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OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

28 DECEMBER 2025

ORDER OF MASS

PRELUDE

Vigil Divinum Mysterium

10:30

12:00

9:00 Pastorale

4:30 Away in a Manger

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

Giovanni Battista Cervellini
(1752–1805)

arr. Keith Chapman
(1945–1989)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri -
2. God of God, Light of
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul -

um-phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Light, Lo! He comes from the Vir - gin's womb;
ta - tion, Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;

Come and be - hold him Born the King of An - gels;
Ve - ry God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
Glo - ry to God In the high - est:

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

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

PENITENTIAL ACT (at Noon Mass)

Assembly: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Assembly: Amen.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:



Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary:



Cantor: Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father:



GLORIA

Celebrant: *Assembly:*

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, heav - en - 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.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5



READING II

Colossians 3:12–21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Colossians 3:15a, 16a



Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

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,

(All bow during these two lines.)

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.


May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.


Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST


PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS



1. Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -
2. Cra - dled in a stall was he With sleep - y cows and
3. Her - od then with fear was filled: "A prince," he said, "in
4. Now may Mar-y's Son, who came So long a - go to
5. Al - pha and O - me - ga he! Now let the or - gan



a - tion, Came he to a world for - lorn, The
ass - es; But the ver - y beasts could see That
Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed At
love us; Lead us all with hearts a - flame Un -
thun - der, While the choir with peals of glee Shall



Lord of ev - 'ry na - tion. The Lord of ev - 'ry na - tion.
he the world sur - pass - es. That he the world sur - pass - es.
Beth-lehem in his fu - ry. At Beth-lehem in his fu - ry.
to the joys a - bove us. Un - to the joys a - bove us.
rend the air a - sun - der. Shall rend the air a - sun - der.

(Choir) *O Magnum Mystrium*


Tomás Luis de Victoria
(c. 1548– 1611)

*O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum
natum, jacentem in præsepio!
Beata virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!*


O great mystery,
and wondrous sacrament,
That animals should see the Lord
new-born and lying in a manger.
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to carry
the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

(Responsory V, Matins of Christmas)


PREFACE ACCLAMATION




Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

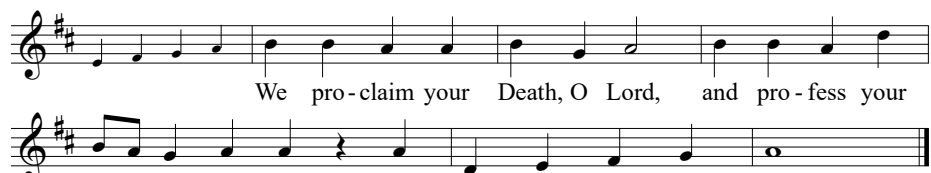


Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -




san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion, un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN



One staff of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: A-men, a-men, a-men.

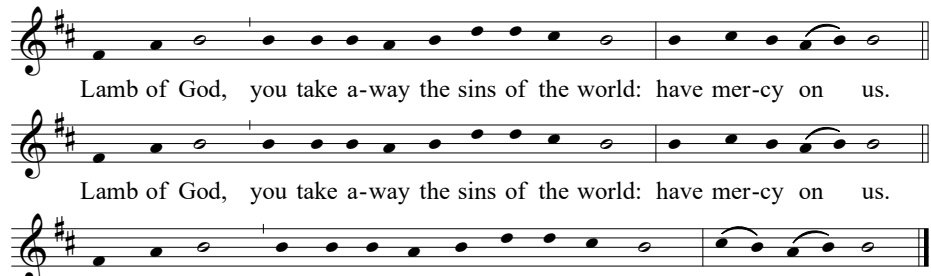
COMMUNION RITE

LORD’S PRAYER

DOXOLOGY

SIGN OF PEACE

LITANY AT THE BREAKING OF BREAD



Three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

(Choir) *Missa Brevis*
Agnus Dei

Peter Latona
(b. 1968)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

(Baruch 3:38)

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

COMMUNION PROCESSION



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is
 3. And through all his won - drous child-hood He would
 4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his
 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
 hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly
 day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in

ba - by In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y
 sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall. With the
 maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Christ - ian
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove: And he
 hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high; Where like

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 chil - dren all should be Kind, o - be - dient, good as he.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And he shares in all our glad-ness.
 leads his chil - dren on To the place where he has gone.
 stars his chil - dren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

(Choir) *Verbum caro factum est*

Hans Leo Hassler
(1564–1612)

*Verbum caro factum est,
 et habitavit in nobis,
 et vidimus gloriam ejus,
 quasi unigeniti a Patre,
 plenum gratiae et veritatis.*

The word was made flesh
 and dwelt among us;
 and we beheld his glory
 as of the only Son of the Father,
 full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14)

(Choir) *Coventry Carol*

arr. Martin Shaw
(1875–1958)

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child, by by, lully lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day,
 this poor youngling for whom we sing, by by, lully, lullay?
 Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day
 his men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.

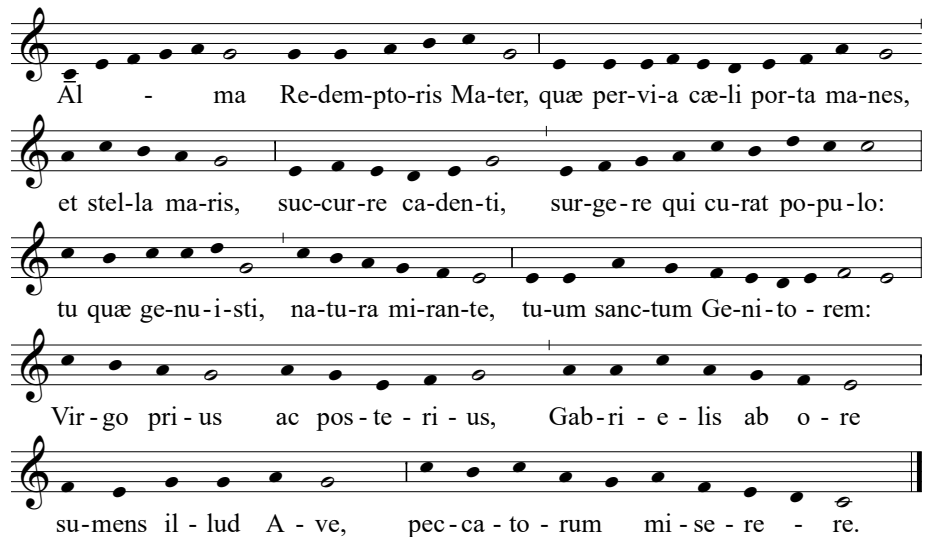
That woe is me, poor child for thee, and ever morn and day
 For thy parting nor say nor sing, by by, lully, lullay.

(16th-century English carol)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

MARIAN ANTIPHON (at Noon Mass)

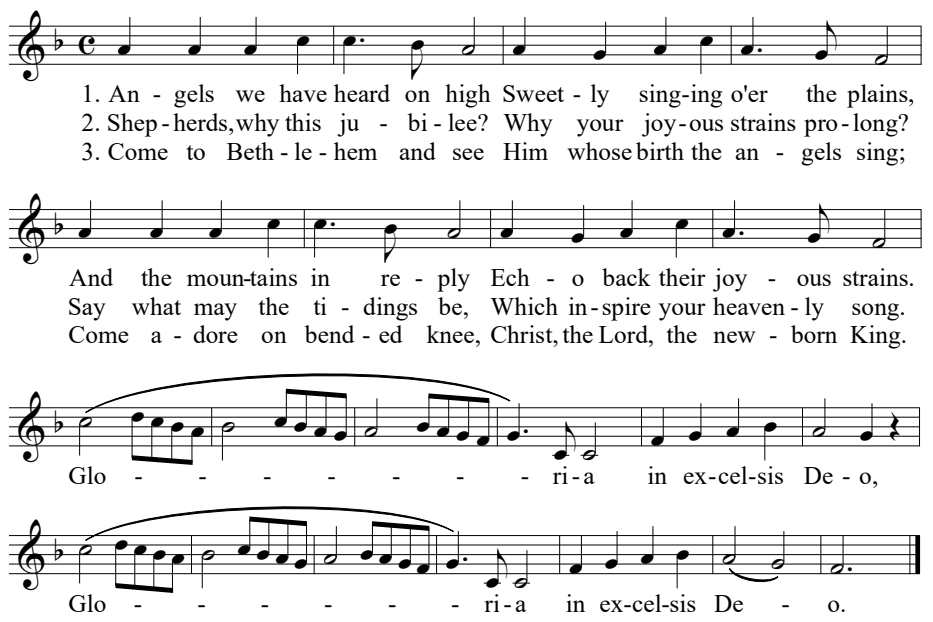


Al - ma Re-dem-pto-ris Ma-ter, quæ per-vi-a cæ-li por-ta ma-nes,
et stel-la ma-ris, suc-cur-re ca-den-ti, sur-ge-re qui cu-rat po-pu-lo:
tu quæ ge-nu-i-sti, na-tu-ra mi-ran-te, tu-um sanc-tum Ge-ni-to - rem:
Vir-go pri-us ac pos-te-ri-us, Gab-ri-e-lis ab o-re
su-mens il-lud A-ve, pec-ca-to-rum mi-se-re-re.

*Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the gate by which we mortals enter heaven,
and star of the sea, help your fallen people who strive to rise: You who gave birth,
amazing nature, to your sacred Creator: Virgin prior and following,
taking from the mouth of Gabriel that Hail! have mercy on our sins.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We ask you to respect our custom of standing in place
and singing the complete Recessional Hymn.*



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;
And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say what may the ti - dings be, Which in-spire your heaven - ly song.
Come a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Glo - - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o,
Glo - - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

POSTLUDE

<i>Vigil</i>	Toccata on <i>Vom Himmel hoch</i>	Garth Edmundson (1892–1971)
10:30		
12:00		
9:00	Sonata	Carlo Francesco Pollarolo (c. 1653–1723)
4:30	Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella	arr. Keith Chapman (1945–1989)

CHRISTMAS AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
1 January 2026

7:30 A.M. ♦ Crypt Church

4:30 P.M. (Vigil), 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M.,
2:30 P.M. (en Español) & 4:30 P.M. ♦ Great Upper Church

SOLEMN MASS AT NOON
REVEREND MONSIGNOR WALTER R. ROSSI
Rector of the Basilica
Celebrant and Homilist
Great Upper Church



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
4 January 2026

7:30 A.M. ♦ Crypt Church

4:30 P.M. (Vigil), 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M.,
2:30 P.M. (en Español) & 4:30 P.M. ♦ Great Upper Church

SOLEMN MASS AT NOON
MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA
Principal Celebrant and Homilist
Great Upper Church

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