

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASS AT THE VIGIL

+ 5pm December 24, 2025 +

St. Michael Catholic Church

Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter

Noël, sur les jeux d'Anches

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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 the 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 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 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!"

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.

Lo! How a Rose

O Holy Night

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.
Swift 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

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

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

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

**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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like
the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.
Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.
You shall be a glorious crown in the
hand of the LORD,
a royal diadem held by your God.
No more shall people call you
"Forsaken,"
or your land "Desolate,"
but you shall be called "My Delight,"
and your land "Espoused."
For the LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse.
As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his
bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:4-5,16-17,27,29

Forever I will sing the goodness of the

Lord.

With my chosen one I have made a
covenant; I have sworn to David my
servant:
I will establish your descendants forever,
and set up your throne through all ages.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the

Lord.

How blessed the people who know your
praise, who walk, O LORD, in the light
of your face,
who find their joy every day in your
name, who make your justice their
joyful acclaim.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the

Lord.

He will call out to me, "You are my
father, my God, the rock of my
salvation."

I will keep my faithful love for him
always; with him my covenant shall last.

Forever I will sing the goodness of the

Lord.

Second Reading

Acts 13:16-17,22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia
and entered the synagogue,
he stood up, motioned with his hand,
and said,
"Fellow Israelites and you others who are
God-fearing, listen.
The God of this people Israel chose our
ancestors
and exalted the people during their
sojourn in the
land of Egypt.
With uplifted arm he led them out of it.
Then he removed Saul and raised up
David as king;
of him he testified,
'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man
after my own heart;
he will carry out my every wish.'
From this man's descendants God,
according to his promise,
has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus.
John heralded his coming by proclaiming
a baptism of repentance
to all the people of Israel;
and as John was completing his course,
he would say,
'What do you suppose that I am? I am
not he.
Behold, one is coming after me;
I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals
of his feet.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

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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 is 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,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
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

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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

Revelabatur

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The glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all flesh will see the salvation of our
God.

Silent Night

St. Michael Hymnal #744

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born,
Christ, the Savior, 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!

Prayer After Communion

Concluding Rites

St. Michael Prayer

**Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us
in battle.**

**Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.**

**May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly
host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil
spirits,
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.**

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World

St. Michael Hymnal #594

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let heav'n and earth prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature
sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains,
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. 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, wonders of his love.

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