

COMMUNION HYMN

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

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| <p>1. 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 mid-winter,
Long ago.</p> | <p>3. Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But his mother only,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshiped the Beloved
With a kiss.</p> |
| <p>2. 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 mid-winter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.</p> | <p>4. What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him—
Give my heart.</p> |

Please Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! The Sav - ior reigns; Let men their
3. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let eve - ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his right - eous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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The Holy Family

Welcome to St. Nicholas!

Please help us to preserve the sanctity of this time and space by maintaining a reverent **silence** before and after the liturgy.



Please Stand

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lk. 2: 16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

OPENING HYMN

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose birth the
3. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of

1. o'er the plains; And the moun - tains in re - ply,
2. an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee
3. an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

1. Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
2. Christ the Lord, the new - born King. Gló -
3. While our hearts in love we raise.

- - - ri - a in ex - cél - sis De - o!
Gló - - - - - ri - a
in ex - cél - sis De - o!

Please Stand

GREETING *Rx*: And with your Spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

Glory 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.

KYRIE *Rx*: Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

“..Abram put his faith in the Lord..”

Please Sit

Please Sit

Responsorial: Cf. Ps 128

Bless - ed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 “..God was able to raise even from the dead..”

Gospel Acclamation

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

☩ Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Col 3: 15a, 16a

Gospel Luke 2: 22-40 “Behold, this child is destined..”

Please Stand

Please Sit

HOMILY

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

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,

(bow) 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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

☩: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
3. by me for ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The
2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Please Stand

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SANCTUS

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Please Kneel

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Mystery of Faith

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

GREAT AMEN

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

Please Stand

THE LORD'S PRAYER + SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

Please Kneel

At the Conclusion of Lamb of God please kneel

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bar 3: 38

Our God has ap - peared on the earth, and lived a - mong us.

After Receiving communion, Please Kneel or sit

COMMUNION HYMN

SILENT NIGHT

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| 1. Silent 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. | 2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!"
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!" | 3. 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. |
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