



Holy Eucharist

December 24, 2021

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

✝ This symbol marks some traditional places within the service that people perform the sign of the cross over themselves as part of their praying and worshipping. You may perform the sign of the cross as God leads you at these traditional places, at any time, or none at all.

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**WELCOME**

*All stand as they are able.*

The Word of God

*The First Noel*

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

Then entered in those wise men three  
Full rev'rently upon the knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# 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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*All sit as they are able.*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12

*The Reader says* A Reading from the book of the prophet of Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;  
all day and all night  
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the LORD,  
take no rest,

and give him no rest  
until he establishes Jerusalem  
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand  
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain  
to be food for your enemies,  
and foreigners shall not drink the wine  
for which you have labored;  
but those who garner it shall eat it  
and praise the LORD,  
and those who gather it shall drink it  
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,  
prepare the way for the people;  
build up, build up the highway,  
clear it of stones,  
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The LORD has proclaimed  
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,  
"See, your salvation comes;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him."

They shall be called, "The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the LORD";

and you shall be called, "Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 96

*Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

**<sup>2</sup>Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to  
day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.

**<sup>4</sup>For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

**<sup>6</sup>Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

**<sup>10</sup>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.”**

<sup>11</sup>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.

**<sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes,  
when he comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with his truth.

## SECOND READING: Titus 3:3-8

*The Reader says* A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

<sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water<sup>[a]</sup> of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> The saying is sure.

I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as they are able.*

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

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye bright  
Hosts of heav'n above  
Glory to God,  
All glory 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  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
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

## GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

*Celebrant*     ✝ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were

there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of

the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All sit as they are able.*

THE SERMON

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

# THE NICENE CREED

*All stand as they are able and say.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

# THE PEACE

*All stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant gives an offertory sentence.*

*The people may place their tokens representing all they have to offer in the basket. Additionally, the children may place their money in the box for our neighbors to help with childhood cancer and covid. If you would like to give money to support the mission and ministry of Holy Family, you can do so by visiting [holyfc.org/donate](https://holyfc.org/donate) or text a dollar amount to (281) 783-3234.*

○ *Holy Night*

○ holy night the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees  
○ hear the angel voices  
    ○ night divine  
○ night when Christ was born  
    ○ night ○ holy night  
        ○ night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break  
for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord  
O praise His name forever  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.

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

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

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People sing*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord 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**

*The people stand or kneel as they are able.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to

evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for

many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father in heaven,  
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 forever. Amen.**

# The Breaking of the Bread

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All who seek God's blessing are welcome to come. If you are not yet baptized, or do not wish to receive for any reason, cross your arms over your chest and you will be given a blessing. All baptized persons are invited to receive the bread and wine. If you wish to be baptized, please let John know. Also gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*  
The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

*or with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.** †

*You're Here*

Hold on now gotta take a deep breath

I don't know what to say

when I look in Your eyes

You made the world before I was born

But here I am holding You in my arms tonight

Noel Noel  
Jesus Sovereign Emmanuel

You're here  
I'm holding You so near  
I'm staring into the face of my Savior  
King and Creator  
You could have left us on our own  
But You're here, You're here

I don't know how long I'm gonna have You for  
But I'll be watching when You change the world  
Look at Your hands they're still so small  
Someday You're gonna stretch them out  
And save us all

Noel Noel  
God with us Emmanuel

You're here  
I'm holding You so near  
I'm staring into the face of my Savior  
King and Creator  
You could have left us on our own  
But You're here, You're here

Someday I'm gonna look back on this  
The night that God became a baby boy  
Someday You're gonna go home again  
But You'll leave Your Spirit and flood  
The world with joy

You'll be here  
I'm holding You so near  
I'm staring into the face of my Savior  
King and Creator  
You could have left me on my own  
But You're here

You're here  
Hallelujah You're here  
Hallelujah You're here

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you**

with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Night*

Silent night holy night  
All is calm all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night  
Son of God love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

Silent night holy night  
Wondrous star lend thy light  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**