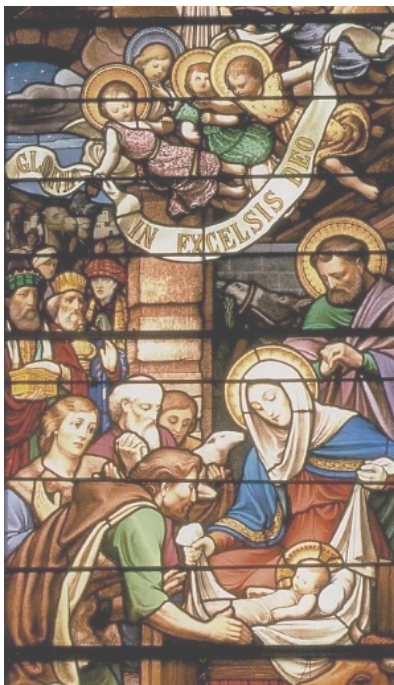




## CELEBRATION *of the* EUCHARIST



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

## Solemnity *of the* Nativity *of the* Lord

*Christmas* <sup>★</sup> 2020

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INTRODUCTORY RITES



ENTRANCE HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

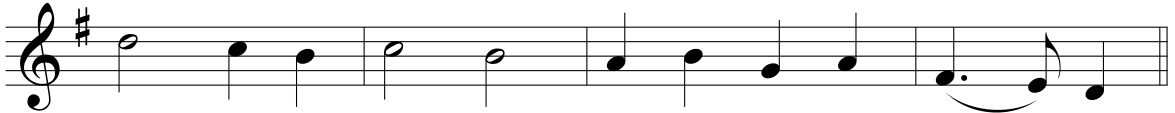
ADESTE FIDELES



1. O Come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



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



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

SIGN of the CROSS and GREETING

PRIEST The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ASSEMBLY **And with your spirit.**

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PENITENTIAL ACT

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.**

*All strike  
their breast.*

PRIEST May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ASSEMBLY **Amen.**

GLORIA *in* EXCELSIS

**G**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.**

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COLLECT

LITURGY *of the* WORD



**Mass at Dawn: 7:30 AM**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:11-12

See, the LORD proclaims to the ends of the earth: say to daughter Zion, your savior comes! Here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. They shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of the LORD, and you shall be called "Frequented," a city that is not forsaken.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12



A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.  
The skies proclaim his justice,  
and all peoples see his glory.

Light shines forth for the just one,  
and joy for the upright of heart.  
Rejoice in the LORD, you just;  
to the memory of his holiness give thanks.

SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7

Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

*Cantor first time, then all*

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

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

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace to those on whom his favor rests.*

## GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been

told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

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LITURGY *of the* WORD



Mass during the Day: 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

O sing a new song to the LORD,  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

The LORD has made known his  
salvation,  
has shown his deliverance to the  
nations.  
He has remembered his merciful love  
and his truth for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song,  
and sing out your praise.

Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the  
horn,  
raise a shout before the King, the  
LORD.

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins,

he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: *You are my son; this day I have begotten you?* Or again: *I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?* And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*





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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Cantor first time, then all*

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

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

*A holy day has dawned upon us.  
For today a great light has come upon the earth.*

## GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But

to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, "The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

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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* [ and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
*kneel.* 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.*

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LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST



PRESENTATION *of the* GIFTS *and* PREPARATION *of the* ALTAR

9:30 AM **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

arr. Keith Chapman (1945-1989)

11:30 AM

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.**

PRIEST 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**

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## 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.**

PRIEST            Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins  
of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ASSEMBLY        **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

MUSIC *during the* COMMUNION PROCESSION

*Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion may be found on page 15.*

### Table of Emmanuel

Tony Alonso

As we taste the bread of heav - en and the  
cup of love out - poured, we pro - claim your birth, Em -  
man - u - el, Child of Mar - y, Christ the Lord.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff covers the second line, and the third staff covers the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

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PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

CONCLUDING RITES



SOLEMN BLESSING & DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

9:30 AM **Carillon on 'Antioch'**

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

11:30 AM

*Please exit the church as directed by the Ushers.*

*Thank you for taking this Worship Aid with you to recycle at home.  
We are unable to reuse paper worship aids at this time.*

*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!*



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## 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.

*The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC, November 1996.*



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