



December 24 & 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. Visitors are welcome to participate with the Parish Community in the worship of God through the celebration of Holy Mass.

Entrance

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

1. 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.**
Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, / O come let us adore Him, /
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
2. God of God, / Light of Light, / Lo! He comes forth from a Virgin's womb. /
Our very God, / Begotten not created. **Refrain.**
3. Sing, choirs of angels, / Sing in exultation, / Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! /
Glory to God / Glory in the highest: **Refrain.**
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! **Refrain.**

Penitential Act

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

all strike breast three times

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the angels and saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie


Christmas Kyrie

Gloria

A New Mass for Congregations

C.T. Andrews

All:



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good



will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we



glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,




Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.


Choir / Cantor:

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.


All:



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Collect

First Reading *Christmas Eve:* Isaiah 62:1—5 *Christmas Midnight:* Isaiah 9:1—6
 Christmas Dawn: Isaiah 62:11—12 *Christmas Day:* Isaiah 52:7—10

Responsorial Psalm

Christmas Eve & Midnight: Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.
Christmas Dawn & Day: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Second Reading *Christmas Eve:* Acts 13:16—17, 22—25 *Christmas Midnight:* Titus 2:11—14
 Christmas Dawn: Titus 3:4—7 *Christmas Day:* Hebrews 1:1—6

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel *Christmas Eve:* Matthew 1:1—25 or 1:18—25 *Christmas Midnight:* Luke 2:1—14
 Christmas Dawn: Luke 2:15—20 *Christmas Day:* John 1:1—18 or 1:1—5, 9—14

Homily

Profession of Faith

All: 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,

all bow during the next line

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.

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

1. Angels we have heard on high / Sweetly singing o'er the plains, /
And the mountains in reply / Echo back their joyous strains. **Refrain.**
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. **Refrain.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer/Preface

Sanctus

Deutsche Messe



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of hosts.____ Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly, Lord, God of hosts.____ Heav-en and earth are full,____ full____
of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes____ in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Mass of St. Francis

H. Buchholz



Save us, Sa-vior of the world, for by Your cross and re-sur-rec-tion You have set us free.

Amen

Christmas Mass

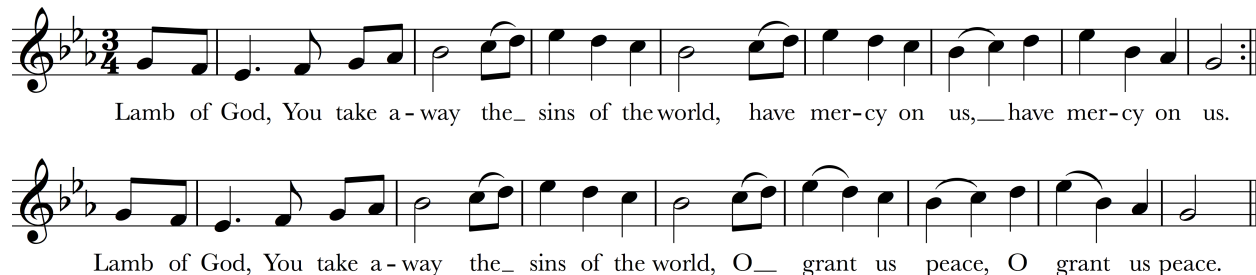


Cantor/All:
A - - men, a - - men, a - - - - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Christmas Mass



Lamb of God, You take a-way the_ sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, You take a-way the_ sins of the world, O_ grant us peace, O grant us peace.

Communion

Because we hold the reception of the Eucharist as a sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, only practicing Catholics who are free of serious sin and in full unity with the Catholic Church should present themselves for Holy Communion. Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church, respecting the discipline of their own Churches, may also receive Communion with us under the same conditions above. We pray for the full visible unity among all Christians.

The Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into soul. Since I am not able at this moment to receive You sacramentally, I ask that you spiritually enter into my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion

At Christmas Eve & Midnight:

Silent 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, / 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.

At Christmas Dawn & Day:

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come, / Let earth receive her King / Let every heart prepare Him room, / And heaven and nature sing, / And heaven and nature sing, / And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Saviour 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 of His love, / And wonders, wonders of His love.

Prayer after Communion

Final Blessing and Dismissal

The Saint Michael Prayer

Saint 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 host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan, and the other evil spirits, who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, / "Glory to the newborn King; / Peace on earth, and mercy mild / God and sinners reconciled!" / Joyful, all you nations, rise, / Join the triumph of the skies; / With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" **Refrain.**
- Refrain:** Hark! The herald angels sing, / "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord; / Late in time behold Him come, / Offspring of the Virgin's womb. / Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; / Hail the incarnate Deity, / Pleased as man with us to dwell, / Jesus, our Emmanuel. **Refrain.**
3. Hail the heaven-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. **Refrain.**