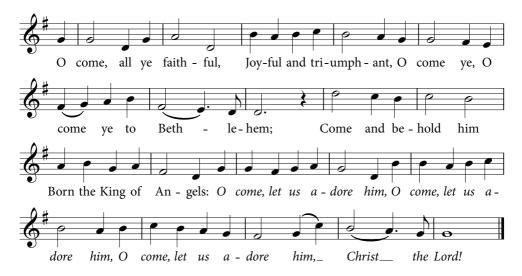
MUSIC AT THE 6pm VIGIL MASS



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All sing the Processional Hymn



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God of God, Light of Light, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, Begotten, not created: 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 3 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!

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

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

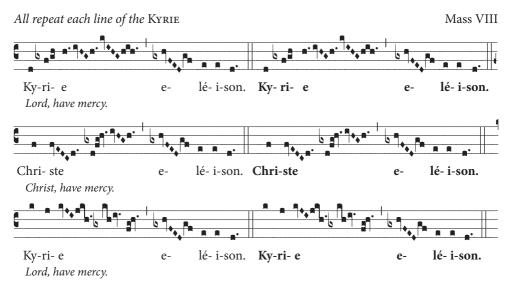
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

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.

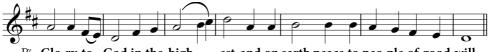
The Celebrant gives the absolution, saying

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

R. Amen.



All sing the GLORIA

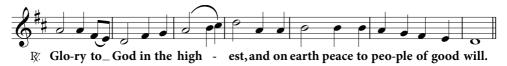


 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{K}}$ Glo-ry to _ God in the high $\ \ \ \$ est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

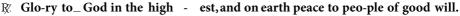


Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.



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.







Collect

R. Amen.

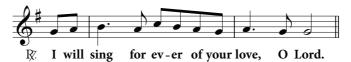
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm

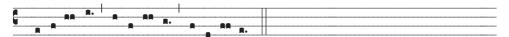
Psalm 88:4-5,16-17,27,29 R. cf. v.2



Second Reading

Acts 13:16-17,22-25

Alleluia



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

Gospel

Matthew 1:1-25

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,

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.

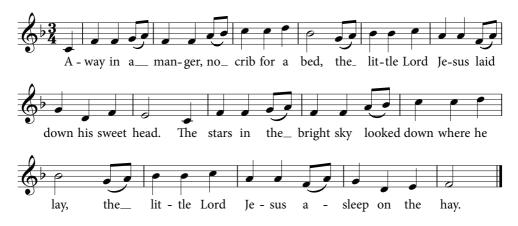
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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



The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Cradle Song William James Kirkpatrick (1838–1921) vv. 1, 2 'Little Children's Book', Philadelphia (1885) v. 3 Charles Gabriel's 'Vineyard Songs', Louisville (1892) Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ℜ 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

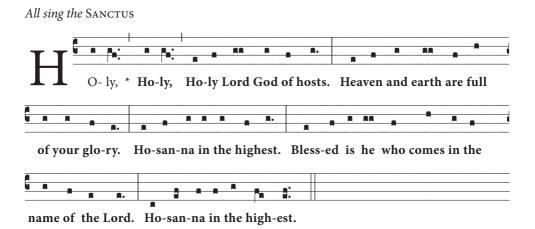
R. Amen.

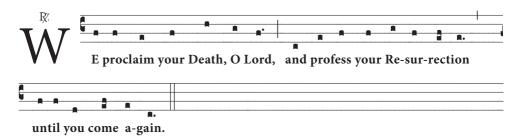
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



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

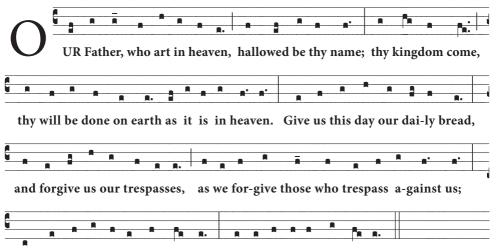


R. A-men.

COMMUNION RITE

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

All sing



and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

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.



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

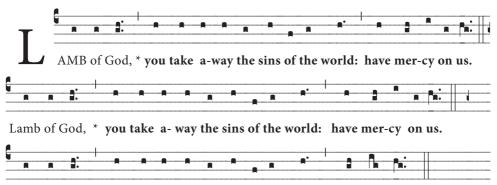
Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

RX Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R[×] And with your spirit.

All sing the Agnus Dei

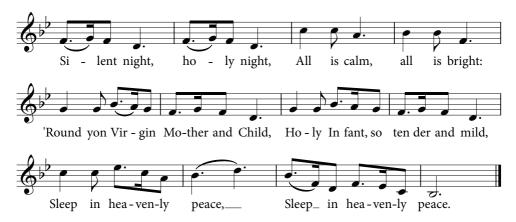


Lamb of God, * you take a- way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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



Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia; Christ, the Saviour, is born, Christ, the Saviour, is born!

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.

Stille Nacht Franz Grüber (1787–1863) Stille Nacht Joseph Mohr (1792–1849) tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

R[×] And with your spirit.

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

RX Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

All sing the Recessional Hymn



2 Christ, by highest heaven 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 new-born King.

Mendelssohn Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847) 3

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen 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 new-born King.

> Charles Wesley (1707–1788) and others