ earth it gave ___ great light,
That hath made ___ heav'n and earth ___ of nought,

On a cold win - ter's night ___ that was ___ so deep.
And ___ so it con - tin - ued both day ___ and night.
And ___ with ___ His blood ___ man - kind ___ hath bought:

Refrain
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

PRAYER FOR ACCEPTANCE

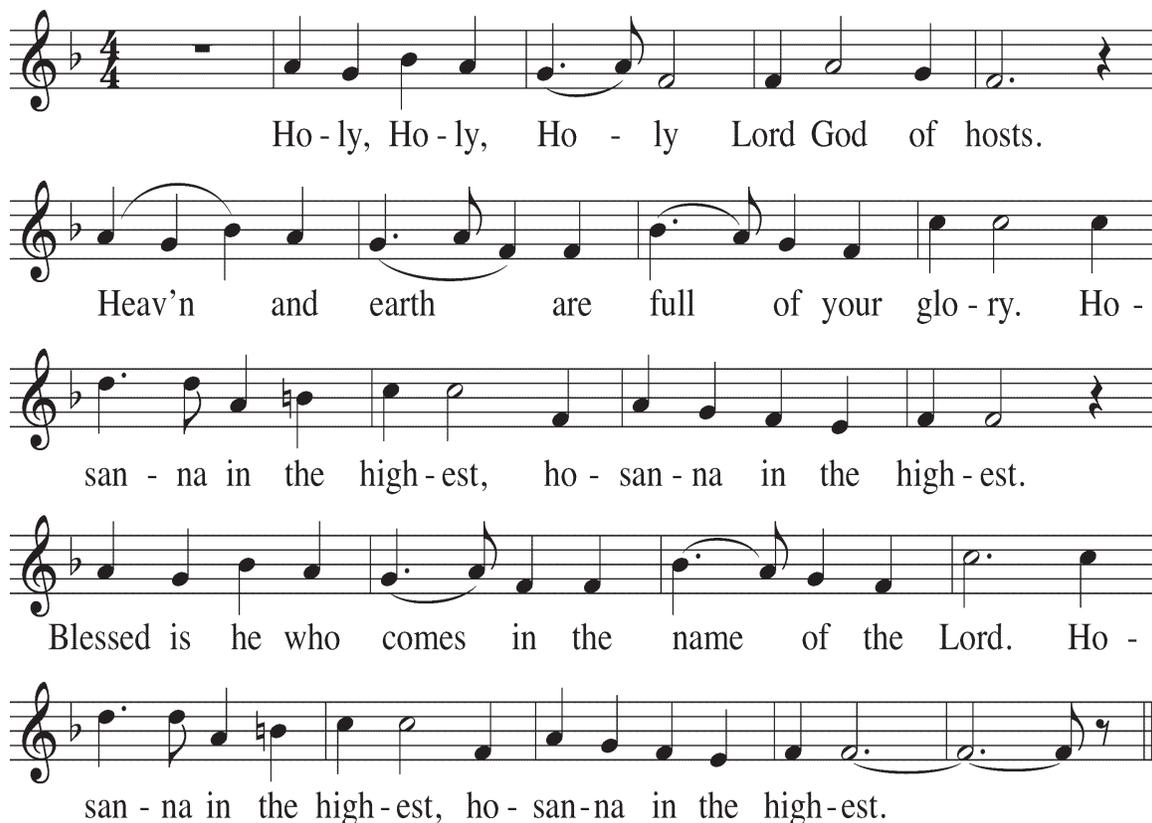
The people rise and reply: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS | PREFACE DIALOGUE

The people reply: (1) *And with your spirit ...* (2) *We lift them up to the Lord ...* (3) *It is right and just.*

SANCTUS

A Community Mass



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

A Community Mass



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

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AMEN

A Community Mass



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

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LORD'S PRAYER | DOXOLOGY | AGNUS DEI

Chant



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



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



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

And together with the people: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

COMMUNION HYMN I

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: 66 89 66; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. by John F. Young, 1820-1885. Music: Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863.

COMMUNION HYMN II

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Verse

See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
 Lo, with - in a sta - ble lies He who built the star - ry skies,
 Sa - cred In - fant, all di - vine, What a ten - der love was Thine,
 Teach, O teach us, ho - ly child, By Thy face so meek and mild,

5

See, the gen - tle Lamb ap - pears, Prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
 He who, throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
 Thus to come from high - est bliss Down to such a world as this!
 Teach us to re - sem - ble Thee In Thy sweet hu - mil - i - ty.

9 Refrain

Hail, O ev - er - - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!

13

Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

THE CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING
PRAYER | BLESSING | DISMISSAL

The people reply: *And with your spirit.*

The people reply: *Thanks be to God!*

RECESSIONAL

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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.