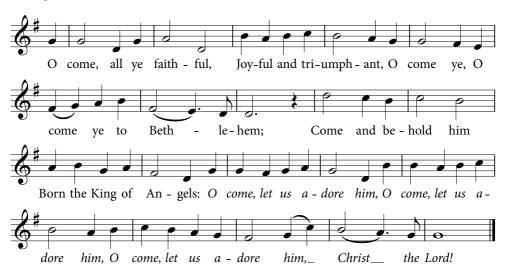
# MUSIC AT THE 9am & 6pm MASSES



# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All sing the Processional Hymn



2

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 3

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,
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.

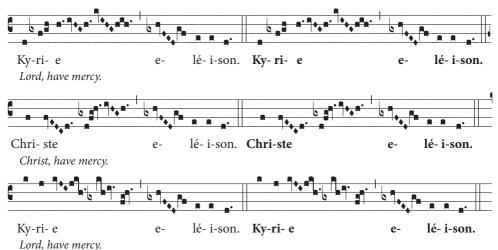
The Celebrant gives the absolution, saying

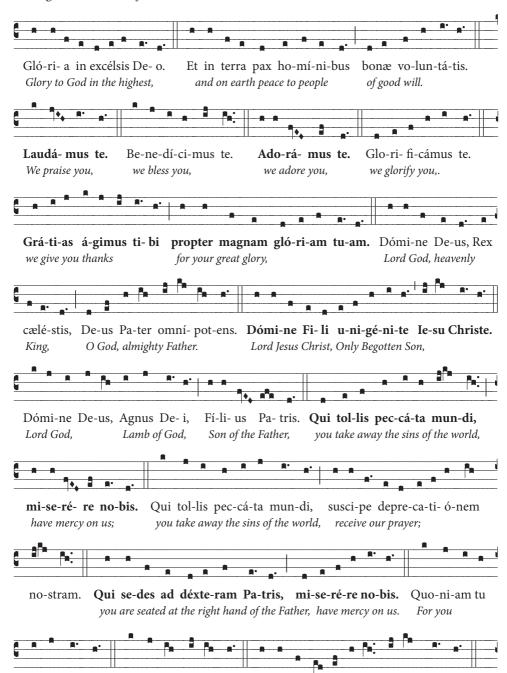
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

#### R. Amen.

All 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,



Cum Sancto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri- a De- i Pa- tris. A- men.

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

COLLECT

R. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97:1-6 № v.3

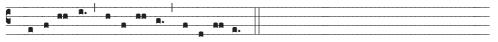


R. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

ALLELUIA



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

Gospel John 1:1-18

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.

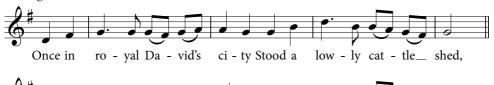
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

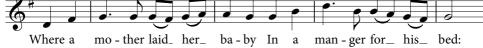
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All sing the Offertory Hymn







2

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

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; when like stars His children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

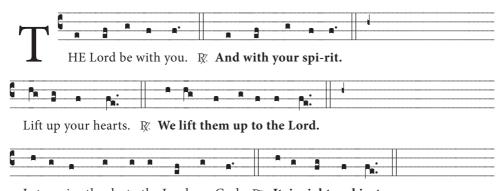
Irby Henry John Gauntlett (1805–1876) revised by A H Mann (1850–1929) Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

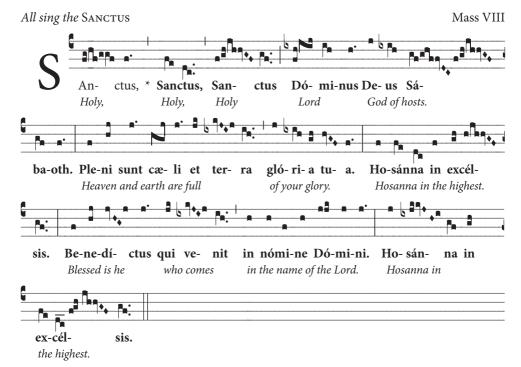
R. Amen.

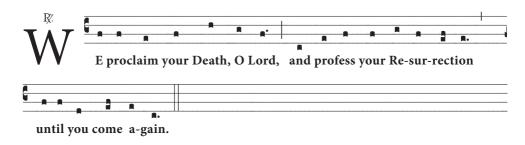
### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



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



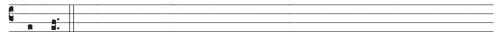




When the Celebrant sings

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.

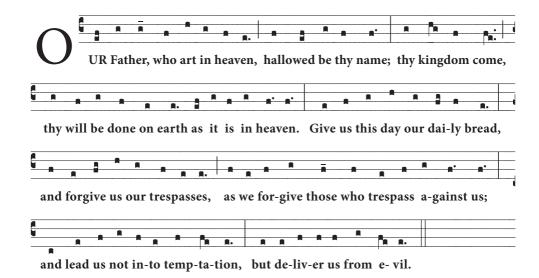
All respond



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.

R. And with your spirit.

All sing the AGNUS DEI

- gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré- re no-bis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

A-gnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis peccá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré- re no-bis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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

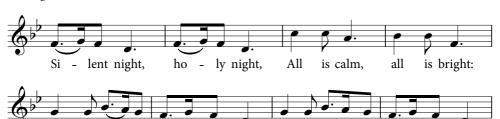
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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.



'Round yon Vir - gin Mo-ther and Child, Ho - ly In fant, so ten der and mild,



2

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.



2

Christ, from heav'n descending low, Comes on earth a stranger: Ox and ass their Owner know Becradled in a manger.

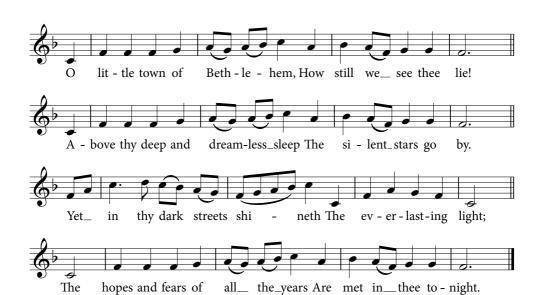
3

This did Herod sore affray, And grievously bewilder; So he gave the word to slay, And slew the little childer. 4

Of his love and mercy mild This the Christmas story: And oh, that Mary's gentle Child Might lead us up to glory!

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O and A and A and O, Cum cantibus in choro, Let our merry organ go, Benedicamus Domino.



2

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.

3

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.

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.

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

#### R. Amen.

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

## R: And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

#### R. Amen.

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

### R. Amen.

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

#### R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

#### R. Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

#### R. Thanks be to God.



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.

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.

Mendelssohn Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847) Charles Wesley (1707–1788) and others

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