



The Nativity of *the* Lord

2020



Nativity, (1875) Edward Burne-Jones
St. Martin's in the Bull Ring, Birmingham

MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY

2:00 + George Graf
4:00 Manuel & Alejandro Lemus
6:00 Fr. Michael Folmar
8:00 Michelle Valdez
10:00 For the Parish

FRIDAY

7:00 Joel Turner
9:00 + Karen Scanlon
11:00 + Bich Dao Le
1:00 + Bon Van Than

LITURGY of the WORD



VIGIL MASS

FIRST READING **Isaiah 62:1-5**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29**



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

I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted.

He shall say of me, "You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior."
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm.

SECOND READING **Acts 13:16-17, 22-25**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tomorrow the wickedness of the world will be destroyed:
the Savior of the world will reign over us.

GOSPEL **Matthew 1:1-25**

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

FIRST READING **Isaiah 9:1-6**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13**



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

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all you lands.
Sing to the Lord; bless his name.

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!
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

They shall exult before the Lord, for he comes;
for he comes to rule the earth.
He shall rule the world with justice
and the peoples with his constancy.

SECOND READING **Titus 2:11-14**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Luke 2:10-11**



I proclaim to you good news of great joy:
today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL **Luke 2:1-14**

CHRISTMAS MASS AT DAWN

FIRST READING **Isaiah 62:11-12**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12**



The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory.

Light dawns for the just;
and gladness, for the upright of heart.
Be glad in the Lord, you just,
and give thanks to his holy name.

SECOND READING **Titus 3:4-7**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Luke 2:14**



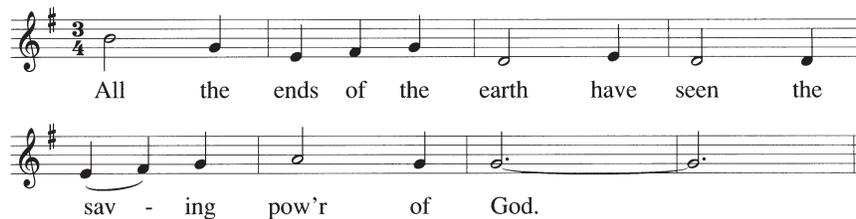
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

GOSPEL **Luke 2:15-20**

CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY

FIRST READING **Isaiah 57:7-10**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 4-6**



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

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.

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.

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.

SECOND READING **Hebrews 1:1-6**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



A holy day has dawned upon us.
come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light has come upon the earth.

GOSPEL **John 1:1-18**



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.

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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.

PRAYER *of the* FAITHFUL

LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST

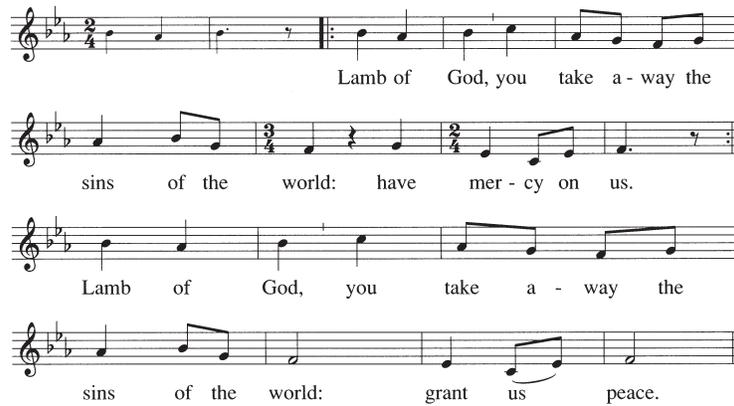


PREPARATION *of the* GIFTS

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise!
Join the triumph of the skies!
With th'angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
*Hark! The herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn King!"*
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell:
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
*Hark! The herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn King!"*
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
*Hark! The herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

THE BREAKING of the BREAD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

*For information on the reception of Holy Communion, please see page 12.
To assist in the prayerful flow of the Communion procession, please follow the direction of the Ushers.*

COMMUNION SONGS

The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.
3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.
5. They entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.
6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
Who made the heav'ns and earth of naught,
And with his blood our life has bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel.

Silent Night, Holy Night VIGIL AND NIGHT

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake, at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly, hosts sing halleluiah!
Christ, the Savior, is born,
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3. Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

O Little Town of Bethlehem DAWN AND DAY

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth!

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

POST COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Al - ma Red - em - ptó - ris Ma - ter,
Lov - ing Moth - er of our Sav - ior;

quae pér - vi - a cae - li por - ta ma - nes,
thou o - pen gate lead - ing us to heav - en,

Et stel - la ma - ris, suc - cúr - re ca - dén - ti
and Star of the Sea, help thy fall - en peo - ple,

súr - ge - re qui cu - rat pó - pu - lo:
help all those who seek to rise a - gain.

Tu quae ge - nu - í - sti, na - tú - ra mi - rán - te,
Maid - en who didst give birth, all na - ture won - der - ing,

tu - um san - ctum Ge - ni - tó - rem:
to thy ho - ly Lord Cre - a - tor:

Vir - go pri - us ac po - sté - ri - us,
Vir - gin be - fore and vir - gin al - ways

Ga - bri - é - lis ab o - re su - mens il - lud A - ve,
who re - ceived from Ga - briel's mouth this mes - sage from heav - en,

pec - ca - tó - rum mi - se - ré - re.
take pit - y on us poor sin - ners.

PRAYER after COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES



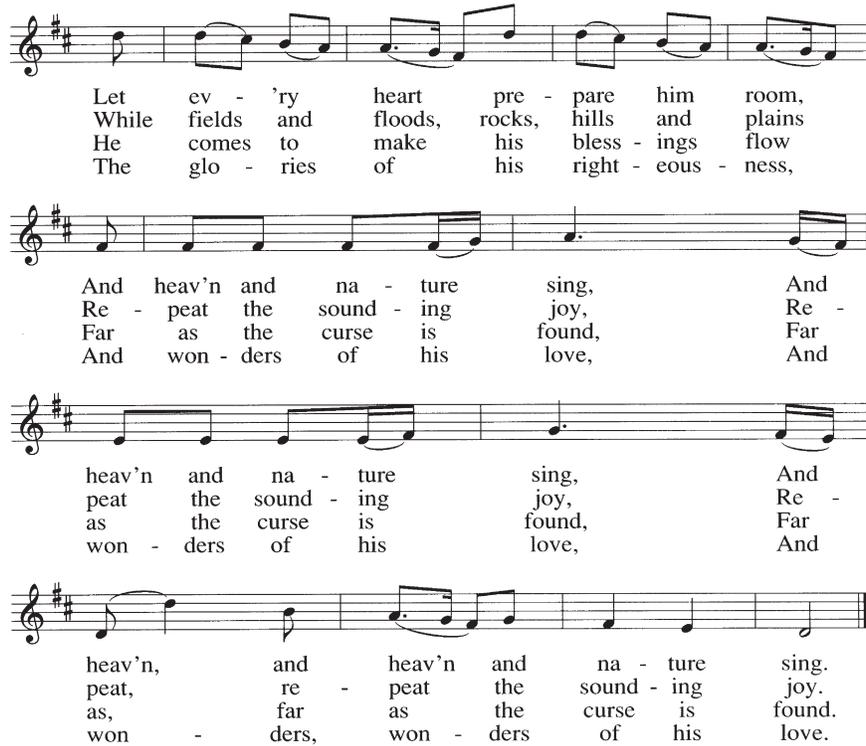
SOLEMN BLESSING and DISMISSAL

SONG at the SENDING FORTH

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns:
3. No more let sin and sor - rows grow,
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

Let earth re - ceive her King;
Let us, our songs em - ploy;
Nor thorns in - fest the ground;
And makes the na - tions prove



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
He comes to make his bless - ings flow
The glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
Far as the curse is found, Far
And won - ders of his love, And

heav'n and na - ture sing, And
peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
as the curse is found, Far
won - ders of his love, And

heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
as, far as the curse is found.
won - ders, won - ders of his love.

GUIDELINES for RECEIVING COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of Faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not ordinarily admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharist sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

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