



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



NATIVITY OF THE LORD
VIGIL MASS

December 24, 2022
5:30 P.M. in the Church

*Cover: Adoration of the Child, Fra Angelico, O.P.
and Fra Filippo Lippi, O.Carm., c. 1440*



ORDER OF MASS

Nativity of the Lord: Vigil

PRELUDE OF CAROLS

CAROL

All sing:



1. Wake from your sleep, a Sav - ior is born.
2. Come from your fields as shep - herds of old.
3. Stay with us now, O Lord of the earth.
4. Now shall the earth take joy in her tears.



God's ho - ly child gives light to the morn,
Wel - come this child whom proph - ets fore - told.
Make of our hearts a place for your birth.
Now shall our hearts be turned from their fears.



all our dark - ness to dis - pel.
God has made the earth his home.
Though our cares be great or small,
All the earth shall sing God's praise.



Praise to our God whose glo - ry we tell.
Praise to our God, the Sav - ior has come.
Je - sus the Lord, be born in us all.
Je - sus the Lord, be born on this day.

Words and music: Daniel Schutte

MEDITATION

Coventry Carol

The ensemble sings:

Thomas Mawdyke

CAROL

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

All sing:

Saint Michael Hymnal 427: verses 1, 2, and 4

MEDITATION

See, Amid the Winter's Snow

The ensemble sings:

John Goss

CAROL

The First Noël

All sing:

Saint Michael Hymnal 779: verses 1 and 2

MEDITATION

Wood of the Cradle

The ensemble sings:

Francis Patrick O'Brien

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

At the ringing of the sacristy bell, all stand and sing:

Saint Michael Hymnal 648: verses 1 and 3

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**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.**

All strike breast three times

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON

Choir: Lord, have mer - cy. *All:* Lord, have mer - cy.

Choir: Christ, have mer - cy. *All:* Christ, have mer - cy.

Choir: Lord, have mer - cy. *All:* Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

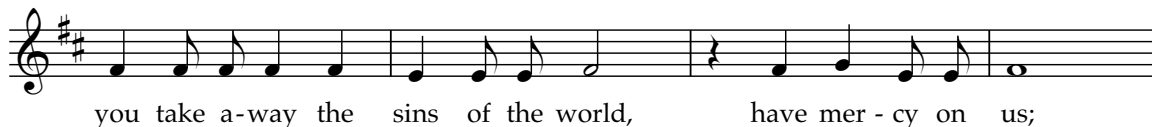
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O

God, al-might-y Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be-got-ten

Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,



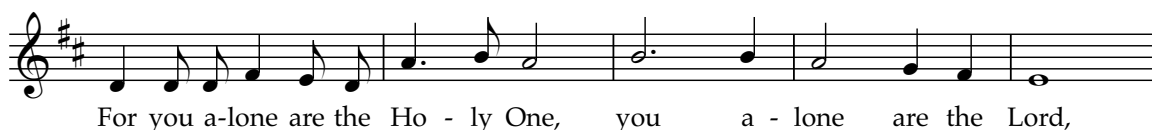
you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;



you take a-way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;



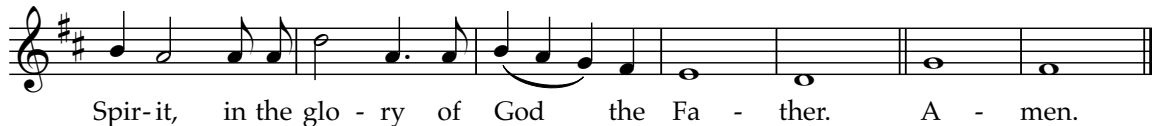
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Owen Alstott

COLLECT

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Isaiah 62:1–5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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. Ṛ.

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. Ṛ.

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. Ṛ.

Music: Owen Alstott

READING II

Acts 13:16–17, 22–25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, “Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.’ From this man’s descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.’”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All stand



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

*Verse: Liturgical text
Music: Michael Joncas*

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18–25

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."* When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

HOMILY

Rev. John Mark Solitario, O.P.

CREDO

All 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,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

All kneel

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.

All stand

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

Each petition concludes with:

We pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

After the final petition, all pray:

Almighty Father, you have created us for some definite purpose.

**Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life
and to respond with a generous "Yes."**

**Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts
fruitful ground for your gift of vocations.**

May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.

**Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life,
permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives,
who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.**

**We commend our prayer for vocations to you, Father,
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

What Child is This?

All sit and sing:

Saint Michael Hymnal 824

ORATE, FRATRES

All stand

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

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.

As we look forward, O Lord, to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly for knowing that in them you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE AND SANCTUS

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

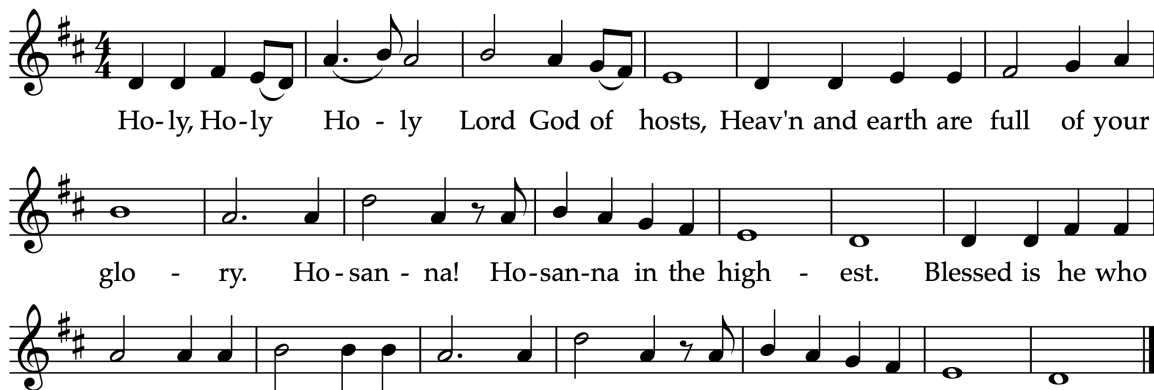
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

The celebrant says the Preface. At the end, all sing:



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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

All kneel

The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. After the words of Consecration, the celebrant sings:

The mystery of faith.



Two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain."

At the conclusion of the prayer the celebrant takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,



One staff of musical notation in 4/4 time, G major. The melody for "A - men, a - men, a - - - men." is shown with a slur over the final three notes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All stand

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you," look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign for ever and ever.

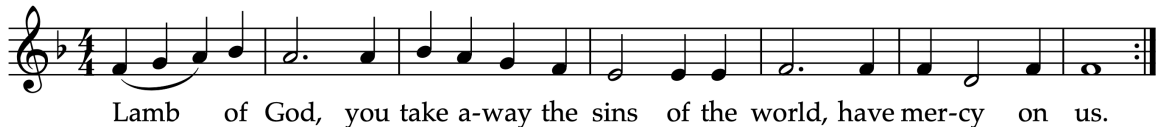
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

AGNUS DEI



Music: Owen Alstott

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All kneel

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.

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

HYMN

Silent Night

All sing:

St. Michael Hymnal 744

MEDITATION

Night of Silence

The ensemble sings:

Daniel Kantor

HYMN

The ensemble sings:



1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall.
2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new,
3. As we jour - ney to the sta - ble like the wise men long a - go,
4. Wake our spir - its from their slum - ber; send the dark - ness on its way.



Ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.
we are hop - ing to dis - cov - er what these pil - grims came to know.
Fill our hearts with joy and won - der on this bless - ed Christ - mas day.



Swift - ly wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - ëls ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:
All are wel - come at this man - ger, king and shep - herd, friend and stran - ger.
Songs of an - gels all a - round us; grace and bless - ing now sur - round us.



Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe is born for you. Christ the babe is born for you.
Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ be with us as we go. Christ be with us as we go.

Words: Edith M. Reed and Daniel L. Schutte

Music: attr. Piotrowi Skardze

HYMN

Away in a Manger

All sing:

St. Michael Hymnal 444: verses 1–3

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may draw new vigor from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

All bow

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

Amen.

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

Amen.

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

All kneel

St. 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 the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

RECESSION

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Sing Alleluia

All stand and sing:

St. Michael Hymnal 548

Francis Patrick O'Brien

