

MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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GREAT AMEN

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

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COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

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COMMUNION PROCESSION

The First Nowell

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well!
Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English carol, 17th century
Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL, Irregular with refrain; English carol

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of
new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild
last - ing Lord: Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,
With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

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

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Tune: MENDELSSOHN, 77 77 D with refrain; Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847



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THE Cathedral of St. Joseph

SOLEMNITY OF
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASS DURING THE DAY

25 DECEMBER 2025

Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph!

*We welcome especially all of our guests who are joining us this Christmas.
Please know that you are always welcome at the Cathedral.*

THE ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. † God of — God, — Light of — Light, —
3. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Lo! He comes forth from the Vir - gin's womb.
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Our ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted,
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

Text: Adeste fidelis; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.
Tune: ADESTE FIDELIS, Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786



GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

Ky-ri - e e - - - le - i-son.
 Chri-ste e - - - le - i-son.
 Ky-ri - e e - - - le - i-son.
 Ky-ri - e e - - - le - i-son.

Music: Vatican Edition VIII (*Missa de Angelis*), Chant Mode 5

GLORIA

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-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, a-men.

Text: *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, ICEL
 Music: *People's Mass*, Jan M. Vermulst, © 1970, 2010, World Library Publications

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The readings may be found at #1017 in the Worship hymnal.

READING I

Isaiah 52:7-10

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

All the ends of the earth have seen the sav-ing pow-er of God.

Text: Lectionary for Mass, © 1969, 1981, 1998, ICEL
 Music: Leo Nestor, © 1996

READING II

Hebrews 1:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

A holy day has dawned upon us.
 Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
 For today a great light has come upon the earth.

Music: Alleluia Solennelle, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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,

(All KNEEL at these two lines.)

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: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An-gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing-ing
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju-bi-lee? Why your joy-ous
 3. Come to Beth-le-hem and see Him whose birth the
 4. See him in a man-ger laid, Whom the choirs of
 o'er the plains, And the moun-tains in re-ply
 strains pro-long? Say what may the tid-ings be,
 an-gels sing; Come a-dore, on bend-ed knee,
 an-gels praise; Mar-y, Jo-seph, lend your aid,
 Ech-o back their joy-ous strains.
 Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
 Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
 While our hearts in love we raise.

Glo-ri-a
 in ex-cel-sis De-o, Glo-ri-a
 in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French, c. 18th C.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862
 Tune: GLORIA, 7 7 7 with refrain; French traditional

SANCTUS

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

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