

COMMUNION HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter



1. In the bleak mid-win - ter, Frost - y wind made moan, Earth stood hard as
2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, Nor earth sus - tain; Heav'n and earth shall
3. An - gels and arch - an - gels May have gath - ered there, Cher - u - bim and
4. What can I give him, Poor as I am? If I were a



1. i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone; Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, Snow on
2. flee a-way When he comes to reign; In the bleak mid-win - ter A sta-ble place suf -
3. ser - a-phem Thronged the air; But his moth-er on - ly, In her maid - en
4. shep - herd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man I would do my



1. snow, In the bleak mid-win - ter, Long a - go.
2. ficed The Lord God Al-might-y, Je - sus Christ.
3. bliss, Wor - shiped the Be - lov - ed With a kiss.
4. part; Yet what I can I give him— Give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti. Melody: CRANHAM, Irregular; Gustav Holst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, / most merciful Father, / to imitate constantly the example of the Holy


Family, / so that, after the trials of this world, / we may share their company for ever. / Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL


St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN


Angels We Have Heard on High




1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains; And the moun - tains
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long? Say what may the
3. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph,



1. in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
2. tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song? Gló -
3. lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.



- ri-a in ex - céł - sis De - o! Gló - - - - - ri-a



in ex - céł - sis De - o!

Text: Les Anges dans nos campagnes, 18 c. French; Tr. James Chadwick; Alt. Henri Hemy. Melody: GLORIA, 7.7.7.7 with refrain; Trad. French carol.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 28, 202

WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please help maintain a reverent silence before and after the Liturgy.



ENTRANCE CHANT

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.


Ÿ. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

What Child Is This?



1. What child is this who, laid to rest On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing? Whom
2. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king to own him; The



1. an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
2. King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



1. This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste, haste, to
2. Raise, raise a song on high, The vir - gin sings her lull - a - by. Joy, joy for



1. bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y.
2. Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar-y.

Text: William C. Dix. Melody: GREENSLEEVES, 8.7.8.7 with refrain; Trad. English.

KYRIE

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.
Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

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.

COLLECT

O God, who were pleased to give us / the shining example of the Holy Family, / graciously grant that we may imitate them / in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, / and so, in the

joy of your house, / delight one day in eternal rewards. / Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, / who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.

Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



Bless -ed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

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SECOND READING

Family life in the Lord.

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

✠. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Ant. Melody: Gregorian Chant.

GOSPEL

Take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt.

HOMILY

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, / and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

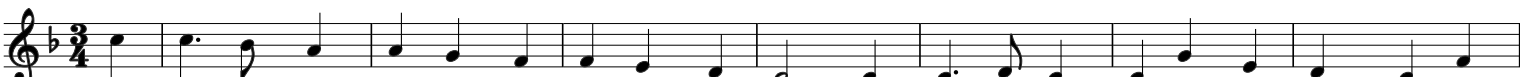
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, / he suffered death and was buried, / and rose again on the third day / in accordance with the Scriptures. / He ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father. / He will come again in glory / to judge the living and the dead / 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 PRAYER


℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST


OFFERTORY HYMN



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close by me for ev - er, and love me, I



1. head; The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a -
2. makes; I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till
3. pray; Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to



1. sleep on the hay.
2. morn - ing is nigh.
3. live with thee there.

Text: St. 1-2 Anon. 1884; St. 3 Charles H. Gabriel. Melody: MUELLER, 11.11.11.11; James R. Murray.

Cf. Ps 128 (127): 1 · II

Col 3: 12-21

Col 3: 15a, 16a · VII

Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

Away in a Manger

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, / humbly asking that, / through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and

Saint Joseph, / you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. / Through Christ our Lord.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. / Heaven and earth are full of your glory. / Hosanna in the highest. / Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. / Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Savior of the world, / for by your Cross and Resurrection / you have set us free.

DOXOLOGY AND AMEN


Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION CHANT

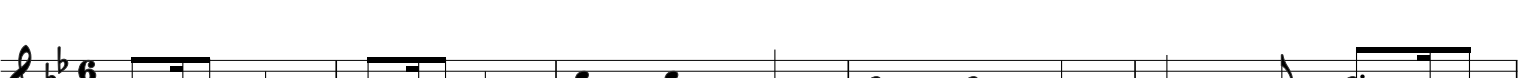


Our God has ap - peared on the earth, and lived a - mong us.

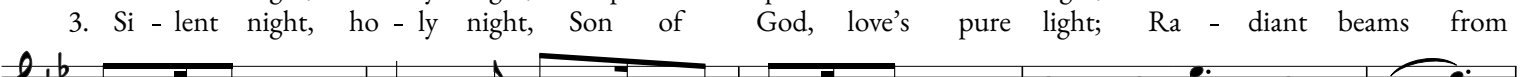
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Bar 3: 38 · VI

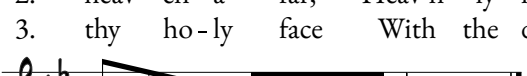
COMMUNION HYMN



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon vir - gin
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries stream from
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light; Ra - diant beams from



1. moth - er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace,
2. heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts ____ sing, "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Sav - ior is born,
3. thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth,



1. Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
2. Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
3. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht*, Joseph Mohr; Tr. John F. Young. Melody: *STILLE NACHT*, 6.6.8.9.6.6; Franz Gruber.