

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (DAY MASS)

## ENTRANCE HYMNS

1. Hark, the herald angels sing,  
glory to the new-born King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
joyful all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies,  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark, the herald angels sing,  
glory to the new-born King.*

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel



## 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.

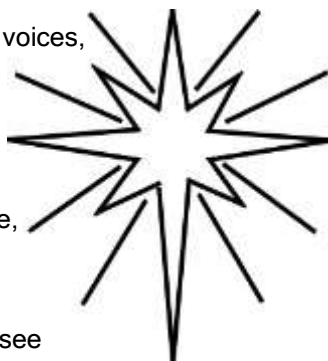
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy on us.

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

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 52:7-10  
*All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

How beautiful on the mountains,  
are the feet of one who brings good news,  
who heralds peace, brings happiness,  
proclaims salvation,  
and tells Zion,  
'Your God is king!'  
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,  
they shout for joy together,  
for they see the Lord face to face,  
as he returns to Zion.  
Break into shouts of joy together,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord is consoling his people,  
redeeming Jerusalem.  
The Lord bares his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.



The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-6. R) v.3

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

1. Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. (R.)
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 1:1-6  
*God has spoken to us through his Son.*

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:1-18  
*The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.*

\* In the beginning was the Word:  
the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the beginning.  
Through him all things came to be,  
not one thing had its being but through him.  
All that came to be had life in him  
and that life was the light of men,  
a light that shines in the dark,  
a light that darkness could not overpower. \*

A man came, sent by God.  
His name was John.

He came as a witness,  
 as a witness to speak for the light,  
 so that everyone might believe through him.  
 He was not the light,  
 only a witness to speak for the light.

\*The Word was the true light  
 that enlightens all men;  
 and he was coming into the world.  
 He was in the world  
 that had its being through him,  
 and the world did not know him.  
 He came to his own domain  
 and his own people did not accept him.  
 But to all who did accept him  
 he gave power to become children of God,  
 to all who believe in the name of him  
 who was born not out of human stock  
 or urge of the flesh  
 or will of man  
 but of God himself.  
 The Word was made flesh,  
 he lived among us,  
 and we saw his glory,  
 the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,  
 full of grace and truth. \*



I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
 and stand by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
 close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
 Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
 and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Long time ago in Bethlehem  
 So the Holy Bible say,  
 Mary's boy child Jesus Christ  
 Was born on Christmas Day  
  
*Hark, now hear the angels sing  
 A new king's orn today  
 And man will live for ever more  
 because of Christmas Day.  
 Trumpets sound and angels sing  
 Listen to what they say  
 That man will live for ever more  
 because of Christmas Day*
2. While shepherds watched their flock by night  
 They see a bright new shining star  
 They hear a choir of angels sing  
 Music seemed to come from afar.

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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.*

God of God, light of light,  
 lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
 very God, begotten not created:

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
 sing all ye citizens of heaven above:  
 glory to God in the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
 Jesu, to thee be glory given  
 word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the world, the Lord has come.  
 Let earth receive her king.  
 Let every heart prepare Him room.  
 And heaven and nature sing (2)  
 And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns!  
 Let men their songs employ.  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
 Repeat the sounding joy, (2)  
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrows grow,  
 nor thorns infest the ground;  
 He comes to make, His blessings flow,  
 Far as the curse was found, (2)  
 Far as, far as the curse was found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
 And makes the nations prove  
 The glories of His righteousness,  
 And wonders of His love, (2)  
 And wonders, wonders of His love.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims:  
 'This is the one of whom I said:  
 He who comes after me  
 ranks before me  
 because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received -  
 yes, grace in return for grace,  
 since, though the Law was given through Moses,  
 grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.  
 No one has ever seen God;  
 it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,  
 who has made him known.

\*The Gospel of the Lord.\*

### APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 (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;  
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
 from there he will 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.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
 but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.