

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

+ December 25, 2025 +

St. Michael Catholic Church

Prelude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

St. Michael Hymnal #548

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 th'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 man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail, the heav'nborn Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Lord of Righteousness!
Lifted and Life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Quem Pastores

English words by Imogen Holst

arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

The Holly and the Ivy

Herbert Sumsion

In the Bleak Midwinter

St. Michael Hymnal #578

1. In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.
2. Our God, heav'n cannot hold him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But his mother only,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved With a kiss.
4. What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him Give my heart.

Enixa est Puerpera

English, 15th c.

arr. James Richardson

Gaudete, Christus est Natus

arr. James Richardson

Noël, sur les jeux d'Anches

Louis-Claude Daquin

Angels We Have Heard on High

St. Michael Hymnal #428

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

REFRAIN

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

REFRAIN

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

REFRAIN

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

4. See him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Entrance Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

St. Michael Hymnal #648

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;

REFRAIN

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, glory in the highest;

REFRAIN

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ, the Lord!

Introit

Psalms 2:7

The Lord said unto me: You are my Son,

today I have begotten you.

Penitential Act

Gloria

Mass of St. Michael

St. Michael Hymnal #213

Gloria 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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lumen Christi Missal p.49

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

upon those who dwelt in the land of

gloom

a light has shone.

You have brought them abundant joy

and great rejoicing,

as they rejoice before you as at the

harvest,

as people make merry when

dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them,

the pole on their shoulder,

and the rod of their taskmaster

you have smashed, as on the day of

Midian.

For every boot that tramped in battle,

every cloak rolled in blood,

will be burned as fuel for flames.

For a child is born to us, a son is given

us;

upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor,

God-Hero,

Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

His dominion is vast

and forever peaceful,

from David's throne, and over his

kingdom,

which he confirms and sustains

by judgment and justice,

both now and forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do

this!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 96:1-2a,2b-3,11-12,13

Today is born our Savior, 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.

Today is born our Savior, Christ the

LORD.

Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell

among the nations his glory, and his

wonders among all the peoples.

Today is born our Savior, Christ the

LORD.

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. Then

will all the trees of the wood shout for

joy.

Today is born our Savior, Christ the

LORD.

At the presence of the LORD, for he

comes, he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with justice; he

will govern the peoples with his truth.

Today is born our Savior, Christ the

LORD.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all

and training us to reject godless ways and

worldly desires

and to live temperately, justly, and

devoutly in this age,

as we await the blessed hope,

the appearance of the glory of our great

God

and savior Jesus Christ,

who gave himself for us to deliver us

from all lawlessness

and to cleanse for himself a people as his

own,

eager to do what is good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from

Caesar Augustus

that the whole world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment,

when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his

own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee

from the town of Nazareth

to Judea, to the city of David that is

called Bethlehem,

because he was of the house and family

of David,

to be enrolled 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 her firstborn son.

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes

and laid him in a manger,

because there was no room for them in

the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region

living in the fields

and keeping the night watch over their

flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them

and the glory of the Lord shone around

them,

and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid;

for behold, I proclaim to you good news

of great joy

that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David

a savior has been born for you who is

Christ and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you:

you will find an infant wrapped in

swaddling clothes

and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of

the heavenly host with the angel,

praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest

and on earth peace to those on

whom his favor rests."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith

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,

(Genuflect)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of

the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

(Stand)

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