

**SACRED HEART, TAMPA**  
**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,**  
**Mary and Joseph**  
**5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**  
**31 December 2023**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Opening Song: O Come All Ye Faithful**

(Oakeley | Wade)

**V.1** O come all ye faithful

Joyful and triumphant

O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him

Born the King of angels

## **Chorus:**

O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

**V.2** Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye bright  
Hosts of heav'n above  
Glory to God all  
Glory in the highest (***chorus***)

**V.3** Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

**Chorus:**

O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

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## ***Glory to God: Mass of a Joyful Heart***

(Angrisano)

**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, heavenly King,  
O God almighty Father.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth,  
peace to people of good will!**

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.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth,  
peace to people of good will!**

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.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth,  
peace to people of good will!  
A-A-AMEN!**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins — a house raised in justice to you.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 105**

**The Lord remembers,  
His covenant, forever!**

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## **Second Reading:**

**Col 3:12-21**

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs



with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Greeting:***

**Angels We Have Heard on High!**

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**Gloria In excelsis Deo!**

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**Verse:**

See Him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise.  
Mary, Joseph lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise!

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**Gospel:**

**LK 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord,

just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of

the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be

revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became

strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

**No Repeat of the Chorus after the Gospel Outside Ordinary Time.**

**Please be seated.**

**Homily**

**Nicene Creed**

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.  
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**

**Response: “Come Lord Jesus,  
hear our prayer.”**

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Midnight  
Clear** (Tomlin | Cash | Myrin)

**V.1** It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold

Peace on the earth good will to men  
From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

**V.2** Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats  
Through all the weary world  
And man at war with man hears not  
The love song which they bring  
O hush the noise and cease the strife  
And hear the angels sing

**Chorus:**

(Oh) Glory to God in the highest  
Glory to God evermore  
Good news great joy for all

Melody breaks through the silence  
Christ the Savior is born  
Jesus the love song of God  
(Jesus the love song of God)

**V.4** For lo the days are hastening on  
By prophet, bards foretold  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling  
And all the world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing!

**Chorus:**

(Oh) Glory to God in the highest  
Glory to God evermore  
Good news great joy for all

Melody breaks through the silence  
Christ the Savior is born  
Jesus the love song of God  
(Jesus the love song of God)

### **Final Ending:**

It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold

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### ***Eucharistic Acclamations:***

### **Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)**

Holy, Holy – Save Us Savior – Amen

## **COMMUNION RITE**

**Our Father**

***Lamb of God: Mass of a Joyful Heart***

(Angrisano)

***Communion Song 1: O Little Town of***

***Bethlehem*** (Redner | Brooks)

**V.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

**V.2** For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above  
While mortals sleep the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King  
And peace to all on earth

**V.3** How silently how silently  
The wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven  
No ear may hear His coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in

**V.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

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## ***Communion Song 2: Away in a Manger***

(Murray | McFarland | Luther)

**V.1** Away in a manger

no crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus

laid down His sweet head

The stars in the sky

looked down where He lay

The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

**V.2** The cattle are lowing

the Baby awakes

But little Lord Jesus

no crying He makes

I love Thee Lord Jesus

look down from the sky

And stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh



**V.3** Be near me Lord Jesus  
I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever  
and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children  
in Thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven  
to live with Thee there

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## ***Communion Song 3: Silent Night***

(Gruber | Young | Mohr)

**V.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!

**V.2** Silent night, holy night

Shepherds quake, at the sight

Glories stream, from heaven afar

Heav'nly hosts, sing alleluia

Christ the Savior is born,

Christ the Savior is born!

### **Verse 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!

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## **CONCLUDING RITE**

***Sending Forth Song* - Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Wesley | Mendelssohn-Bartholdy)**

**V. 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 hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!

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