



# 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.

**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 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**

**Presider:** 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 celebrate the joyous season of Christmas, I want  
to take a moment to thank you all for your wonderful  
support and cooperation throughout the year. Your  
faith, commitment, and generosity continue to inspire  
me, and I am truly blessed to serve as your parish  
priest.

During this special time of Christmas, please know that  
you and your families will be in my prayers. May the light  
of Christ fill your hearts and homes with peace, love,  
and joy.

As we prepare to welcome the New Year and embark on  
our Jubilee Celebration, I pray that your lives be filled  
with renewed hope and blessings during this significant  
year. The upcoming canonization of Blessed Carlo  
Acutis is a great inspiration for our youth, and I hope his  
example will guide and encourage them in the years to  
come.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a hope-filled  
New Year. May God's abundant grace bless you and  
your families. With prayers and blessings,

Fr. George Anthicad

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the sick, please contact 0428017273. If anyone passes  
away and you need to contact the funeral ministry please  
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