



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT



The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass

December 24, 2023

The main responses for the Mass can be found on the inside cover of Today's Missal (TM).

The Order of Mass can be found starting on page 3 in TM

✠ The congregation is encouraged to sing the songs marked as **HYMN** ✠

Prelude

At 3:30 p.m. — Combined Children and Youth Choirs

✠ Once in Royal David's City

TM #106

Tune: IRBY

✠ Angels' Carol

John Rutter

1. Have you heard the sounds of the angel voices
Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

2. He is come in peace in the winter's stillness,
Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;
He is come in joy like the sun at morning
Filling all the world with radiance and with light.
He is come in love as the child of Mary;
In a simple stable, we have seen his birth:
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing 'Peace on Earth'.

3. He will bring new light to a world in darkness,
Like a bright star shining in the skies above;
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations
When he comes to reign in purity and love.

4. Let the Earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming;
Let the Heavens answer with the joyful morn:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born'. (X2)

✠ Gesú Bambino

At 5:30 p.m.

Pietro Yon / arr. Steven DeCesare

Carol Vassar, alto; Tim Proctor, tenor; Vincent Kaverud, violin; Kathy Schiano, cello

✠ Gathering HYMN

Please stand

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Text and tune: *Adeste fideles*; John F. Wade. Tune: ADESTE FIDELES



1. *Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, laé - ti, tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -*
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. *God of God, Light of Light,*
2. God of God, Light of Light,
3. *Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,*
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. *Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,*
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ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Lo! He comes forth from the Vir - gin's womb.
Lo! He comes forth from the Vir - gin's womb.
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



Na - tum vi - dé - te. Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.
Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Our ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted,
Our ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted,
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain:

1. *Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus Dominum.*

1-4. *O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*



Text: *Adeste fideles*; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES, irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786

Please be seated

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

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Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 96

Bernadette Farrell



To - day, to - day a Sav - ior has been born; a
 Sav - ior has been born to us. He is Christ the Lord,
 Christ the Lord, Je - sus Christ the Lord.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord.
 Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
 Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord.
 Sing to the Lord, bless his name!

2. Proclaim his help day by day.
 Tell among the nations his glory.
 Tell of his works, tell of his works,
 and his wonders among all the peoples.

3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
 let the sea and all within it thunder praise.
 All of the land, all that it bears:
 rejoice at the presence of the Lord.

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Second Reading

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Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25

Gospel Acclamation

R./ Alleluia

Mass of Christ the Savior, D. Schutte

Vs.: I proclaim to you good news of great joy: / today a savior is born for us, Christ the Lord. - R./

Gospel

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Matthew 1:1-25

Homily

Profession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

Congregation: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Conclusion to the Universal Prayer (All)

Most high and glorious God, lighten the darkness of our hearts. Dispel all cynicism, fear, despair and doubt so that we can proclaim the Gospel with joyful hope. Heal our wounds and awaken our hearts so that we can see the presence of Your Son, whose birth we celebrate.

Celebrant: Loving God, hear all of our prayers today and those in hearts throughout the world, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

¹ TM = Today's Missal, our pew resource

Liturgy of the Eucharist

✠ Preparation Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Tune: MENDELSSOHN

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 angelic hosts proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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 us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

3. Hail the heav'n-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.



Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

Invitation to Prayer

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **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.**

Preface Dialogue

Eucharistic Acclamations

Mass of Christ the Savior, Dan Schutte

Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lord.

All.: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Songs

✠ The First Nowell

TM #112

Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL

O Holy Night

Music: A. Adam

At 3:30 p.m.: Emily Walsh, soprano - Adam Giroux, baritone

At 5:30 p.m.: Carol Vassar, alto - Tim Proctor, tenor

✠ O Little Town of Bethlehem

TM #85

Tune: St. LOUIS

Music found on the Next Page

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,

1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.

1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
 2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!

1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

3. How silently, how silently,
 The wonderous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of his heav'n.
 No ear may hear his coming,
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem!
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin and enter in;
 Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Emmanuel!

Communion Reflection

✠ Silent Night

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.

Silent night! Holy night!
 Shepherds quake, at the sight;
 Glories stream from heaven afar,
 Heavenly, hosts sing "Alleluia!"
 Christ the Savior is born,
 Christ the Savior is born."

Rev. Mark Suslenko, Pastor

Tune: STILLE NACHT

Hymn for Going Forth

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
 3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

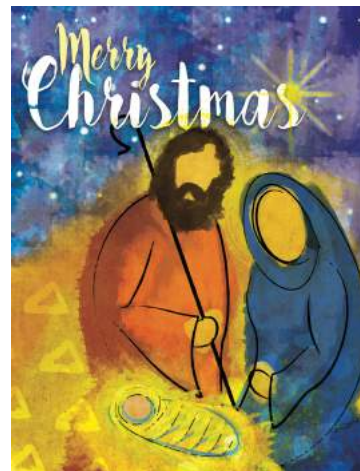
1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.

Joy to the World

Tune: ANTIOCH



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