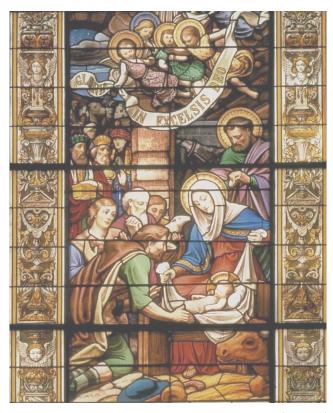


CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST



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

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord



Mass during the Night

Prelude to the Midnight Mass

QUARTET from the ALL SAINTS PARISH CHOIR and HANDBELL CHOIR

Mr. Timothy Lewicki, director

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

setting by Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

Organ

Sussex Carol

arr. Philip M. Young (b. 1937)

Ouartet

On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring; On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring; News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad Since our Redeemer made us glad; Then why should we on earth be sad Since our Redeemer made us glad; When from our sin, He set us free All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before Your grace Then life and health come in its place; When sin departs before Your grace Then life and health come in its place; Angels and men with joy may sing All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light Which made the angels sing this night; All out of darkness we have light Which made the angels sing this night; "Glory to God and peace to men Now and forevermore. Amen."

Sing We Now of Christmas

arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella arr. Mitchell Eithun (b. 1995) & Sandra Eithun (b. 1963)

Handbell Choir: Resounding Joy

Away in a Manger

Cradle Song, arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Quartet

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; The stars in the heavens looked down where he lay, Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Text: Anon., ca. 1883, Philadelphia

Choral Prelude on 'In dulci jubilo', BuxWV 197

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Organ

A Child Is Born in Bethlehem

Mode I plainsong, arr. Richard Proulx

Quartet

A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia, Therefore rejoice Jerusalem, Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, join the angel throng in songs of joy, in one accord adoring Christ the Lord.

The babe within a manger poor, Alleluia, Will rule the world for evermore, Alleluia, alleluia!

Upon this joyful holy night, Alleluia, We bless your name, O Lord of light, Alleluia, alleluia!

We praise you, Holy Trinity, Alleluia, Adoring you eternally, Alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Puer natus in Bethlehem, 14th c. Latin, tr. Ruth Fox Hume (1922-1980)

he Twenty-fifth Day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith,

came out of Ur of the Chaldees: in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the one hundred and ninetyfourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar

Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace, Jesus CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Introductory Rites



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON, choir

Ps. 2:7, Timothy Lewicki The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

ENTRANCE HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful Adeste Fideles Come, all ye faith - ful, Yea, Lord, we greet thee, iov - ful and tri - um - phant, O greet thee, born this hap-py morn - ing, come O come ye be to Beth le - hem; ye, thee all glo ry giv'n; Je sus, to gels; be - hold him, Come born the King an Word of the Fa ther, now in flesh ing; ap pear O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let dore us Christ, 0 come, let a - dore him, the Lord! us

Penitential Act

All strike

their breast.

Assembly I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done

and in what I have failed to do,

through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Assembly Amen.

GLORIA in EXCELSIS

lory 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. 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 Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom

a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing,

as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,

as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,

Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

His dominion is vast

and forever peaceful,

from David's throne, and over his

kingdom,

which he confirms and sustains

by judgment and justice,

both now and forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12,13



Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; Among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;

let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;

for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

SECOND READING

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires

and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,

as we await the blessed hope,

Titus 2:11-16

the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ,

who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness

and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 2:10-11



I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus

that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment,

when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth

to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem.

because he was of the house and family of David,

to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there,

the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son.

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger,

because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields

and keeping the night watch over their flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them,

and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid;

for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy

that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David

a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you:

you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes

and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel,

praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."



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,

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

The response is, **Lord**, hear our prayer.

LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

In the bleak mid-winter Frosty wind made moan; Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow, In the bleak mid-winter Long ago. Enough for Him, whom cherubim Worship night and day, A breastful of milk And a mangerful of hay; Enough for Him, whom Angels Fall down before, The ox and ass and camel Which adore.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him Nor earth sustain, Heaven and earth shall flee away When He comes to reign: In the bleak mid-winter A stable-place sufficed The Lord God Almighty — Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? — If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, — Yet what I can I give Him, — Give my heart.

Text: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Once the priest has prepared the gifts of bread and wine, the gifts, altar, and crucifix are honored with incense. Incensation is a sign of our prayer rising up to God. The Celebrant and Concelebrants, as priests, receive an incensation. Finally, the minister incenses the entire assembly, God's holy people. As he bows to them, they bow to the minister and remain standing. When the entire assembly has received the incensation, the Mass continues with all standing for the Prayer over the Offerings.



Prayer over the Offerings

Priest Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise

and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Preface Dialogue

PRIEST The Lord be with you Assembly And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Assembly It is right and just.

PREFACE

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

PRIEST The Lord be with you Assembly And with your spirit.

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Music during the Communion Procession

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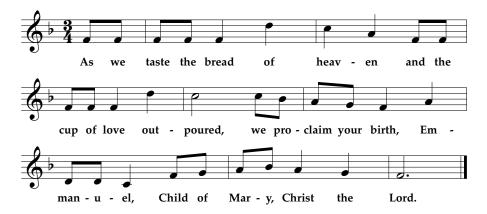
COMMUNION ANTIPHON

In splendoribus sanctorum, ex utero ante luciferum genuite.

Ps. 110:3; plainchant, mode VI *In holy splendor before the daystar, like the dew I begot you.*

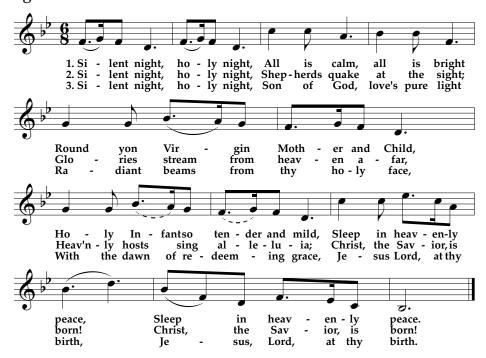
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Silent Night Stille Nacht



Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

SOLEMN BLESSING DISMISSAL

Organ Voluntary

Carillon on 'Antioch'

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

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.

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

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. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). 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. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For those Not Receiving 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.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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