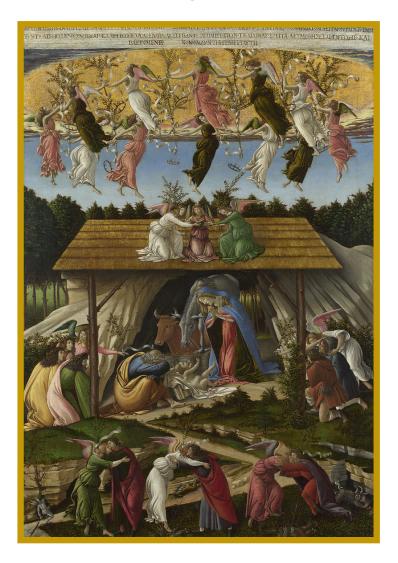
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Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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The blessing of the Nativity Scene in the Basilica will take place before the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass for Christmas. Please visit the Nativity Scene and bring your prayers to the New Born Savior after Mass.

Cover artwork: "The Mystical Nativity" (1500-1501) by Sandro Botticelli (c. 1445-1510)

Choral Prelude to Mass during the Night Sacred Music and Carols

CATHEDRAL BASILICA CHOIR AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

BORN TODAY

RICHARD PROULX (1937-2010)

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Born today! Christ is born to us; Today the Savior has appeared. Born today! Angels on earth do sing, and archangels rejoice.

Born today! The righteous cry out: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Please join in singing

French carol, 18th cent. Tr., Crown of Jesus Music, London, 1862, alt.

ngels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

A Sortis Ortus Cardine

NICHOLAS LEMME (b. 1978)

English translation, sung in Latin
From the far-blazing gate of morn
To earth's remotest shore,
Let every tongue confess to Him
Whom holy Mary bore.

Lo! the great Maker of the world, Lord of eternal years, To save his creatures, veil'd beneath A creature's form appears.

The Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us. Amen.

A spotless maiden's virgin breast With heavenly grace He fills; In her pure womb He is conceived, And there in secret dwells.

Straightway with joy the Heav'ns are fill'd, The host's angels sing; And shepherds hasten to adore Their Shepherd and their King.

> The Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us. Amen.

Serenísima una noche

Fray Jerónimo González de Mendoza (c.1633-1662)

English translation, sung in Spanish

A most serene night is made greater because of an infant.

On a crisp day in December, made auspicious by the stars in the sky,

Step to the dance, and to the sun/son who is born by the grace of the true God.

Today everyone confesses their faith.

Wexford Carol Cathedral Brass

ARR. STEVE HEITZER

CAROL
Please join in singing

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Arr. David Willcocks, 1919-2015

ark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!

Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;

With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Hark! the herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity: Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail! the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail! the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die: Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King!"

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

JOHN GARDNER (1917-2011)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance:
Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance; Thus was I knit to human nature, To call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor, this was my chance, Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.

Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance, My Father's voice heard from above, To call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.

Leo Nestor (1948-2019)

A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia! Wherefore rejoice, Jerusalem, Alleluia, Alleluia.

With joyful hearts in praise,

Christ the newborn King adore now as newfound songs we raise.

Hic jacet in praesepio, Alleluia! [He lies in a manger, Alleluia!]

Qui regnat sine termino, Alleluia! [He reigns without end, Alleluia!]

In cordis jubilo, [In the heart with joy,]

Christum natum adoremus cum novo cantico. [Christ we adore with a new song.]

De matre natus virgine, Alleluia! [From a virgin born, Alleluia!]

Qui Lumen est de Lumine, Alleluia! Alleluia! [Light from light, Alleluia! Alleluia!]

In cordis jubilo, Christum natum adoremus cum novo cantico.

[With joy, the birth of Christ, let us adore, with a new song,]

In hoc natali gaudio, Alleluia! [In this joy, Alleluia!]

Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia Alleluia! [Bless the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!]

Now praise the Blessed Trinity, Alleluia!

Who reigns for all eternity, Alleluia, Alleluia!

With joyful hearts in praise, Christ the newborn King adore *cum novo cantico*. [with a new song.]

CHRISTMAS DAY

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

soloists: Frances Collins, Jessica Kerler, Cortlandt Matthews, Jeff Chapman

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: News! Jesus Christ is born today:

Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today!

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas day,

To save us all from woe and sin, when we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Judah, this blessed babe was born, and laid within a manger, upon that holy morn;

And yet his Mother, Mary, did nothing take in scorn.

O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath oped the heav'nly door, And man is blessed evermore.

Christ was born for this!

Come, ye lofty, come, ye lowly, let your songs of gladness ring; In a stable lies the Holy, In a manger rests the King: See, in Mary's arms reposing, Christ by highest heav'n adored: Come, your circle round him closing, Pious hearts that love the Lord. Come, ye poor, no pomp of station robes the Child your hearts adore: He, the Lord of all salvation, shares your want, is weak and poor: Oxen round about behold them; Rafters naked, cold and bare, See the shepherds, God has told them that the Prince of Life lies there. Come ye children, blithe and merry, this one Child your model make; Christmas holly, leaf, and berry, All be prized for his dear sake; Come, ye gentle hearts, and tender, Come, ye spirits, keen and bold; All in all your homage render, Weak and mighty, young and old. The first Nowell the angels did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel. High above a star is shining, And the Wisemen haste from far: Come, glad hearts, and spirits pining: For you all has risen the star. Let us bring our poor oblations, Thanks and love and faith and praise:

Let us bring our poor oblations, Thanks and love and faith and praise:

Come, ye people, come, ye nations, All in all draw nigh to gaze.

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,

And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;

This holy tide of Christmas, all others doth deface.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one, and calls you all, To gain his everlasting hall: Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Please join in singing

ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN



Text: Isaiah 11:1; Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen; Speier Gesangbuch, 1599; tr. sts. 1-2 by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934; st. 3, The Hymnal 1940 Tune: ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN, 7 6 7 6 6 7 6; Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1599; harm. by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

BIRTHDAY CAROL

DAVID WILLCOCKS (1919-2015)

Words adapted from Luke 2

Rejoice today with one accord, Alleluia, This is the birthday of our Lord, Alleluia.

Refrain: Gloria, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria, Gloria Deo!

Shepherds abiding in the field, Alleluia, To them God's glory was reveal'd, Alleluia.

And to the shepherds sore afraid, Alleluia, An angel said, 'Be not dismayed,' Alleluia.

'Tidings of joy to you I bring,' Alleluia, 'Today is born a heav'nly King.' Alleluia.

'And ye shall find in manger laid,' Alleluia, 'The Babe in swaddling clothes arrayed.' Alleluia.

A host of angels fill'd the sky, Alleluia, Thus singing praise to God on high: Alleluia.

Now join we all the angel-throng, Alleluia. And let our voices swell the song: Alleluia.

Make we joy now in this fest

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Make we joy now in this fest *In quo Christus natus est. Eya.* [In which Christ was born]

A Patre Unigenitus [the Only-begotten of the Father]
Is through a maiden come to us:
Sing we of Him and say Welcome,
Veni, Redemptor gencium. [come, Redeemer of the nations]
Make we joy now in this fest
In quo Christus natus est. Eya. [In which Christ was born]

Agnoscat omne seculum, [Let every age perceive (that)]
A bright star made three kings come,
Him for to seek with their presents,
Verbum supernum prodiens. [the high Word coming forth]
Make we joy now in this fest
In quo Christus natus est. Eya. [In which Christ was born]

A solis ortus cardine [from the rising of the sun]
So mighty a Lord is None as He;
And to our kind He hath Him knit,
Adam parens quod polluit. [which our father Adam defiled]
Make we joy now in this fest
In quo Christus natus est. Eya. [In which Christ was born]

Maria ventre concepit, [Mary conceived in her womb]
The Holy Ghost was aye here-with,
In Bethlehem y-born He is,
Consors Paterni luminis. [sharing the light of his Father]
Make we joy now in this fest
In quo Christus natus est. Eya. [In which Christ was born]

O lux beata Trinitas, [O Light of the Holy Trinity]

He lay between an ox and ass,

Thou mother pure and maiden free,

Gloria tibi, Domine! [Glory to thee, O Lord]

Make we joy now in this fest

In quo Christus natus est. Eya. [In which Christ was born]

I Look from Afar

G. Pierluigi da Palestrina (d. 1594)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, Art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another:

go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord,
and come to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost. Alleluia.

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

From the Roman Martyrology

Ancient Christian scholars used Sacred Scripture, histories and the best calendars available at the time to calculate the age of the world and the dates of prominent events. Although current evidence often differs from the ancient record, the Christmas Proclamation, a part of the Roman Martyrology declares the Incarnation of Christ as the central moment of human history.

(please stand)

The 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 the 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 ninety-fourth 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.

5:00 PM Mass at the Vigil Puer natus in Bethlehem Peter Latona (b. 1968) Cathedral Basilica Choir See translation on page 12, Mass during the Day

Blessing of the Manger

CELEBRATION of MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES
Tune and Text: John Francis Wade, 1711-1786

Tune and Text: John Francis Wade, 1711-1786 Hymn arr. David Willcocks, Richard Webster

deste, fideles, laeti triumphantes; Venite, venite in Bethlehem.

Natum videte Regem angelorum.

Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, Venite adoremus, Dominum.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning! Jesus to thee be glory giv'n.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Introit

Mass at the Vigil

Hodie Scietis

Chant

odie scietis, quia veniet Dominus, el salvabit nos: et mane videbitis gloriam eius. Today you shall know that the Lord is coming, and that He shall save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory.

Mass during the Night

DOMINUS DIXIT AD ME

Chant



ominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te.

The Lord said to me: Thou art my Song, today I have begotten Thee.

Mass during the Day

Puer natus

Chant

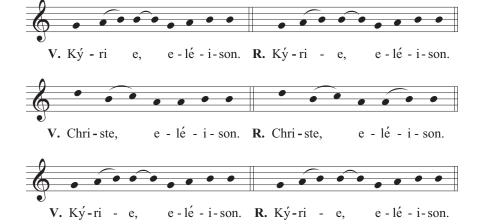
wer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius imperium super humerum eius: et vocabitur nomen eius, magni consilii Angelus.

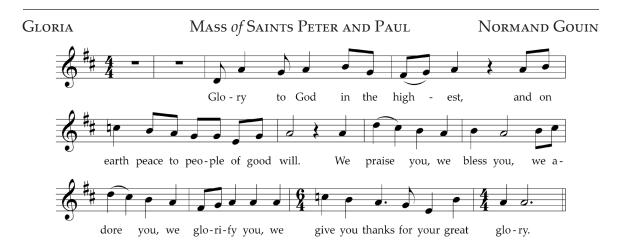
Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. The insignia of His reign is on His shoulder and His name shall be the "Angel of Great Counsel."

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

PENITENTIAL ACT

Chant





Choir or Cantor: Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

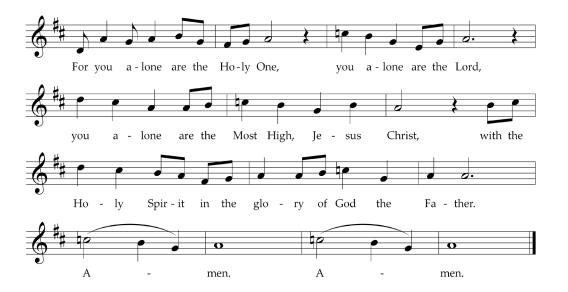
Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son,

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.



Collect

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Mass at the Vigil Isaiah 62:1-5

The Lord delights in you. Word & Song, p. 79

Mass during the Night Isaiah 9:1-6

A Son is given us. Word & Song, p. 83

Mass at Dawn Isaiah 62:11-12

Behold, your Savior comes! Word & Song, p. 86

Mass during the Day Isaiah 52:7-10

All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God. Word & Song, p. 88

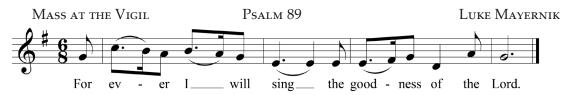
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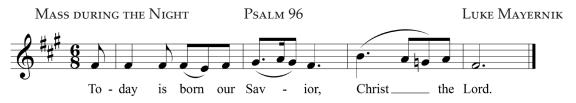
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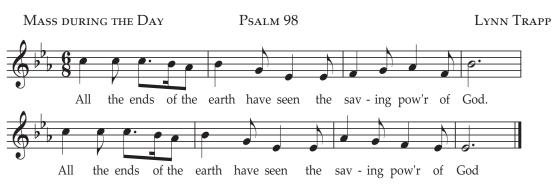


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SECOND READING

5:00 PM & 12 NOON - read in Spanish

Mass at the Vigil

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Paul bears witness to Christ, the Son of David.

Mass during the Night

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared to all.

Mass at Dawn

Titus 3:4-7

Because of his mercy, he saved us.

Mass during the Day

Hebrews 1:1-6

God has spoken to us through the Son.

RESPONSE AFTER THE READING:

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Te alabamos, Se - ñor.

or

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

CHRISTMASTIME ALLELUIA

Please repeat after the Cantor, and following the verse.



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VERSE AT THE VIGIL

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

VERSE AT MASS DURING THE NIGHT

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

Verse at Dawn

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

Verse during the Day

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.

For today a great light has come upon the earth.

Gospel

Mass at the Vigil

Matthew 1:1-25

The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David.

Mass during the Night

Luke 2:1-14

Today a Savior has been born for you.

Mass at Dawn

Luke 2:15-20

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant.

Mass during the Day

John 1:1-18

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

RESPONSES BEFORE THE GOSPEL

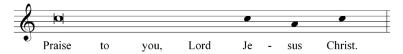
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RESPONSE AFTER THE GOSPEL

All:



Номіцу

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,

At the words that follow up to and including "and became man": all genuflect 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

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

OFFERTORY

Cantique de Noël

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)

Arr. Ryan Nowlin

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night O night divine!

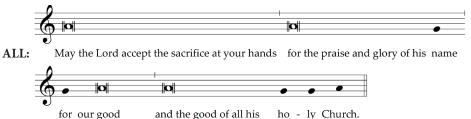
Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love, and His gospel is peace;
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name;
Christ is the Lord, Oh, praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

8:00 AM

Angels, We Have Heard on High *Please see text on page 2.*

GLORIA

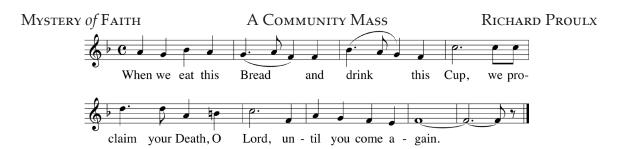
Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.



Prayer over the Offerings

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER







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COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER

RITE of PEACE



Chant



Cor-de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros.

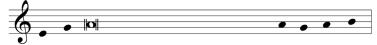


Cor-de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do, da - nos la paz.

Communion

The reception of Holy Communion is a sign of our unity in faith and life in the Catholic Church. Catholics, free from serious sin and properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the Communion Procession.

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.



ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter un-der my roof,



but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Relvelabitur gloria Domini: et videbit omnis caro salutare Dei nostri.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see the salvation which comes from our God.

Mass during the Night In Splendoribus Sanctorum

Chant

In splendoribus sanctorum, ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

Amidst the splendours of the heavenly sanctuary, from the womb, before the morning star, I have begotten you.

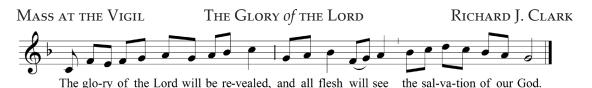
Mass during the Day

VIDERUNT OMNES

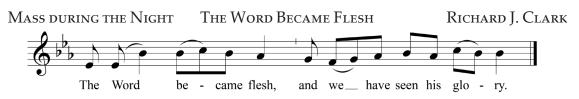
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iderunt omnes fines terrae salutare Dei nostri.

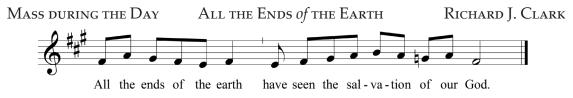
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation which comes from our God.



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THE FIRST NOWELL

THE FIRST NOWELL ARR. DAVID WILLCOCKS



Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

Hymn of Praise

Hodie Christus Natus est (a 8) Cathedral Basilica Choir GIOVANNI GABRIELI (1557-1612)

English translation, sung in Latin

Today Christ is born; Today the Saviour has appeared;
Today the Angels sing, The Archangels rejoice;
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Concluding Rites

Greeting, Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

RECESSIONAL

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH

Text: Ps. 98. Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Tune: George F. Handel, 1685-1759 arr. Joseph Willcox Jenkins

oy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And Heaven and nature sing,

And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Choir sings verse 3

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. BACH (1685-1750)

CATHEDRAL BASILICA CHOIR

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II 5:00 PM Justin Moore, Trombone

Mark Loria, Organist

Charlene Angelini, Conductor

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy 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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The Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel is open for visits and prayer during Basilica hours. Information about these hours can be found on the Cathedral Basilica website, http://cathedralphila.org/.

Pilgrimages to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel are encouraged. Outside of the parish Mass schedule, it is possible to offer Mass at the Drexel Family altar adjacent to the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel. Please contact the Parish Office, 215-561-1313.

You are welcome to present intentions and petitions to be placed at the Tomb of Saint Katharine, asking her heavenly assistance. You may place these intentions and petitions in the offering basket at Mass or send them to the Cathedral Parish Office, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

NOVENA TO SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

The Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel begins on February 22 and concludes on March 2.

FEAST OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

The Feast of Saint Katharine Drexel is March 3.

MEMORIAL OF THE TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL TO THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

This Memorial is observed only at the Cathedral Basilica on August 2 with a votive Mass of Saint Katharine Drexel

THURSDAY NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

This prayer is prayed following Mass each Thursday at the Cathedral Basilica. Thursday is the day of the Holy Eucharist. Saint Katharine Drexel's life and work was rooted in the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, the Most Blessed Sacrament. So, it is fitting that the Perpetual Novena to Saint Katharine Drexel takes place each Thursday of the week. You are welcome to make use of the prayer at any time.

Let us pray.

All praise and thanks to the Most Blessed Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We honor you when we acclaim all those who share your life in eternal glory, our Mother Mary, all the angels and saints. We come before you, Father, in your Holy Spirit, as we follow the way of your Son, Jesus, to ask the heavenly aid of Saint Katharine Drexel. Her sacred relics in this Mother Church remind us that she is numbered among the Saints in heaven.

Your divine grace led Saint Katharine Drexel to give herself completely over to your service in the Church in imitation of the poor Savior, attending to the least, as a virgin foundress and a laborer for the justice of the Gospel. Her strength, virtue and fortitude came from her unwavering devotion to the Mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament.

Hear us now, we pray, as we bring to you our many prayers, petitions and intentions through the intercession of Saint Katharine Drexel.

Pause for the silent mention of prayers, petitions and intentions.

O holy and Triune God, our faith fills us with confidence as we bring our many needs to you, trusting in the unfailing assistance of those in your everlasting company, most especially our Philadelphia Saint.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN IN HONOR OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

The Hymn in Honor of Saint Katharine Drexel, written for the occasion of the Solemn Installation of her Tomb, on November 18, 2018, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, can be found on the website, saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com.

You are encouraged to make use of the Hymn on the Feast Day of Saint Katharine Drexel and other similar celebrations in her honor. Permission to use the hymn is obtained from International Liturgy Publications, https://www.ilpmusic.org/.

THE CATHEDRAL SHOP

The Cathedral Shop is open on Sundays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The shop carries religious and devotional articles for Saint Katharine Drexel as well as biographies of our Philadelphia Saint. These same items in larger quantities can be ordered through our Cathedral Shop.

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Please support the development for the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica and the many ways to promote devotion to her with a contribution of the SKD Development Fund. If you would like to make a contribution to the SKD Development Fund, you may do so by mailing it in care of the SKD Development Funed, Cathedral Parish Office, 1723 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please see the website, saintkatharinedrexelshrine.com, for information updates on activities surrounding the Tomb of Saint Katharine Drexel, for catechetical information, media resources.

INVOCATION TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast down to hell Satan and the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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