

MUSIC AT THE 6pm VIGIL MASS



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All sing the PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy-ful and tri-umph - ant, O come ye, O
come ye to Beth - le-hem; Come and be - hold him
Born the King of An - gels: O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, _ Christ _ the Lord!

2

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!*

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!*

Adeste fideles
John Francis Wade's MS book c. 1740

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.

℟: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

℟: **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.**

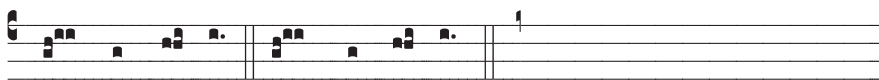
The Celebrant gives the absolution, saying

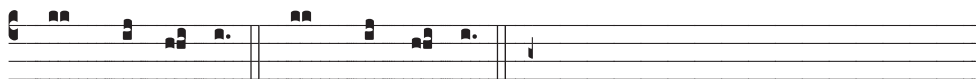
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

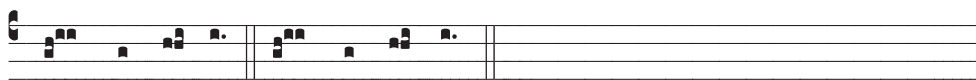
℟: **Amen.**

All sing the KYRIE

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ORD, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.


Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.


Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

All sing the GLORIA



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*



R. I will sing for ev-er of your love, O Lord.

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.

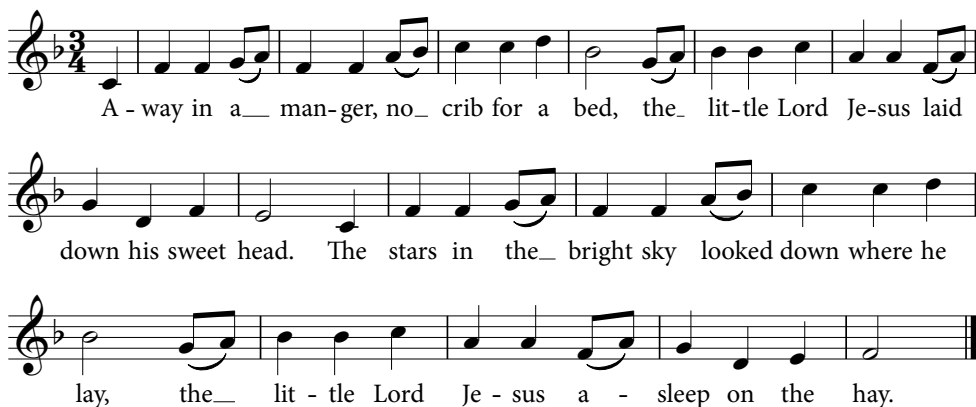
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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



A - way in a__ man-ger, no_ crib for a bed, the_ lit-tle Lord Je-sus laid
down his sweet head. The stars in the_ bright sky looked down where he
lay, the__ lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

**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.

℟: **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

℟: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

T HE Lord be with you. ℟: **And with your spi-rit.**

Lift up your hearts. ℟: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

THE PREFACE

All sing the SANCTUS

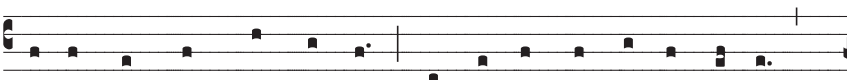
H O- ly, * Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full

of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the

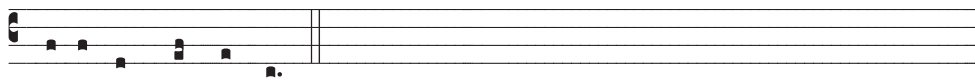
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

All sing the MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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E proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rection

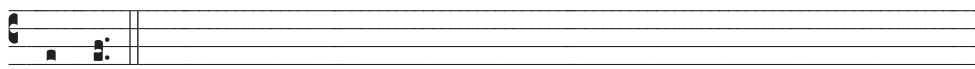


until you come a-gain.

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



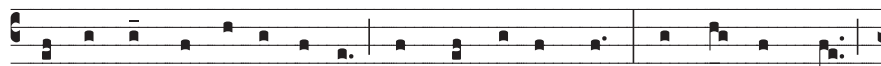
W^R A-men.

COMMUNION RITE

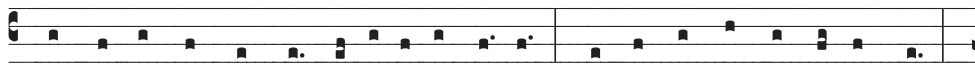
At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All sing

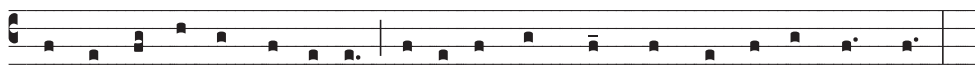
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UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,



thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,



and forgive us our trespasses, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;



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

The first system of musical notation for 'The Rose Tree' is written on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, starting on a middle C and ending on a half note G. There are some accidentals, including a sharp on the second measure and a flat on the fourth measure. The system concludes with a double bar line.

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.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

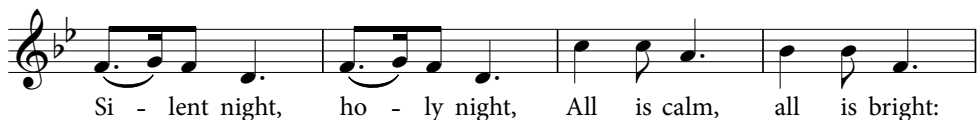
All sing the AGNUS DEI

The first system of musical notation for 'The Rose Tree' is written on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are two vertical bar lines within the system, and the system ends with a double bar line.

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.

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 HYMNS

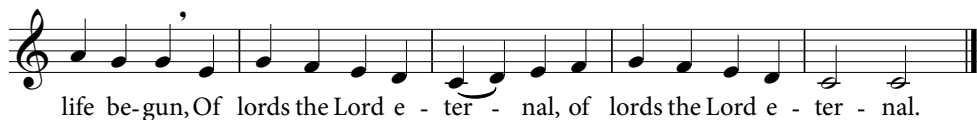
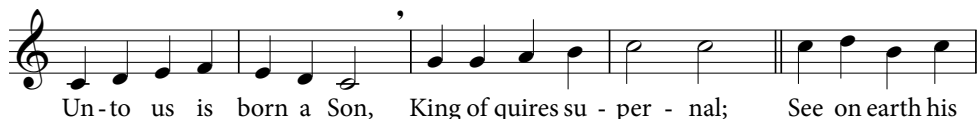


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Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Saviour, is born,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

3

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.



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

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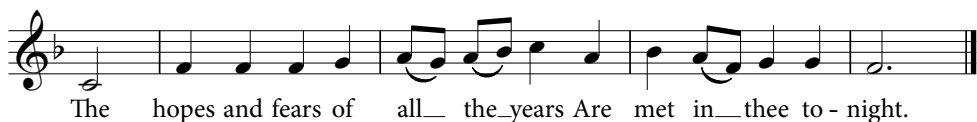
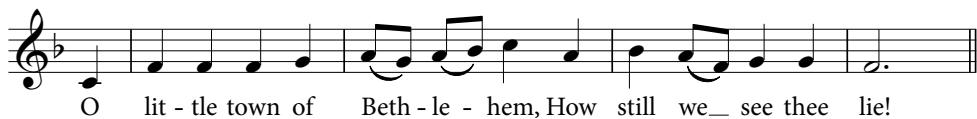
Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story:
And oh, that Mary's gentle Child
Might lead us up to glory!

3

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

5

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)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

All sing



Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing_ Glo - ry to the new born King;
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,_ God and sin - ners re - con-ciled:
Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise,_ Join the tri-umph of the skies,_
With th'an - ge - lic host pro - claim, Christ is_ born in Beth - le - hem.
Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing Glo - ry_ to the new born King.

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.*

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.*

Mendelssohn

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847)

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

and others

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