



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

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 *Isaiah 9:1-7 A son is given to us.*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the
spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,

which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do
this.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

**Resp. Psalm (R.) Today is born our
Saviour, Christ the Lord.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. (R.)

With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

Second Reading *Titus 2:11-14 God's grace
has been revealed to all people.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has
made salvation possible for the whole human
race and taught us that what we have to do is
to give up everything that does not lead to
God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be
self-restrained and live good and religious lives
here in this present world, while we are waiting
in hope for the blessing which will come with
the Appearing of the glory of our great God
and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself
for us in order to set us free from all
wickedness and to purify a people so that it
could be his very own and would have no
ambition except to do good.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy
to all the world: today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel *Luke 2:1-14 Today a saviour has been
born for you.*

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census
of the whole world to be taken. This census –
the first – took place while Quirinius was
governor of Syria, and everyone went to his
own town to be registered. So Joseph set out
from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and
travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David
called Bethlehem, since he was of David's
House and line, in order to be registered
together with Mary, his betrothed, who was
with child. While they were there the time
came for her to have her child, and she gave
birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him
in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger

because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

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, (*all bow*)
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 The Word became
flesh, and we have seen his glory.

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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