

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE

The Nativity of the Lord

Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Newtown, Pennsylvania | December 24 & 25, 2021

The Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE

O Come All Ye Faithful

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, †



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;

Refrain



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.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The people reply: *Amen.*

Heritage Mass

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.

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

Congregational Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

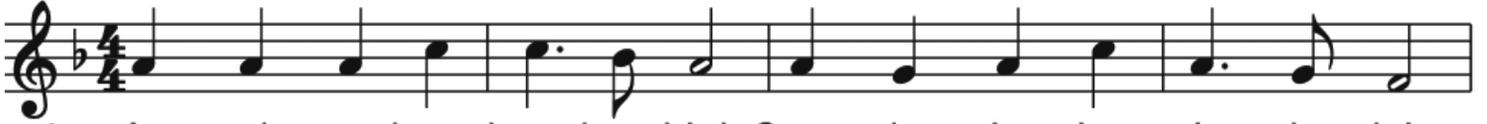
PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

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.



Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.

PRAYER FOR ACCEPTANCE

The priest prays:

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

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

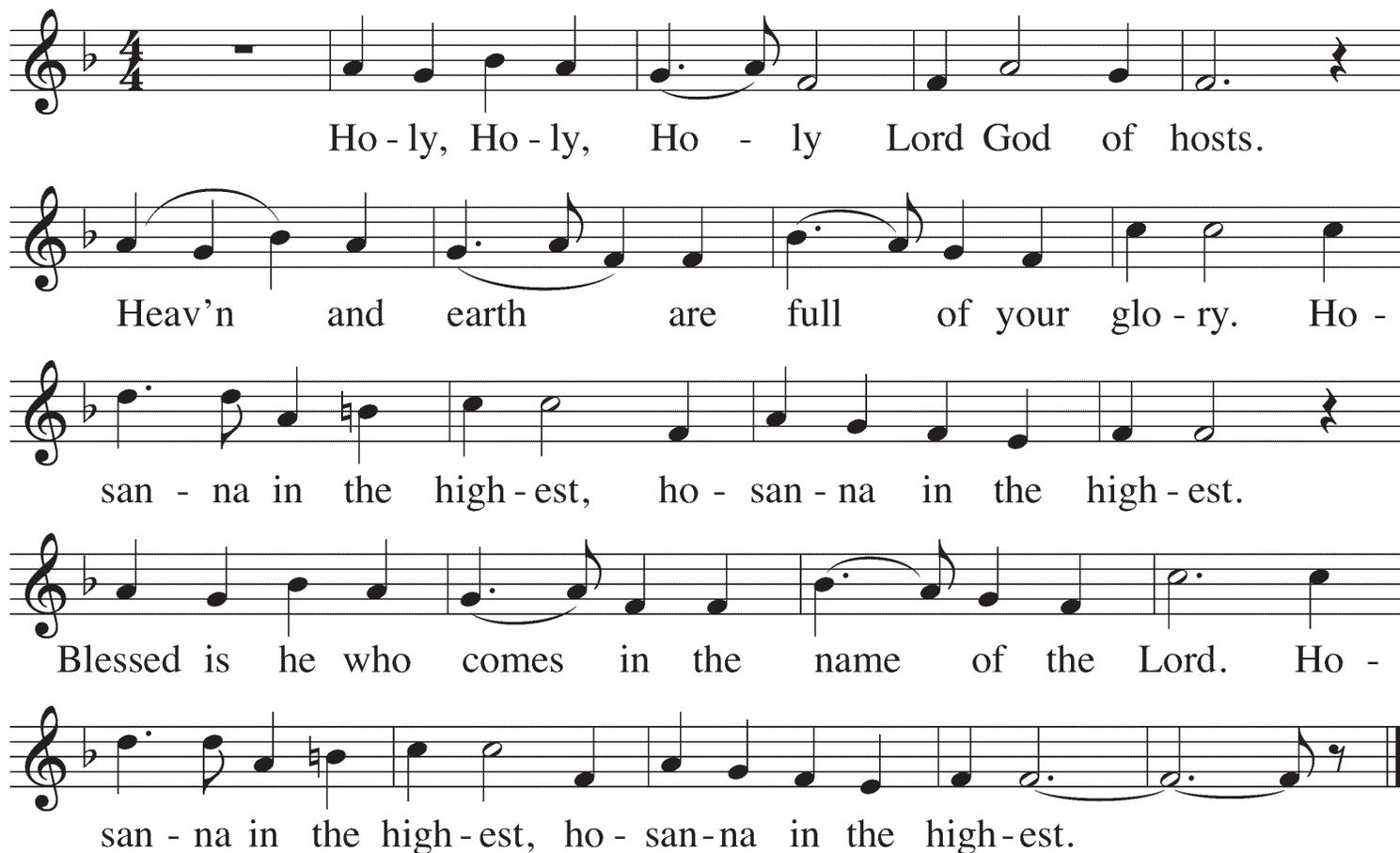
The priest prays: The Lord be with you. *The people reply:* And with your spirit.

The priest prays: Lift up your hearts. *The people reply:* We lift them up to the Lord.

The priest prays: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. *The people reply:* It is right and just.

SANCTUS

A Community Mass



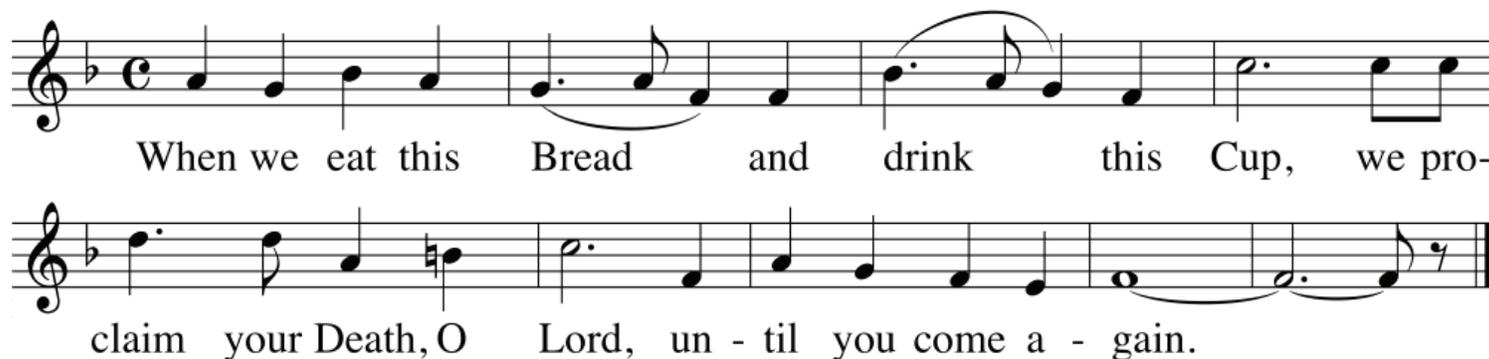
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

A Community Mass



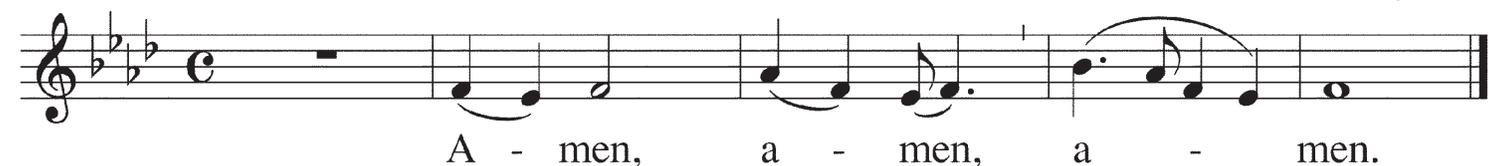
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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AMEN

A Community Mass



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

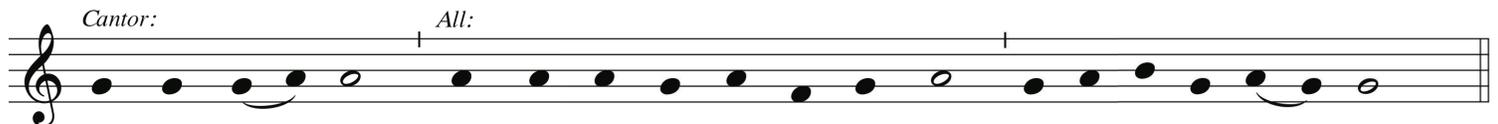
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LORD'S PRAYER | DOXOLOGY

AGNUS DEI

Chant

Cantor: *All:*



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

The priest prays: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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 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 - dant



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

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: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING *The people reply:* And with your spirit.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE | BLESSING | DISMISSAL *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.