



# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY Mass of the Day

## Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;  
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his  
name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

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

**(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.

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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 John 1:1-18

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.

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.

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 Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

#### **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
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.

#### **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.

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the joy of this Christmas season, I extend my  
heartfelt wishes to each and every one of you. May the  
spirit of Christmas fill your hearts with love, peace, and the  
joy that comes from knowing the true meaning of this  
blessed occasion.

As we reflect upon the year that is ending, I am filled with  
gratitude for the countless blessings we have received from  
our Lord.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to all of you—  
our parishioners, fellow clergy, dedicated staff, and the  
tireless members of our various teams in our region. Your  
unwavering commitment and service to our parish  
community have been nothing short of inspiring. Together,  
we have faced challenges, celebrated triumphs, and grown  
as a spiritual family.

This Christmas, let us cherish the bonds that unite us,  
remembering the true essence of this holy season. May the  
love that was born in a humble manger find its place in our  
hearts, fostering compassion, kindness, and understanding  
among us.

As we welcome the New Year, let us carry the lessons of  
the past into the future, seeking opportunities to deepen our  
faith and strengthen our community. I am confident that,  
with God's guidance, the coming year will bring forth new  
blessings, growth, and shared moments of grace.

I offer my prayers for each one of you, asking the Lord to  
shower His love upon your homes, grant you good health,  
and fill your lives with joy. May the light of Christ shine  
brightly in your hearts, illuminating the path of hope and  
righteousness.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your  
ongoing support and dedication to our parish. Your  
contributions, whether big or small, make a significant  
impact, and I am truly blessed to serve alongside such a  
vibrant and faithful community.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year filled with God's abundant blessings.

With love and prayers,

Fr George Anthicad

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