

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST



Nativity of the Lord, Atelier Charles Lorin (1912-1914) Eglise St. Jean Baptiste, NYC

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas 2020

Vigil Mass of Christmas

Prelude

4:00 PM *Alumni Members, Young People's Choir,* Mrs. Nichole Reynolds, *director* **6:00** PM *Members of the Contemporary Choir,* Mrs. Catherine Drummond, *director*



GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA in **EXCELSIS**

Iory to God in the Thighest, 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. 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. 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. Amen.

Collect

FIRST READING

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by Isaiah 62:1-5

your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in yo and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.



"With my chosen one I have made a covenant; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty forever and set up your throne through all ages."

Happy the people who acclaim such a God, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

He will say to me; "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me!" I will keep my love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.

SECOND READING

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are Godfearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son

Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25

of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"





Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will reign over us.

GOSPEL

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that

HOMILY

PROFESSION of **FAITH**

are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him *Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Iesus.

The Nicene Creed

Matthew 1:18-25

this child has been conceived in

her. She will bear a son and you

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, All bow. 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

Our response is, Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST

PREPARATION of the ALTAR and the GIFTS

PRAYER over the **OFFERINGS**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER Sanctus

> Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen

Communion Rite The Lord's Prayer The Sign of Peace The Breaking of the Bread

Music during the Communion Procession



CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING and **DISMISSAL**

Please exit the church as directed by the Ushers.

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We wish you and your loved ones the peace and joy of the Christ Child, now and in the new year. A merry and blessed Christmas to all!

Special thanks are extended to all who prepared for these liturgies and participated in the various liturgical ministries: musicians, Mass coordinators, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, altar servers, facilities staff, and members of the art and environment committee.



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