

# Christmas 2023

Mass Order for the Nativity of the Lord

## Introductory Rites

OPENING SONG: O Come All Ye Faithful (ver. 1, 3, 4)

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;

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,  
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST, THE LORD!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,  
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST, THE LORD!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all the glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,  
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM, CHRIST, THE LORD!

*Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786;  
English tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt;*

GLORY TO GOD: Mass of New Wine (Jakob)

## Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-6

PSALM 96: Christmas Psalm (Farrell)

Today, today a savior has been born,  
a savior has been born to us.  
He is Christ the Lord, Christ the Lord,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.

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SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL GREETING: Celtic Alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14

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## Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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 angelic hosts proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING,  
"GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time, behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING,  
"GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING."

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 we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING,  
"GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING."

*Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915.*

MASS AT NIGHT (11 P.M.): Sir Christemas (Matthias)

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

## Communion Rite

OUR FATHER

LAMB OF GOD: Mass of Creation (Haugen)

**Continued on reverse.**





## Communion Rite (Cont'd)

COMMUNION SONG: O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

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 all on earth.

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.

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!

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

POST COMMUNION SONG: Silent Night

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.

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!

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.

*Text: Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849;  
tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885.  
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## Concluding Rites

CLOSING SONG: Joy to the World (ver. 1, 2, 4)

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

*Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98:4-9; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748,  
alt. Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833;  
George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759;  
adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.*



Thank you for joining us this Christmas.

May the blessings of the Christ child  
be with you and your family this  
season and in the year to come.