



CHRISTMAS DAY

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THE PARISH MASS

The Introductory Rites

When the bell rings we stand

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus
Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Be it unto me according to thy word

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus
Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

And the Word was made flesh.
and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Pour forth we beseech thee O Lord thy grace into our hearts that as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross and Passion, we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

We sing our first hymn

Christians, awake, salute the happy morn whereon the Saviour of the world was born; rise to adore the mystery of love, which hosts of angels chanted from above; with them the joyful tidings first begun of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,

who heard th'angelic herald's voice:

"Behold

I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth to you and all the nations upon earth: this day hath God fulfilled his promised word, this day is born a Saviour Christ the Lord

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL
AND MAY THE NEW YEAR
BRING YOU JOY, PEACE
AND LOVE IN THE LORD AND
FOR YOUR FELLOW MAN.**



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**O may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost man-
kind!**

**Trace we the babe, who hath retrieved our
loss,
from his poor manger to his bitter cross.
Tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,
till man's first heavenly state again takes
place.**

**Then may we hope, th'angelic hosts
among,
to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song;
he that was born upon this joyful day
around us all his glory shall display;
saved by his love, incessant we shall sing
eternal praise to heav'n's almighty King.**

Priest: ✠ In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit

People: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you
People: **And with your spirit.**

*The Mass is introduced along with its intention and
theme and we are invited to confess our sins*

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us
acknowledge our sins, and so
prepare ourselves to celebrate the
sacred mysteries.

Choir: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God
and Prince of Peace: Kyrie eleison.

People: **Kyrie eleison**

Choir: You are the Son of God and the
Son of Mary: Christe eleison.

People: **Christe eleison**

Choir: You are the Word made Flesh, the
splendour of the Father:
Kyrie eleison.

People: **Kyrie eleison (eleison)**

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring
us to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

The Gloria in excelsis now follows

People:

**Glory to God! Our hearts we raise.
To you our heavenly king!
WE give you thanks, we worship you
As we your praises sing.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God,
You banish this world's sin.
Have mercy as we hail your birth
And grant us peace within.**

**O Spirit strong and yet unseen
By eyes with self so flawed.
Give us the sight that sets us free
To make your name adored.**

**'All Glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Good-will hence forth from heaven to
men
Begin and never cease.'**

The Collect or prayer for the day

Let us pray
O God, who wonderfully created the
dignity of human nature and still more
wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our
humanity.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for The First Reading

A reading from the book of the Prophet
Isaiah
Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good
news of happiness, who publishes
salvation, who says to Sion, 'Your God
reigns.' The voice of your watchmen —
they lift up their voice; together they sing
for joy; for eye to eye they see the return
of the Lord to Sion. Break forth together
into singing, you waste places of

Priest: May God, who willed that the
great joy of his Son's saving
Birth be announced to
shepherds by the Angel, fill
your minds with the
Gladness he gives and make
you heralds of his Gospel.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: And may God, who by the
Incarnation brought together
the earthly and heavenly
realm, fill you with the gift of
his peace and favour and
make you sharers with the
Church in heaven.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: And may the blessing of al
mighty God, the Father, and
the Son, †and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and
Remain with you for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Go forth the Mass is ended

People: **Thanks be to God**

We sing the final Hymn

**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!**

**God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
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,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
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!**

**People: For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours now and for ever**

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: let us offer each other sing of peace

The Breaking of the Bread

**People: 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**

We kneel

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.

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

The Communion Sentence

Priest: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

We come forward to receive Holy Communion

We sing the Communion Hymn

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His
sweet head,
the stars in the bright sky looked
down where He lay, the little Lord
Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby
awakes, but 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 for ever, and
love me, I pray. Bless all the dear
children in Thy tender care, and fit
us for heaven, to live with Thee
there**

We Stand for The Post Communion prayer

Priest: Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen

Any Notices etc may follow now.

The Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: and with your spirit.

Priest: Bow down for God's blessing

Priest: May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy day, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

People: Amen.

Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98(97):1. 2-3b. 3c-4. 5-6. □3cd

Today a Saviour has been born to us; who is Christ the Lord. who is Christ the Lord.

**Today a Saviour has been born to us;
who is Christ the Lord. who is Christ
the Lord.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

**Today a Saviour has been born to us;
who is Christ the Lord. who is Christ
the Lord.**

The Lord has made known his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations. He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Today a Saviour has been born to us;
who is Christ the Lord. who is Christ
the Lord.**

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise.

**Today a Saviour has been born to us;
who is Christ the Lord. who is Christ
the Lord.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the Lord.
**Today a Saviour has been born to us;
who is Christ the Lord. who is Christ
the Lord.**

Second Reading

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Hebrews 1:1-6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A hallowed day has shone upon us.

Come, O nations, and adore the Lord; for today a great light has come down to earth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And with your spirit.

✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
John 1:1-5,9-14

Glory to you, O Lord

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not

overcome it. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily now follows

We sit

We stand for

The Profession of Faith (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,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all 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. Amen.

The Bidding Prayers now follow

Response

Priest: Lord hear us

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Priest: ~~✠~~Rest eternal grant unto them
O Lord

People: and let light perpetual shine upon them

Priest: May they rest in peace

People: Amen

People: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

We sing the Offertory Hymn

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing. O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

If the prayers of blessing are said aloud the people respond each time

Blessed be God for ever.

We stand

Pray, my Brothers and Sisters that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The prayer over the Offerings

Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on this solemn day, when you manifested the reconciliation that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for us the fullness of divine worship. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: **And with your spirit**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just**

The Preface follows, at the end of the preface:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We Kneel

After the words of Consecration the priest says:

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: **Save us Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free**

At the conclusion of the prayer:

Through him, and with him, and in him O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

People: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer, We stand

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.