



**THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

St. Andrew Catholic Church
December 2024



Welcome

to Saint Andrew Catholic Church
and to this celebration of The Nativity of the Lord.

Many different paths have led us here today,
yet we gather as *one* family to rejoice and celebrate the birth of Christ.
To those from far and near, we welcome you.

In the spirit of this joyful solemnity,
please join in all the spoken and sung prayers of the liturgy.
Let us raise our voices together, proclaiming the good news:
“Jesus Christ is born!”



The first thirty pages of the Breaking Bread missal in your pew
contain all the spoken responses and prayers of the liturgy.

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS VIGIL, NIGHT, AND DAY LITURGIES


Choral music texts for the 10:00 Mass in the Night are found on the final pages of this worship aid.

+ INTRODUCTORY RITES +


Gathering Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful


Verses



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, †
3. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, †




1. come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
3. Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n;




1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain



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



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

Text: John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786; translated by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, John F. Wade.

Greeting

Penitential Act

Glory to God

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, O
God, al-might-y Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you
take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are — seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most — High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men, a — men.

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Opening Prayer



+ LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89

Forever I Will Sing



♩. For ev - er I will sing the good - ness of the Lord.

Psalm 96


Today is Born Our Savior



♩. To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

Psalm 97

A Light Will Shine on Us



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

Psalm 98

All the Ends of the Earth



♩. All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing pow - er of God.

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New Testament Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel

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.

Prayers of the Faithful

+ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST +

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are
 4. For, lo, the days are has - tening on, By proph - et

1. song of old, From an - gels bend - ing near the
 2. wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic
 3. bend - ing low, Who toil a - long the climb - ing
 4. bards fore - told, When with the ev - er - cir - cling

1. earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good
 2. floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A - bove its sad and
 3. way With pain - ful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and
 4. years Comes 'round the age of gold; When peace shall o - ver

1. will to all From heav'n's all gra - cious King;" The
 2. low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing, And
 3. gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing: O
 4. all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling, And

1. world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
 2. ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 3. rest be - side the wea - ry road And hear the an - gels sing.
 4. all the world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876, alt. Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900, alt.

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer and Acclamations

Holy

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord - God - of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res-ur - rec-tion un - til you come a - gain.

Great Amen

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict



A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.

+ COMMUNION RITE +

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

The Breaking of the Bread

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us world, grant us peace.

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Communion Song

Silent Night



1. Si-lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round you
2. Si-lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
3. Si-lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant



1. Vir - gin Moth-er and child! Ho - ly in-fant so ten-der and mild,
2. stream from heav-en a - far; Heav'n-ly hosts_ sing "Al - le - lu - ia!
3. beams from thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re-deem - ing grace,



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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, | Sleep in heav-en-ly peace. |
| 2. Christ the Sav-ior is born, | Christ the Sav-ior is born." |
| 3. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, | Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. |

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. by John F. Young, 1820-1885. Music: Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863.

Communion

Today is Born Our Savior



To - day is born our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ the Lord.

*Phrase repeated final time.

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Choral Reflection

Sung by the Choir at the 10:00 PM Mass only. Text is found on the following pages.

Prayer after Communion

+ CONCLUDING RITES +

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Forth

Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



1. And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



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Text: French, ca. 18th century; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London. 1862. Music: GLORIA, Traditional French Carol.

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Gloria In Excelsis Deo!

Choral Music Texts for the 10:00 PM Mass in the Night

Listed alphabetically.

Away in a Manger (Forever Amen)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed;
the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky look down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
the little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Amen.

Text: Traditional Carol, alternate text for stanzas 2 and 3 by Phil Wickham.
Music: Traditional Carol, setting by Phil Wickham, arranged by Molly Ijames.
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Gaudete

Gaudete! Gaudete! Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine, Gaudete!
(Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary, Rejoice!)

Now the time has come at last, bringing joy and gladness;
Time foretold by sages past, healing earth's deep sadness.

Nature marvels at the sight, earth looks on in wonder;
For the Lord of love and light rends the heav'ns asunder!

Christ is born: Emmanuel, hope of ev'ry nation!
Therefore, let us sing noel with the whole creation!

Text: 14th Century Latin carol. English translation by Michael Burkhardt.
Music: from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.
Arrangement: Michael Burkhardt © 2015 Birnamwood Publications. All rights reserved.

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, 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 midwinter, long ago.

Our God heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain.
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus, 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.
What I can I give him; Give him my heart.

Text: Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894; Music: Gustave Holst, 1874-1934.
Arranged by Albin C. Whitworth © 1985, Carl Fischer, Inc. All rights reserved.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, this Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.
O Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air.
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere;
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our ev'ry load.

Text: based on Isaiah 11:1 traditional German Carol, 15th century.
Music: ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN, harmonized by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

Peace Child

Peace Child....Peace Child....

In the sleep of the night, in the dark before light
You come, in the silence of stars, in the violence of wars –
Savior, your name.
To the road and the storm, to the gun and the bomb
You come, through the hate and the hurt, thru the hunger and dirt –
bearing a dream.
To our dark and our sleep, to the conflict we reap
now come be your dream born alive, held in hope, wrapped in love:
God's true shalom.

Text: Shirley Elrena Murray © 1992 by Hope Publishing Company.
Music: Rob Glover © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc.

Rosa Mystica

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia!
For in that rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space:
Res Miranda! (O wondrous thing!)
By that rose we well may see, there be One God in Persons Three;
Pares forma! (Incomparable, perfect form.)
The angels sang, the shepherds too:
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gaudeamus! (Glory to God in the highest! Let us rejoice!)
Leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyful birth:
Transeamus! (Let us pass over.)

Traditional text
Music: Chrysogonus Waddell, OCSO © 1996, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

The Virgin's Slumber Song

Amid the roses, Mary sits and rocks her Jesus child,
while amid the treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild.
And soft and sweetly sings a bird upon the bough:
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now!
Happy is Thy laughter, holy is Thy silent rest.
Lay Thy head in slumber, fondly on Thy mother's breast.
Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now!

Text: Martin Boelitz, English version by Ed. Teschemacher.
Music: Max Reger, Opus 76, No. 52. Arranged by Anton Beckers © G. Schirmer, Inc. All rights reserved.

