
**THE HOLY MASS
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

The priest invites the people to recall their sins and to repent of them.

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, that we may prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After the silence, all pray

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, *They strike their breast:*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; [then they continue:] 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.

The priest says the absolution

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

The people answer:

-Amen.

The priest invites all to repent of their sins. A pause for silent reflection follows:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

COLLECT

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First reading: From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
52:7–10**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, “Your God is King!”
Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the Lord restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the Lord comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

R/. Responsorial Psalm

R All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. **R.**

The Lord has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;

break into song; sing praise. **R.**

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the Lord. **R.**

Second reading: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 1:1–6

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the 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; this day I have begotten you? Or again: I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me? And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him. **The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit..

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:1–18

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 came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

**R. Glory to you, Lord.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY
THE APOSTLE'S CREED OR PROFESSION
OF FAITH.**

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, [at the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow] who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest's Introduction

On this day (on this night, in this time) when the goodness and kindness of God our Savior have appeared, let us, dear brothers and sisters, humbly pour forth to him our prayers, trusting not in our own good works, but in his mercy.

Intentions

1. For the Church of God, that in integrity of faith she may await and may welcome with joy him whom the immaculate Virgin conceived by a word and wondrously brought to birth, let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy

2. For the progress and peace of the whole world, that what is given in time may become a reward in eternity, let us pray to the Lord.

3. For those oppressed by hunger, sickness or loneliness, that through the mystery of the Nativity of Christ they may find relief in both mind and body, let us pray to the Lord.

4. For the families of our congregation, that, receiving Christ, they may learn also to welcome him in the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

Priest's Prayer

We pray, O Lord our God, that Mary, who merited to bear God and man in her chaste womb, may commend the prayers of your faithful in your sight. Through Christ our Lord.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Deacon, or the Priest, pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

ALL STAND

Pray, brethren [brothers and sisters], that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people answer:

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 Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Make acceptable, O Lord, this solemn day's oblation by which our reconciliation has come forth, gaining your infinite favor, and inaugurating for us the fullness of divine worship. Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God [through
Christ our Lord].

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh a new
light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our
mind, so that as we recognize in him God made
visible, we may be caught up through him in love
of things invisible. And so, with Angels and
Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with
all the hosts and Powers of heaven, as we sing the
hymn of your glory without end we acclaim:

*The priest reads the preface of the day; when he
finishes, everybody say:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, [Holy, strong,
Immortal] God of Hosts, heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III

**You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have
created rightly gives you praise, for through your
Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and
working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all
things and make them holy, and you never cease
to gather a people to yourself, so that from the
rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may
be offered to your name.**

(ALL KNEEL)

**Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by
the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts
we have brought to you for consecration, that
they may become the Body and † Blood of your
Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we
celebrate these mysteries.**

**For on the night he was betrayed he himself took
bread, and giving you thanks he said the
blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his
disciples, saying:**

***TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE
GIVEN UP FOR YOU.***

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he

took the chalice, and giving you thanks he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

At the priest's invitation all sing or say:

We proclaim you Death o Lord and profess you Resurrection until You come again.

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with St. Joseph, her spouse, your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs **[with Saint N: the Saint of the day or Patron Saint]** and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unflinching help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant N. our Pope and [N.] our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the earth.

† To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom.

There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

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

***The people answer:* Amen.
(ALL STAND)**

COMMUNION RITE

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

**Ama namin, sumasalangit Ka,
Sambahin ang ngalan Mo.
Mapasaamin ang kaharian Mo.
Sundin ang Loob Mo Dito sa lupa, para lang sa langit. Bigyan Mo kami ngayon ng aming kakanin sa araw-araw. At patawarin Mo kami sa aming mga sala,**

**Para ng pagpapatawad namin
Sa mga nagkakasala sa amin.**

**At huwag Mo kaming ipahintulot sa tukso,
At iadya Mo kami sa lahat ng masama. Amen.**

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 Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

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.
Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

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.

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.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.,

Thanks be to God.

ENTRANCE: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plain
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strain

—Chorus—:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

OFFERTORY:

O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Til He appeared and the soul felt it's worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine!
O night when Christ was born
O night divine!
O night, o night divine!

COMMUNION SONGS

HARK THE HERALD

Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king"

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart
Prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love;
And wonders of His love;

ADESTE FIDELES-O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte Regem angelorum.
Venite adoremus, (2X)
Venite adoremus, Dominum.

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, (3×)
Christ the Lord.

RECESSIONAL O Sanctissima

O Sanctissima, O piissima Dulcis Virgo Maria
Mater amata, intemerata,
Ora, ora pro nobis!
Translation: Oh Most Holy, Oh most loving, sweet
Virgin Mary Beloved Mother, undefiled Pray, pray
for us!