



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY
Mass of the Day

Entrance Antiphon

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Is 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power 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
Thanks be to God**

Resp. Psalm

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

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**

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.)**

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.)**

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 Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

In our own time, God speaks 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
Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

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.
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.

**The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

The 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 (*all 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 sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and
the life of the world to come. Amen

Universal Prayers

Celebrant: Christ is the light of the world, with
His light shining on us this day, let us pray for
those who are in any kind of darkness.

Prayer Leader: The response is

'Lord let your light shine on them this day'

We pray for the homeless. . . . **Response**

We pray for the hungry. . . . **Response**

We pray for the lonely. . . . **Response**

We pray for those who live in the midst of war and
upheaval. . . . **Response**

We pray for prisoners. . . . **Response**

We pray for the sick. . . . **Response**

We pray for those who are away from home this
day. . . . **Response**

We pray for those who are grieving. . . **Response**

We pray for those who have died. . . . **Response**

We pray for our own special needs. . . . **Response**

Celebrant: God of Love and Mercy, may your Son
scatter the darkness of the world, and make this
day radiant with His light. We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen

Communion Antiphon

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

Christmas Collections

Our first collection will be used
for the care and support of our clergy within
the Diocese

The second collection

Each community will be donating to their
nominated charity all funds collected during
the second collection

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| East Maitland | FoodBank Australia and
St Vincent de Paul Assist-a-
student |
| Beresfield | St Vincent de Paul—Beresfield
Conference |
| Rutherford
Rutherford | St Vincent de Paul—
conference |
| Lochinvar
Street | Fr Chris Reilly Youth off the
Street |
| Morpeth
the | Mercy Services a charity by
Sisters of Mercy |
| Largs | Dr without Borders |
| Campbell's Hill | Dr without Borders |
| Paterson | Jesuit Mission in Myanmar |
| Outdoor vigil | Dr without Borders &
Jesuit Mission in |



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