

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 ANTIPHON

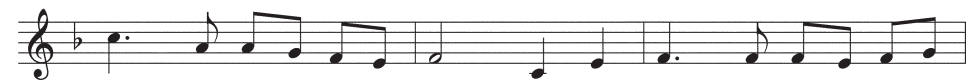
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Once in Royal David's City



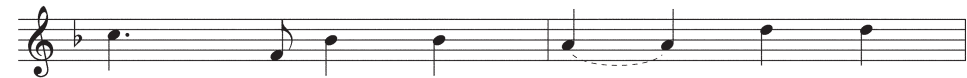
1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would
 4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
 hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly
 day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and



ba - by In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y
 sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall. With the
 maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove: And he



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on
 chil - dren all should be Kind, o -
 feels for all our sad - ness, And he
 leads his chil - dren on To the



Christ her lit - tle Child.
 earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 be - dient, good as he.
 shares in all our glad - ness.
 place where he has gone.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1805-1876
 Tune: IRBY, 8 7 8 7 7; Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. See him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply
 an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,



Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 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 carol; tr. James Chadwick, 1862
 Tune: GLORIA, 77 77 with refrain; French Traditional



THE Cathedral of St. Joseph

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

28 DECEMBER 2025

Welcome to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph!

*We welcome especially all of our guests or visitors who are joining us this weekend.
 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



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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
Tune: *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

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

O bless-ed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Text: *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL
Music: Joseph Gelineau, SJ, © 1963, The Grail, GIA Publications, Inc.

READING II

Colossians 3:12-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Music: *Alleluia Solennelle*, Joseph Gelineau

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

HOMILY

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 bow 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

What Child Is This

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On
2. Why lies He in such mean es-tate, Where
3. So bring Him in-cense, gold and myrrh, Come

Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing? Whom An-gels greet with
ox and ass are feed-ing? Good Chris-tian, fear, for
pea-sant, king, to own Him: The King of kings sal-

an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
sin-ners here The si-lent Word is plead-ing:
va-tion brings, Let lov-ing hearts en-throne Him.

This, this is Christ the King; Whom shep-herds guard and An-gels sing:

Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma-ry.

Text: William C. Dix, 1827-1898
Tune: GREENSLEEVES, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; English melody, 16th C.

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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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

DOXOLOGY

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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