MUSIC AT THE 10pm MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All sing the Processional Hymn







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He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

4

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Irby Henry John Gauntlett (1805–1876) revised by A H Mann (1850–1929) Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Celebrant says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After a brief silence all say

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 their breast thrice, saying

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.

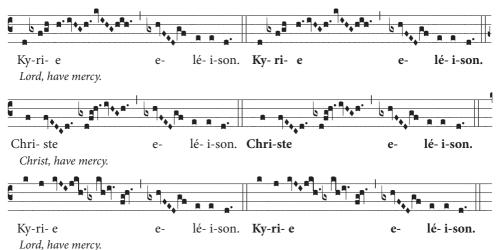
The Celebrant gives the absolution, saying

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

All repeat each line of the Kyrie

Mass VIII





so-lus sanctus. **Tu so-lus Dómi-nus.** Tu so-lus Al-tís-simus, Ie-su Chri-ste. 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.

Collect

R. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-3,11-13 R. Luke 2:11



SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

ALLELUIA



R⁄. Al-le-lú- ia, al-le-lú- ia, al-le-lú- ia.

Gospel Luke 2:1-14

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 KNEEL during the following 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.

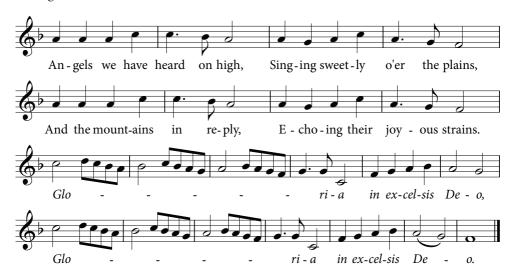
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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.

Universal Prayer

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All sing the Offertory Hymn



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Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your rapturous strain prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song?
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 new-born King.
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.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Les anges dans nos campagnes 18th century French carol Henri Friedrich Hémy (1818–1888) after James Chadwick (1813–1882)

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the 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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

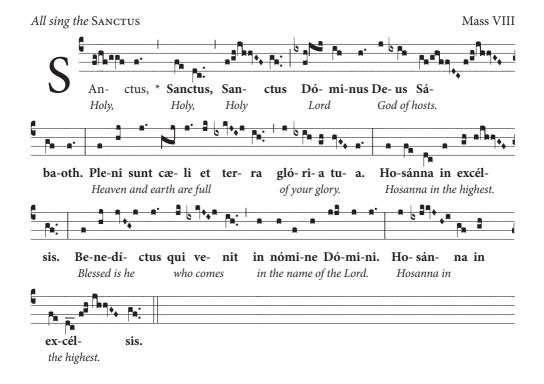
R. Amen.

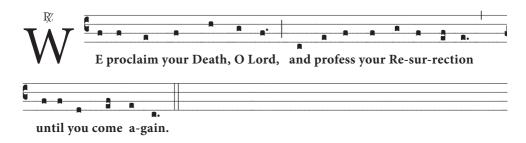
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R: It is right and just.

THE PREFACE





When the Celebrant sings

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

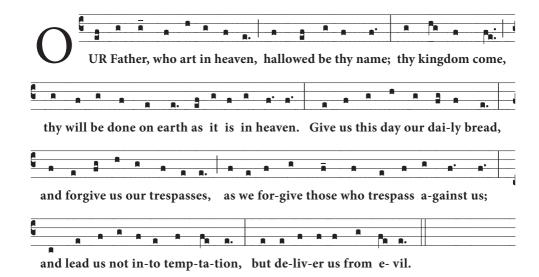
All respond



R. A-men.

COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: All sing



Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



R For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

 \mathbb{R} And with your spirit.



A- gnus De- i, * qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di: do-na no- bis pa- cem.

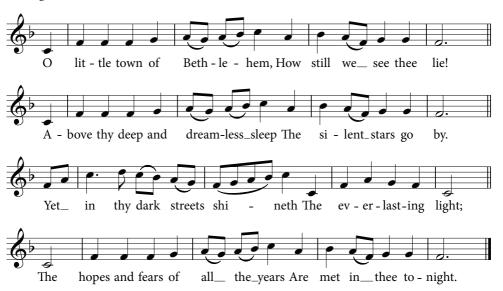
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

- Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- **R** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion.

The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.

All sing the Communion Hymn



O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
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.

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.

English traditional arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958) Phillips Brooks (1835–1893)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

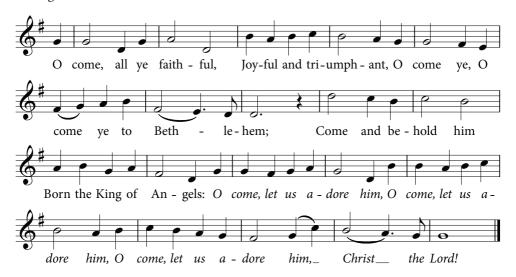
 \mathbb{R} And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.



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Sing, choirs of Angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God In the highest:

> O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Adeste fideles John Francis Wade's MS book c. 1740 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Latin, 18th century tr. Frederick Oakley (1802–1880)