

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

℟: Amen

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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

℟: Thanks be to God.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild
 last - ing Lord; Late in time be - hold him come,
 Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
 Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25TH 2020



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

Merry Christmas!



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.

After Receiving
communion,
Please
Kneel
or sit

OPENING HYMN

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Please
Stand



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,
4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -



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;
4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.



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;
4. Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -



come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw a star
3. And by the light of that same star
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three,
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;
3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;
4. O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5. Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee,
6. Sing prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;

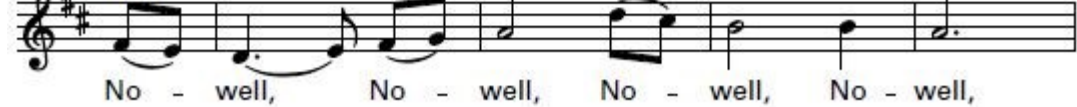


1. In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the earth it gave great light,
3. To seek for a king was their in - tent,
4. And there it did both stop and stay,
5. And of - fered there, in his pres - ence,
6. Who with the Fa - ther we a - dore

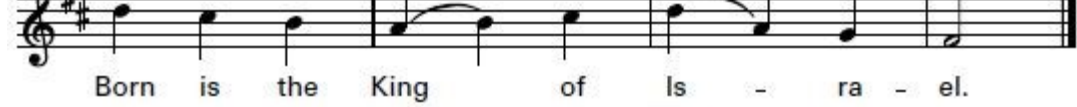


1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
6. And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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Please
Kneel
or sit



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

SILENT NIGHT



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



1. Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and child! Ho - ly in - fant so
2. Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing
3. Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re -



1. ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly
2. "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is
3. deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



1. peace. 2. born." 3. birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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

Please Sit

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-6 *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.."*

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



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

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7 *"...He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit ..."*

Please Stand

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..."*

Please Sit

HOMILY

Please Stand

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,

(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 *℟:* Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please Sit

Preparation of the Altar

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



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



1. o'er the plains, And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o
2. strains pro-long? Say what may the tid - ings be Which in -
3. an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the
4. praise a - bove; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we



1. back their joy - ous strains.
2. spire your heav'n-ly song?
3. Lord, the new-born King.
4. raise our hearts in love.



Glo - ri - a



in ex-cel-sis De - o! De - o!



De - o! In ex-cel-sis De - o!

Please Stand

SANCTUS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please Kneel

Priest: The Mystery of Faith

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

GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI



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



world, grant us, grant us peace.

Please Kneel

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.

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

Reception of Communion: 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