



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish



GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2023

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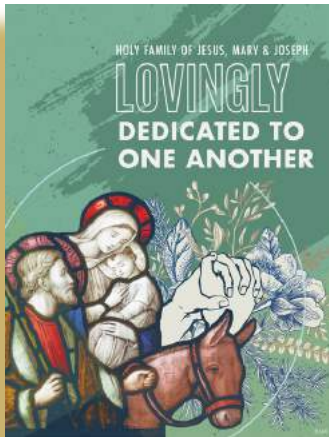
The Order of Mass can be found starting at page 3 in TM

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

✂ Gathering HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

Tune: IRBY



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would
4. For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a
hon - or and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly
day like us he grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear, and



ba - by In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y
sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall. With the
maid - en In whose gen - tle arms he lay. Chris - tian
help - less, Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove: And he



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on
chil - dren all should be Kind, o -
feels for all our sad - ness, And he
leads his chil - dren on To the



Christ her lit - tle Child.
earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
be - dient, good as he.
shares in all our glad - ness.
place where he has gone.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895
Tune: IRBY, 8 7 8 7 77; Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876; harm. by Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

Greeting

Penitential Act

Gloria*

Collect Prayer

*Gloria

Mass of Christ the Savior, D. Schutte

Please be seated

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

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Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

¹ TM = Today's Missal, our pew resource



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Second Reading

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Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation

R./ Alleluia

Mass of Christ the Savior, D. Schutte

Vs.: In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
 In these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son. - R./

Gospel

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Luke 2:22-40

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)

All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Conclusion to the Universal Prayer (All)

Heavenly Father, you created us for a definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for each of us in this life, and to respond with a generous "Yes". Make my parish, my home and my heart fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. May our young men respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among them a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. We make our prayer for priestly vocations to You, Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**Mary, Mother of the church, pray for us.
 Saint Joseph, Patron of our Archdiocese, pray for us.
 Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.**



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

✠ Preparation Hymn

Canticle of Zachary: Blest Be the God of Israel

Tune: FOREST GREEN



1. Now ✠ bless the God of Is - ra - el, Who
 2. Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God
 3. In ten - der mer - cy, God will send The



comes in love and pow'r, Who rais - es from the
 res - cues us from fear, That we might serve in
 day - spring from on high, Our ris - ing sun, the

roy - al house De - liv - 'rance in this hour. Through
 ho - li - ness And peace from year to year; And
 light of life For those who sit and sigh. God

ho - ly proph - ets God has sworn To
 you, my child, shall go be - fore To
 comes to guide our way to peace, That

free us from a - larm, To save us from the
 preach, to proph - e - sy, That all may know the
 death shall reign no more. Sing prais - es to the

heav - y hand Of all who wish us harm.
 ten - der love, The grace of God most high.
 Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!



Text: *Benedictus*, Luke 1:68-79; Ruth Duck, b.1947, © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.
 Tune: FOREST GREEN, CMD; English: harm. by Michael Joncas, b.1951, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

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, Lamb of God

The Lord's Prayer | Sign of Peace | Lamb of God | Invitation to Communion

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, [...] 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 an my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Songs

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Music: UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
 When all the birds had fled,
 That God the Lord of all the earth
 Sent angel choirs instead;
 Before their light the stars grew dim,
 And wond'ring hunters heard the hymn:
 Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

2. Within a lodge of broken bark
 The tender babe was found;
 A ragged robe of rabbit skin
 Enwrapped his beauty round;
 But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
 The angel song rang loud and high:
 Jesus your king is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

3. The earliest moon of wintertime
 Is not so round and fair
 As was the ring of glory on
 The helpless infant there.
 The chiefs from far before him knelt
 With gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
 Jesus your king is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

4. O children of the forest free,
 The angel song is true;
 the holy child of earth and heav'n
 Is born today for you.
 Come kneel before the radiant boy,
 Who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.
 Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Tune: W ZLOBIE LEZY



1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, For his bed a
 2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the
 3. As we jour - ney to the sta - ble Like the wise - men
 4. Wake our spir - its from their slum - ber; Send the dark - ness

1. cat - tle stall; Ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing
 2. morn - ing new. Saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry,
 3. long a - go, We are hop - ing to dis - cov - er
 4. on its way. Fill our hearts with joy and won - der

1. Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are wing - ing,
 2. Tid - ings of a gos - pel true. Thus re - joic - ing,
 3. What these pil - grims came to know. All are wel - come
 4. On this bless - ed Christ - mas day. Songs of an - gels

1. an - gels sing - ing, No - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing;
 2. free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing greet the mor - row:
 3. at this man - ger, King and shep - herd, friend and strang - er.
 4. all a - round us; Grace and bless - ing now sur - round us.

1. Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 2. Christ the babe was born for you.
 3. Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 4. Christ be with us as we go.

Text: 87 87 88 77. Verses 1 and 2, Polish carol; tr. by Edith M. Reed, 1885-1933; verses 3 and 4 © 2004, Daniel L. Schutte. Published by OCP. All rights reserved. Music: Polish carol.

Hymn for Going Forth

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4. Though an in - fant now we view him, He shall fill his
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther,

1. all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 2. flocks by night, God on earth is now re - sid - ing;
 3. beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of Na - tions,
 4. Fa - ther's throne, Gath - er all the na - tions to him;
 5. Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing,

1. Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: }
 2. Yon - der shines the in - fant light: } Come and wor - ship,
 3. Ye have seen his na - tal star: }
 4. Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down: }
 5. To the e - ter - nal Three - in - One: }

1-5. come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text: 87 87 87; verses 1-3, James Montgomery, 1771-1854; verse 4, *Christmas Box*, 1825; verse 5, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879.

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Tune: REGENT SQUARE

