

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R: Amen

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

ℝ′: Thanks be to God.

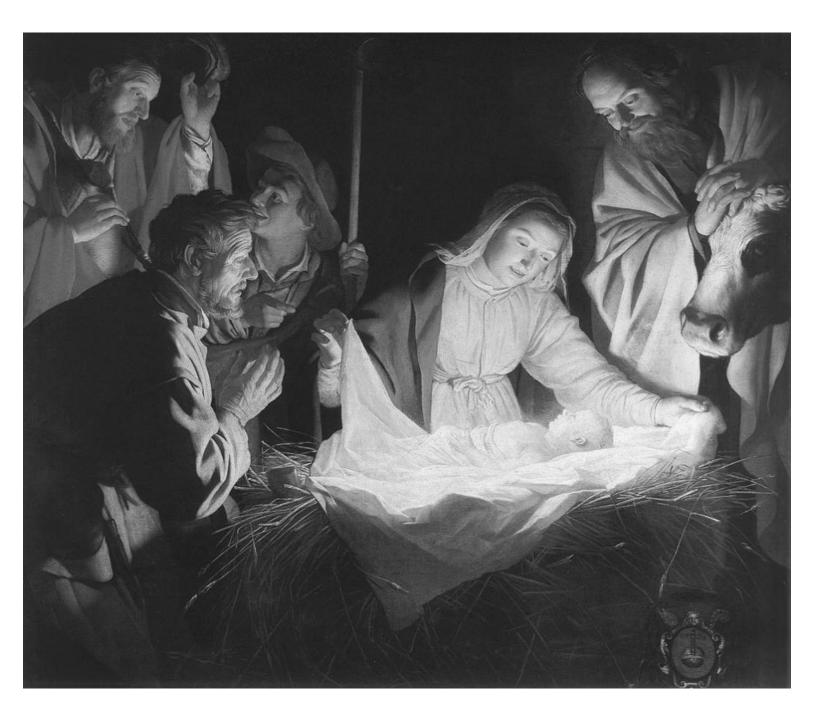
JOY TO THE WORLD



Merry Christmas!

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25th 2021



Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

Cf. Is 9: 1, 5; Lk 1: 33



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.

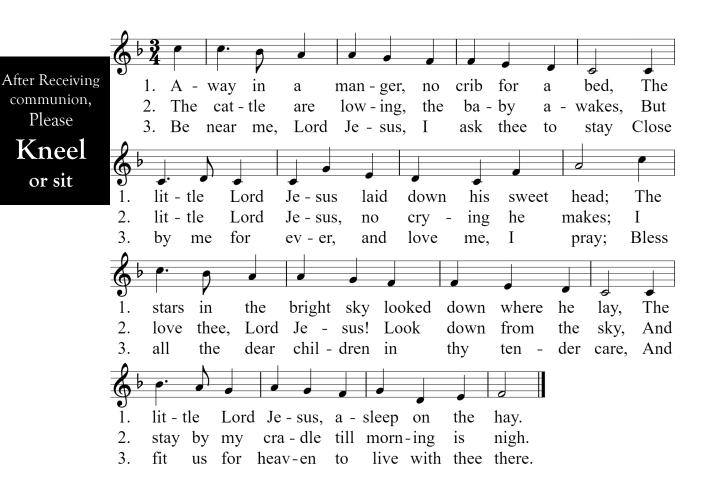
OPENING HYMN

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

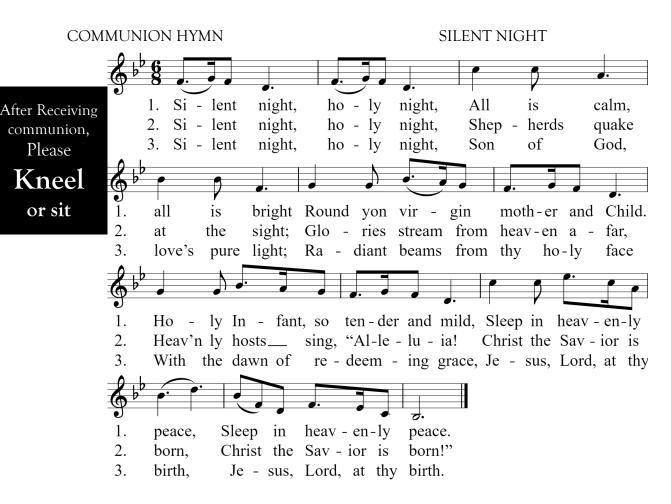




AWAY IN A MANGER



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O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

- 1. O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by;
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting Light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee tonight!
- 2. For Christ is born of Mary,
 And gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wond'ring love.
 O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth,
 And praises sing to God the King,
 And peace to men on earth!
- 3. How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of his heav'n.
 No ear may hear his coming,
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.
- 4. O holy Child of Bethlehem!
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in,
 Be born in us today!
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord, Emmanuel!

GREETING R: 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.

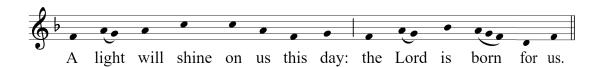
LITURGY OF THE WORD



First Reading: Isaiah 62: 11–12

"They shall be called the holy people the redeemed of the LORD."

Responsorial: Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12



Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

"...He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit ..."



GOSPEL

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

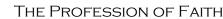
Luke 32:10-11

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

"... While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son..."



HOMILY



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,

(kneel) 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

R: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please Sit Preparation of the Altar

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH





SANCTUS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



Priest: The Mystery of Faith

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death O Lord, until you come again

GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER + SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

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.



At the Conclusion of Lamb of God please kneel

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

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

<u>Reception of Communion</u>: The Eucharist is extremely sacred to Catholics. Practicing Catholics who are properly disposed are invited to come forward to receive Communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like a blessing) or they may remain at their seat. If you have questions or would like to receive communion for the first time/return to receiving, please see Fr. Mark.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Savior of the world.

cf. Zechariah 9: 9