



ST. GERTRUDE
CHURCH



NATIVITY OF THE LORD
VIGIL MASS

December 24, 2022
3:00 and 5:30 P.M. in the Gym



ORDER OF MASS

Nativity of the Lord: Vigil

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

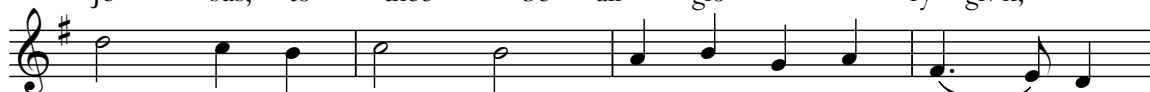
All stand and sing:



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 for our sal - va - tion;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem.
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
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!

Words: attr. John Francis Wade, trans. Frederick Oakeley

Music: J.F. Wade

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: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Choir: Chris - te, e - le - i - son. *All:* Chris - te, e - le - i - son.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Choir: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. *All:* Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Celebrant/Cantor: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, *All:* 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 - en - 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: Richard Proulx

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, one 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. R̥.*

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. R̥.

*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. R̥.*

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: Gregorian Chant*

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

Friars of the Order of Preachers

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 or bow

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.

All stand

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

All sit and sing:



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of a Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty;
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



With th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus our Em - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth!



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

*Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Felix Mendelssohn*

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.

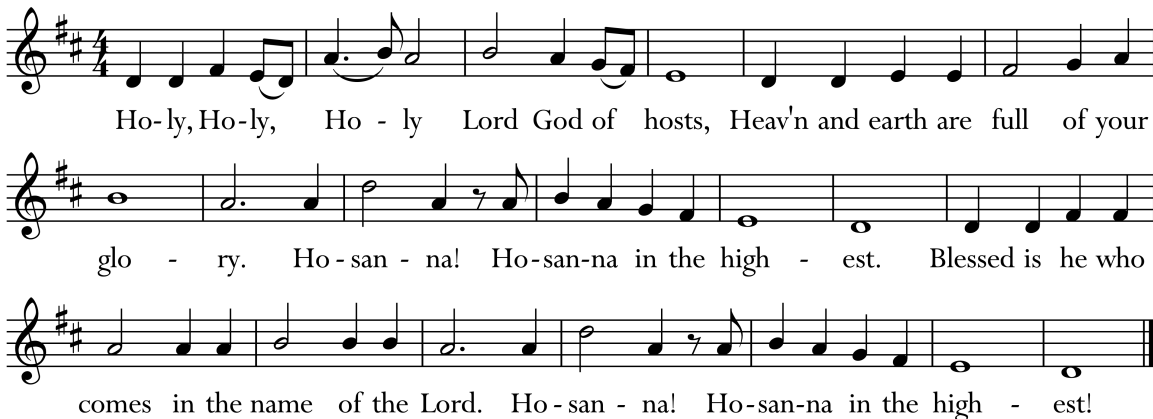
Lift up your hearts.

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 or sit

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

The mystery of faith.

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, for ever and ever.

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

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



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.

Music of all Eucharistic responses: Owen Alstott

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All kneel or sit

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.**

CAROL

All sing:

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

Words: nineteenth century

Music: James R. Murray

CAROL

All sing:



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;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
Cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear my hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

*Words: Phillips Brooks
Music: Lewis H. Redner*

CAROL

All sing:



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright.
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep-herds quake at the sight;
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light.



Round yon Vir - gin Mo ther and Child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far. Heav'n - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia;
Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.
Je - sus, Lord at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr and John Freeman Young

Music: Franz Grüber

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 or sit

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.

HYMN

All sing:



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; let men their songs em - ploy,
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
The glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,



And heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy,
And won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his love,



And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts
Music: George Frederic Handel