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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: *Maestà* - Duccio di Buoninsegna (d. 1319, Siena, Italy) In 1308, Duccio was commissioned to paint a large altarpiece by the city of Siena. This altarpiece, the *Maestà*, was installed on the high altar of the Siena Cathedral. It adorned the high altar of the cathedral for over four centuries.

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.

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, 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, 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.

angels 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. Oyd, oyd una cosa

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

English translation, sung in Spanish

Hear this divine news: gracious and beautiful, the One who was raised by the generous maiden tonight was born from her.

Hear what a happy new thing, what a joyful thing: Oh, the new Eve gave birth to the Son of the beloved God.

Feel with care this beautiful feat: the One who was raised by the generous maiden tonight was born from her.

Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

GINA RICCI, Soprano soloist

Lully, lullay, Thou little tiny Child, Bye, bye, lully, lullay. Lullay, thou little tiny Child, Bye, bye, lully, lullay. O sisters too, how may we do, For to preserve this day This poor youngling for whom we do sing Bye, bye, lully, lullay. Herod, the king, in his raging, Charged he hath this day His men of might, in his owne sight, All young children to slay. That woe is me, poor Child for Thee! And ever mourn and sigh, For thy parting neither say nor sing, Bye, bye, lully, lullay.

Wexford Carol

arr. Steve Heitzer

CATHEDRAL BRASS

Carol	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	MENDELSSOHN
Please join in singing		s Wesley (1707-1788), alt. vid 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, "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!"

ET MISERICORDIA from "Magnificat"

Kim André Arnesen (b.1980)

FRANCES MELGREN, Soprano soloist

English translation, sung in Latin And His mercy is for those who fear Him. EVERY VALLEY

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) Jason Berger, *soloist*

Every valley shall be exalted And ev'ry moutain and hill made low The crooked straight And the rough places plain

O magnum mysterium

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

English translation, sung in Latin O great mystery and wonderful sacrament that even the animals saw the new-born Lord lying in a manger. Blessed Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear our Lord Christ.

MAGNIFICAT

Ēriks Ešenvalds (b. 1977)

Jessica Kerler, Alto soloist

English translation, sung in Latin

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

AVE MARIA

Franz Biebl (1906-2001) Arr. Mark Loria

CATHEDRAL BASILICA BRASS

O VIRTUS SAPIENTIAE

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

English translation, sung in Latin O strength of Wisdom who, circling, circle, enclosing all in one lifegiving path, three wings you have: one soars to the heights, one distills its essence upon the earth, and the third is everywhere. Praise to you, as it is fitting, O Wisdom.

In dulci jubilo

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

MARK LORIA, organ

VIRGIN GREAT AND GLORIOUS

Leo Nestor (1948-2019) Arr. Mark Loria

Virgin great and glorious, Bearing God's own Son for us, Far above all things of earth, Shine your purity and worth. *Ave Mater Domini!* Ave, Mother of the Lord! *Filium laudemus Dei!* Sing the Son, by all adored!

How can human voices raise Honor worthy of your praise! Through your Son, O maiden queen, we are given gifts supreme. *Ave Mater Domini!* Ave, Mother of the Lord! *Filium laudemus Dei!* Sing the Son, by all adored!

God has graced you evermore Through his Son whom hosts adore. God himself has shown the way, Therefore we do homage pay. *Ave Mater Domini!* Ave, Mother of the Lord! *Filium laudemus Dei!* Sing the Son, by all adored! *Ave Mater Domini!* Ave, Mother of the Lord! CAROL Please join in singing SILENT NIGHT

STILLE NACHT Franz X. Gruber (1787-1863) Arr. Ryan James Brandau

ilent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar; heav'nly host sing alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.



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 Nativity Scene

CELEBRATION of MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL ADESTE FIDELES Tune and Text: John Francis Wade, 1711-1786 Introduction and vss. 1-3, arr. Richard Webster Verse 4, arr. David Willcocks



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

Modie 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.

Chant

Mass during the Night	Dominus dixit ad me	Chant
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🎧 ominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te. The Lord said to me: Thou art my Son, today I have begotten Thee.

PUER NATUS MASS DURING THE DAY Chant

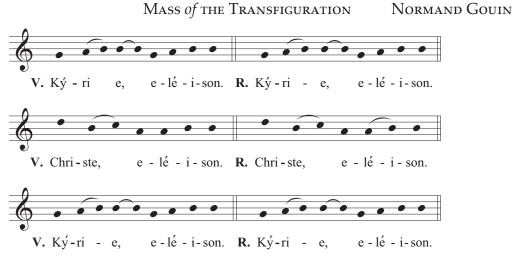


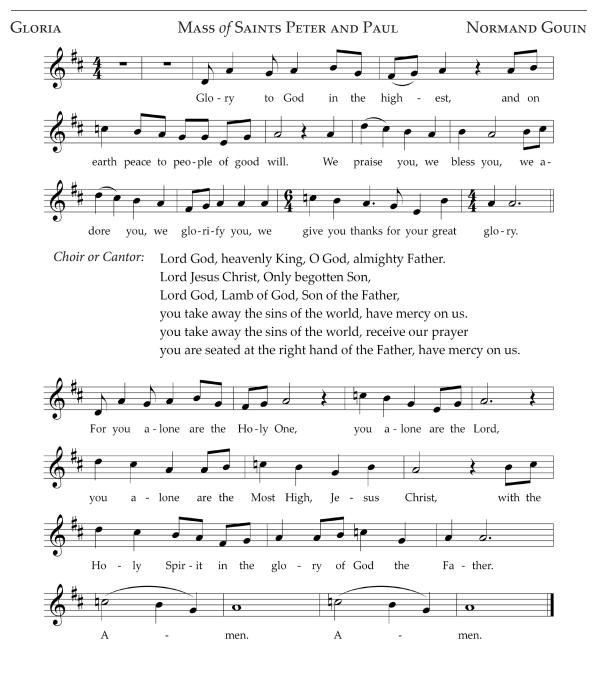
uer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius imperium super humerum eius: et vocabitur nomen eius, magni consilii Angelus.

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





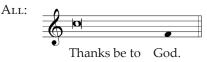
Collect

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Mass at the Vigil - $7:30$	<i>PM</i> Read in English. See translation below.	Isaiah 62:1-5
	The Lord delights in you.	Word & Song, p. 78
Mass during the Night		Isaiah 9:1-6
	A Son is given us.	Word & Song, p. 82
Mass at Dawn		Isaiah 62:11-12
	Behold, your Savior comes!	Word & Song, p. 85
Mass during the Day		Isaiah 52:7-10
All the ends of t	he earth will behold the salvation of our God.	Word & Song, p. 87
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Response after the reading:



PRIMERA LECTURA 7:30 PM - Spanish translation, read in English

Isaías 62, 1-5

Lectura del libro del profeta Isaías

Por amor a Sión no me callaré y por amor a Jerusalén no me daré reposo,

hasta que surja en ella esplendoroso el justo

y brille su salvación como una antorcha.

Entonces las naciones verán tu justicia, y tu gloria todos los reyes.

Te llamarán con un nombre nuevo, pronunciado por la boca del Señor.

Serás corona de gloria en la mano del Señor

y diadema real en la palma de su mano.

Ya no te llamarán "Abandonada", ni a tu tierra, "Desolada";

a ti te llamarán "Mi complacencia" y a tu tierra, "Desposada",

porque el Señor se ha complacido en ti y se ha desposado con tu tierra.

Como un joven se desposa con una doncella, se desposará contigo tu hacedor;

como el esposo se alegra con la esposa, así se alegrará tu Dios contigo.

The word of the Lord. **ALL**/*Todos:* **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm



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SECOND READING

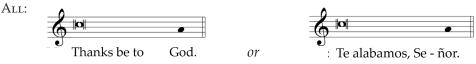
5:00 PM & 7:30 PM - Read in Spanish. See translation below.

Mass at the Vigil Астя 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. HEBREWS 1:1-6

MASS DURING THE DAY

God has spoken to us through the Son.

Response after the reading:



Segunda Lectura

HECHOS de LOS APÓSTOLES 13, 16-17. 22-25

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 God-fearing, 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 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.""

Palabra de Dios. The word of the Lord. Todos/All: Te alabamos, Señor.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Christmastime Alleluia

Please repeat after the Cantor, and following the verse.



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Verse at the Vigil

5:00 PM - Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will reign over us.

7:30 PM - Mañana será destruida la maldad en la tierra y reinará sobre nosotros el Salvador del mundo.

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 - 7:30 PM Read in English. See translation below.	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



Response After the Gospel

All:

Praise to you, Lord Je _ sus Christ.

Evangelio

Матео 1, 1-25

The Lord be with you. El Señor esté con vosotros. All/Todos: And with your spirit. Y con tu espíritu.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Del santo Evangelio según san Mateo All/Todos: Glory to you, O Lord. Gloria a ti, Señor. Genealogía de Jesucristo, Hijo de David, hijo de Abraham: Abraham engendró a Isaac, Isaac a Jacob, Jacob a Judá y a sus hermanos; Judá engendró de Tamar a Fares y a Zará; Fares a Esrom, Esrom a Aram, Aram a Aminadab, Aminadab a Naasón, Naasón a Salmón, Salmón engendró de Rajab a Booz; Booz engendró de Rut a Obed, Obed a Jesé, y Jesé al rey David.

David engendró de la mujer de Urías a Salomón, Salomón a Roboam, Roboam a Abiá, Abiá a Asaf, Asaf a Josafat, Josafat a Joram, Joram a Ozías, Ozías a Joatam, Joatam a Acaz, Acaz a Ezequías, Ezequías a Manasés, Manasés a Amón, Amón a Josías, Josías engendró a Jeconías y a sus hermanos durante el destierro en Babilonia.

Después del destierro en Babilonia, Jeconías engendró a Salatiel, Salatiel a Zorobabel, Zorobabel a Abiud, Abiud a Eliaquim, Eliaquim a Azor, Azor a Sadoc, Sadoc a Aquim, Aquim a Eliud, Eliud a Eleazar, Eleazar a Matán, Matán a Jacob, y Jacob engendró a José, el esposo de María, de la cual nació Jesús, llamado Cristo.

De modo que el total de generaciones, desde Abraham hasta David, es de catorce; desde David hasta la deportación a Babilonia, es de catorce, y desde la deportación a Babilonia hasta Cristo, es de catorce.

Cristo vino al mundo de la siguiente manera: Estando María, su madre, desposada con José, y antes de que vivieran juntos, sucedió que ella, por obra del Espíritu Santo, estaba esperando un hijo. José, su esposo, que era hombre justo, no queriendo ponerla en evidencia, pensó dejarla en secreto.

Mientras pensaba en estas cosas, un ángel del Señor le dijo en sueños: "José, hijo de David, no dudes en recibir en tu casa a María, tu esposa, porque ella ha concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo. Dará a luz un hijo y tú le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados".

Todo esto sucedió para que se cumpliera lo que había dicho el Señor por boca del profeta Isaías:

He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo,

a quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.

Cuando José despertó de aquel sueño,

hizo lo que le había mandado el ángel del Señor y recibió a su esposa.

Y sin que él hubiera tenido relaciones con ella,

María dio a luz un hijo y él le puso por nombre Jesús.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Palabra del Señor*.

All/Todos: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.

Homily

NICENE CREED

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

A BABE IS BORN (Op. 55) Cathedral Basilica Choir

WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

A babe is born all of a may, To bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. *Veni Creator Spiritus.* (Come, Creator Spirit)

At Bethlehem, that blessed place, The child of bliss now born he was; And him to serve God give us grace, *O lux beata Trinitas.* (O Trinity of blessed light)

There came three kings out of the East, To worship the King that is so free, With gold and myrrh and frankincense, *A solis ortus cardine.* (from the rising of the sun)

The angels came down with one cry, A fair song that night sung they In worship of that child: *Gloria tibi Domine!* (Glory to thee, O Lord!)

A babe is born all of a may, To bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. *Veni Creator Spiritus, Noel!* (Come, Creator Spirit, Noel!)

7:30 PM

Noche de Paz / Silent Night Please see next page

STILLE NACHT

8:00 AM

ANGELS, WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH Please see text on page 3

GLORIA



You may make your offering for the support of our Cathedral Parish with the use of this QR code. This offering is joined to your personal offering united with the Sacrifice of Christ at the altar.

Noche de Paz / Silent Night

Please sing all verses

7:30 PM

ilent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

¡Noche de paz, noche de_amor! Todo duerme_en derredor, Entre los astros que_esparcen su luz, Bella_anunciando_al niño Jesús, Brilla la_estrella de paz, Brilla la_estrella de paz.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar; heav'nly host sing alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

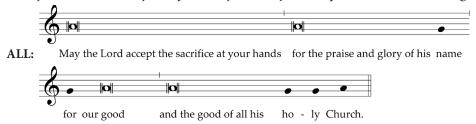
¡Noche de paz, noche de amor! Oye humilde el fiel pastor Coros celestes que anuncian salud, Gracias y glorias en gran plenitud, Por nuestro buen Redentor, Por nuestro buen Redentor.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

¡Noche de paz, noche de amor! Mira qué gran resplandor Luce_en el rostro del niño Jesús, En el pesebre, del mundo la luz, Astro de eterno fulgor, Astro de eterno fulgor.

Text: Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht; Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848; English tr. by John F. Young, 1820–1885; Spanish tr. by Federico Fliedner, 1845–1901 Tune: STILLE NACHT, 66 89 66; Franz X. Gruber, 1787–1863

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

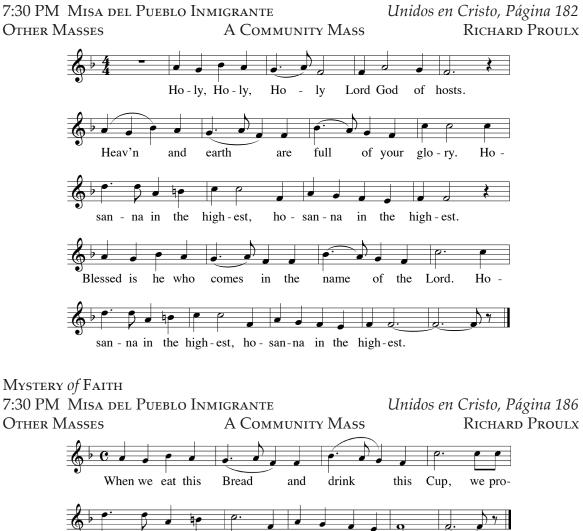


PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III 7:30 PM (prayed in Spanish)

In English, Word & Song, Page 19 En Español, Unidos en Cristo, Página 190

Sanctus



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your Death, O

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Lord, un - til you come a - gain.



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COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

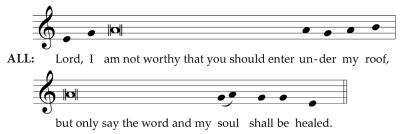
RITE of PEACE



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. See guidance on page 29.

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.



Mass at the Vigil REVELABITUR GLORIA DOMINI Chant 7:30 PM - Sung in Spanish elvelabitur 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 🔏 n 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 Chant iderunt omnes fines terrae salutare Dei nostri. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation which comes from our God. THE GLORY *of* THE LORD Mass at the Vigil **RICHARD J. CLARK** The glo-ry of the Lord will be re-vealed, and all flesh will see the sal-va-tion of our God. Music copyright © 2016, World Library Publications. All rights reserved. MASS DURING THE NIGHT THE WORD BECAME FLESH **RICHARD J. CLARK** Word The be came flesh. and we have seen his glo ry. Music (except Antiphon melody) copyright © 2016, World Library Publications. All rights reserved. Mass during the Day All the Ends of the Earth **RICHARD J. CLARK** All the ends of the earth have seen the sal-va-tion of our God. Music copyright © 2016, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL English carol, 17th cent. arr. David Willcocks

 The first Nowell the angel 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:



- And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from country far; To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went: (*Refrain*)
- 3. Then enter'd in those wise men three, Full rev'rently upon their knee, And offer'd there in his presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense: (*Refrain*)
- 4. The let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And with his blood mankind hath bought: (*Refrain*)

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

Hymn <i>of</i> Praise	Cantique <i>de</i> Noël	Adolphe Adam
	O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,	(1803-1856)
	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!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Concluding Rites

Greeting, Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

RECESSIONAL - 7:30 PM see next page

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 nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

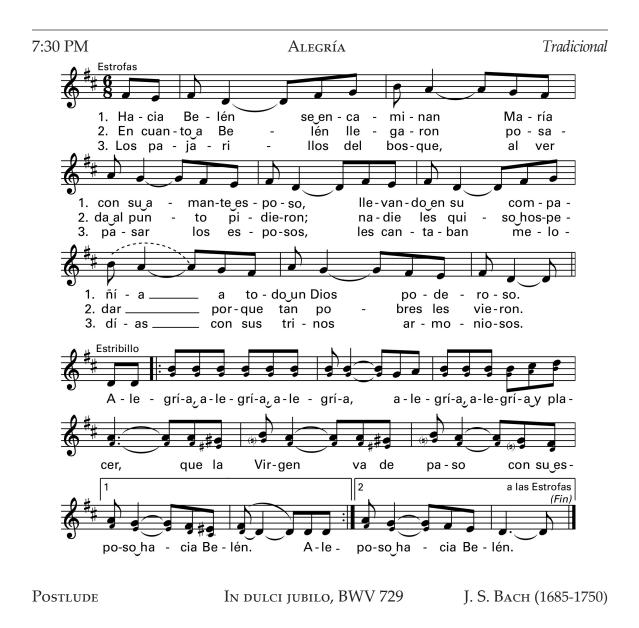
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Choir sings verse 3



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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.

The Shrine *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 Shrine of Saint Katharine Drexel website, www.saintkatharinedrexelshrine.org and on the Cathedral Basilica website, http://cathedralphila.org/.

Pilgrimages to and retreats at 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 associate shrine director at DrexelShrine@archphila.com or visit the website to access the Pilgrimage Planning Guide.

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 petitions' collection by her tomb or submit them through the Shrine's website, www. saintkatharinedrexelshrine.org.

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.org.

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 Fund, 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.

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Masses within the Octave of Christmas

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sunday, December 29

5:15 PM Anticipated Mass in the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, December 28 8:00 AM Mass, 9:30 AM Mass in the Cathedral Basilica 11:00 AM Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica for the Opening of the Jubilee Year 12:30 PM Mass in the Cathedral Chapel in Spanish 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica

> Masses for New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2025 A Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, New Year's Eve, December 31, 2024 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass in the Cathedral Chapel 11:00 PM Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral Basilica

Wednesday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2025

12:00 Midnight, Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica 8:00 AM Mass, 10:00 AM Mass and 12 Noon, Solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica *There is no evening Mass on January 1*

Confessions

Saturday, December 28 at 4:15 PM in the Cathedral Basilica Sunday, December 29 at 9:00 AM in the Cathedral Basilica 12 Noon in the Cathedral Chapel in Spanish and 5:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica