

**SACRED HEART, TAMPA**  
**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,**  
**Mary and Joseph**  
**5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**  
**28 December 2025**

**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!

*C. Frederick Oakeley | John Francis Wade*

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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 98**

*(Common Psalm for Christmas)*

**All the ends of the Earth,  
sing a joyful song!  
Sing to the Lord, there is salvation!**

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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.

*(The short form of the second reading ends here).*

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!**

**Gloria In excelsis Deo!**

### **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:**

**Mt 2:13-15, 19-23**

When the magi had departed,  
behold, the angel of the Lord  
appeared to Joseph in a dream and  
said, “Rise, take the child and his

mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son. When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of

Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.

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

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
    (all bow during the next two lines)  
    who was conceived by the Holy  
    Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day,  
he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

Amen.

## **Universal Prayer**

**Response: “Loving God,  
hear our prayer.”**

# **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

## **Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Light of the World** (Daigle/Duncan/Mabury)

**V.1** The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
O come, O come Emmanuel  
A child prays for peace on earth  
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt  
O come, O come Emmanuel  
And can you hear, the angels singing

### **Chorus 1:**

Glory, to the Light of the world,  
Glory, the Light of the world, is here!

**V.2** The drought breaks  
with the tears of a mother  
A baby's cry  
is the sound of love come down,  
Come down, Emmanuel!  
He is the song for the suffering.  
He is Messiah the Prince of peace,  
Has come, He has come, Emmanuel!

## **Chorus 2**

Glory to the light of the world,  
Glory to the light of the world,  
Glory to the light of the world,  
Glory to the light of the world!



### **Bridge:**

For all who wait, for all who hunger,  
For all who've prayed, for all who wonder,  
Behold your King, behold Messiah,  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

### **Chorus 3:**

Glory to the light of the world,  
Glory to the light of the world,  
Glory to the light of the world,  
Glory to the light of the world!  
Behold your King, behold Messiah,  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

**Ending:** The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
O come, O come Emmanuel!

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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:*** **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 2: 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 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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