

# The Nativity of the Lord

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Invocation

Introit Sentence

Welcome all wonders in one sight! Eternity shut in a span. Summer in winter, day in night, heaven in earth and God in man. Great little one whose all-embracing birth brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

THE GRACE (STAND)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

**SILENCE**

KYRIE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (KNEEL OR SIT)

*Please say or sing the KYRIE ELESION after each of the three petitions.*

**Kyrie Eleison.** (MERBECKE: CP 678/ HB C177)

**Christe Eleison.**

**Kyrie Eleison.**

GLORIA (STAND)

Glory be to God on high, (MERBECKE: CP 679)

**and in earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You that takes away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You that sits at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord; you only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Collect (STAND)

**Silence**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (SIT)

*After each reading, except the psalm, the reader says 'The Word of the Lord' and we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading – 1<sup>st</sup> Reader

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

ISAIAH 9:2-7

Psalm – 1<sup>st</sup> Reader

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

**Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.**

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

PSALM 96

Second Reading – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

TITUS 2:11-14

Gospel (STAND)  
Gospeller: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia PLAINSONG: CP 708

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospeller: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospeller: The Lord be with You. PLAINSONG: CP 718

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

**All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and

praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. LUKE 2:1-20

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

SERMON

(SIT)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

(KNEEL OR SIT)

*The response will be announced.*

THE PEACE

(STAND)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III - BAS P.198

(REMAIN STANDING)

Prayer over the Gifts:

(REMAIN STANDING)

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. **Amen**

SURSUM CORDA

(MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

(MERBECKE: CP 683/ HB C177)

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

(KNEEL OR STAND)

*Response to: 'Therefore, Father, according to his command' is: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven,

**All: Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, And deliver us from evil. For**

**the kingdom, the power, And the glory are yours, Now and for ever. Amen.**

**Silence**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

AGNUS DEI

(MERBECKE: CP 685/ HB C177)

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away**

**the sin of the world: Have mercy on us. Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.**

COMMUNION SENTENCE

(KNEEL OR SIT)

Celebrant: Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

**All: Lord, give us this bread always.**

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

**Silence**

(KNEEL OR SIT)

Prayer after Communion

(KNEEL OR SIT)

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**

THE SOLEMN CHRISTMAS BLESSING

(KNEEL)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL

(REMAIN STANDING)