

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

+ 8pm December 24, 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 thrangelic 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!
3. Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail, the heav'nborn Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
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!"

I Wonder As I Wander
St. Michael Hymnal #571

1. I wonder as I wander
out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior,
did come for to die
For poor, ord'n'ry people
like you and like I,
I wonder as I wander,
Out under the sky.
2. When Mary birthed Jesus,
'twas in a cows' stall,
With wisemen and farmers
and shepherds and all.
But hear from God's heaven
a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages
It then did recall.
3. If Jesus had wanted
for any wee thing:
A star in the sky,
or a bird on the wing;
Or all of God's angels
in heaven to sing,
He surely could have had it,
'Cause he was the King!
4. I wonder as I wander
out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior,
did come for to die
For poor, ord'n'ry people
like you and like I,
I wonder as I wander,
Out under the sky.

Prelude on the Holly and the Ivy

Herbert Sumson

Away in a Manger
St. Michael Hymnal #443

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down
where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing the poor baby
wakes,
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 thee
there.

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.

Noël, sur les jeux d'Anches

Louis-Claude Daquin

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
St. Michael Hymnal #580

1. Infant holy, infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Noels are winging, angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds
keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true,
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing greet the morrow;
Christ the Babe was born for you!

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
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Introit

Cf. Ex 16:6,7; Is 35:4

Today you will know that the Lord is
coming to save us; and tomorrow you
will see his glory.

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 dwell 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

forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection

of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation

Of the Father's Love Begotten

St. Michael Hymnal #697

1. Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He the Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore!
2. O that birth forever blessed,
When the Virgin, full of grace,
Bore the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!
3. O ye heights of heav'n adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!
4. Christ, to thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving.
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

Preface Dialogue

(Stand)

Pray, brothers and sisters... almighty

Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at

your hands for the praise and glory of

his name, for our good and the good

of all his holy Church.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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St. Michael Hymnal #214

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.

Memorial Acclamation

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St. Michael Hymnal #215

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and

profess your resurrection until you

come again.

Amen

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St. Michael Hymnal #216

Amen, amen, amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against

us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord... Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the

glory are yours now and for ever.

Lamb of God

Mass of St. Michael

St. Michael Hymnal #217

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

Thatcher Antiphon

St. Michael Hymnal #332