

CHRISTMAS Vigil MASS
SAINT MATTHEW ECUMENICAL
CATHOLIC CHURCH



OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP

(a liturgical aid to today's Mass)

Christmas

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Gathering Song: O Come All Ye Faithful

- 1. Adeste fideles, laeti, triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte, Regem angelorum.
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.**
- 2. 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, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**
- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**
- 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!**

Greeting

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: A-MEN.

*Celebrant: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God ;
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*Invitation: Celebrant: Gathered together as one people the body of Christ,
give glory to God.*

In excelsis deo.

A Christmas Gloria

1. **Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth.
Lord God heav'n-ly King, mighty God and Fa – ther.**

REFRAIN:

GLO-----RIA! IN EXCELSIS DEO!

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2. **We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God.**

REFRAIN

3. **You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the Father's right hand: receive our prayer.**

REFRAIN

4. **For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.**

REFRAIN

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Psalm Response:

"SING ALLELUIA TO THE WONDERFUL COUNSELOR.

SING ALLELUIA TO THE MIGHTY GOD.

SING ALLELUIA TO THE FATHER, FOREVER, AND

SING ALLELUIA TO THE TRUE PRINCE OF PEACE."

2nd Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!

The Gospel Reading

Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to

All: Glory to you, Lord.

The gospel is read. When the reading is over:

Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST. (repeat Alleluia)

Homily

Profession of Faith

*Do you believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and of the earth?*

ALL: AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, who was born of Mary,
was crucified and died, and was buried? -*

*YET HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.
AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.*

*DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,
RESURRECTION, AND LIFE EVERLASTING?
AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.*

Prayer of the Faithful

Sign Of Peace

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Giving of our Gifts *(please be seated)*

Song At Offertory : GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN/
WE THREE KINGS

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ our Saviour was born upon this day
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray
O, tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O, tidings of comfort and joy
From God our heavenly Father this blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name
O, tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O, tidings of comfort and joy
O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. (O, star..)

Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....

ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS, FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF HIS NAME, FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL HIS CHURCH.

Eucharistic Prayer

Introductory Dialogue *Priest:* The Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

***All:* We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Preface

The Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.

Blest is he, blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.....

Words of Consecration:

"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT.

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."

"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.

THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,

THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT.

IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL

SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME."

The Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is Risen! Christ will come again. (repeat)

Doxology & Great Amen

Through him, with him, and in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,

forever and ever.

Amen! Amen! Amen!

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are they to be called to this supper.

**ALL: LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY
THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED.**

Celebrant: May the body and blood.....ALL: AMEN.

Communion Songs: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord.
Late in time, behold him come.
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
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Angels We Have Heard On High

1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Glo -----ria in excelcis Deo! Glo-----ria in excelcis Deo!

2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song.

(Refrain)

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing:
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

(Refrain)

Silent Night, Holy Night!

1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace!

2. Silent night! Holy night!
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Away In A Manger

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

2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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

CONCLUDING RITE

Meditation: O HOLY NIGHT

Dismissal

Closing Song: JOY TO THE WORLD/WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME;
LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING.
LET EV'RY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM,
AND HEAV'N AND NATURE SING,
AND HEAV'N AND NATURE SING!
AND HEAV'N AND HEAV'N AND NATURE SING!

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE SAVIOR REIGNS;
LET US, OUR SONGS EMPLOY;
WHILE FIELDS AND FLOODS,
ROCKS, HILLS AND PLAINS
REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY,
REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY,
REPEAT, REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY!

HE RULES THE WORLD WITH TRUTH AND GRACE
AND MAKES THE NATIONS PROVE
THE GLORIES OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE, AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE,
AND WONDERS, WONDERS OF HIS LOVE.
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS.....

*Merry Christmas to ALL from the staff
and the Music Ministry of Saint Matthew Church!*