

# *Catholic Church of St. Mark*



✦ The Nativity of the Lord ✦  
December 25, 2025


# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Entrance Hymn

### O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES

Verses



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  $\text{‡}$   
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,  $\text{‡}$



1. come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
3. Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n;



1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O  
Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -



come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!  
ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786;  
tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.

## Greeting

## Penitential Rite

# GLORY TO GOD

*Mass of Renewal*  
Curtis Stephan

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, 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, a - men.

Collect

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

*Isaiah 52: 7-10*

Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6*



**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the sav - ing pow - er of God.**

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Second Reading

*Hebrews 1: 1-6*

Gospel Acclamation



**R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

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Gospel

*John 1: 1-18*

Homily

## Profession of Faith (Nicene 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, (bow) 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 sin, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

**R: Lord, hear our prayer**

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts Hymn

### IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

CAROL



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious  
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful  
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are  
4. For, lo, the days are has - tening on, By proph - et

1. song of old, From an - gels bend - ing near the  
2. wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic  
3. bend - ing low, Who toil a - long the climb - ing  
4. bards fore - told, When with the ev - er - cir - cling

1. earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good  
2. floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A - bove its sad and  
3. way With pain - ful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and  
4. years Comes 'round the age of gold; When peace shall o - ver

1. will to all From heav'n's all gra - cious King;" The  
2. low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing, And  
3. gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing: O  
4. all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling, And

1. world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.  
2. ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
3. rest be - side the wea - ry road And hear the an - gels sing.  
4. all the world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Text: CMD; Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876, alt. Music: Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900, alt.

Invitation to Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer

# Holy

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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# Mystery of Faith

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We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your  
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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# Amen

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A - men, a - men, a - men.

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# The Lord's Prayer Sign of Peace

## Lamb of God

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1, 2

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,

Final

have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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## Invitation to Communion

### Instruction for the Reception of Holy Communion

*Catholics who are not conscious of grave sin, and who have fasted for one hour, are encouraged to receive Holy Communion (General Instructions of the Roman Missal, no. 80; Code of Canon Law, canons 916, 919, no. 1). Those who do not receive Holy Communion may approach the altar and ask for a blessing by crossing their arms in front of their chest.*

## Communion Antiphon

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All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of our God.

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Communion Hymns


WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

Verses




1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is  
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to



1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While  
2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The  
3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Refrain



1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the  
2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
3. lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,



haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; William C. Dix, 1827-1898. Music: English melody, 16th cent.

# O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

Solemn Blessing

**R:** *And with your spirit.*

Final Blessing

**R:** *Amen.*

Dismissal

**R:** *Thanks be to God!*

Recessional Hymn

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH,

GLORIA

Verses



- 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;
- 4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



- 1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
- 2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
- 3. Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
- 4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



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