

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD [CHRISTMAS EVE] < C

Solemnity

AT THE MASS DURING THE NIGHT

December 24, 2021 (3:00 PM)

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT. Ps 2:7 [Son of God]
The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I Who have begotten you this day.

Penitential Act

Jesus come among those who were his own,
and his own people did not accept him.
Do we accept him, always and fully?
Let us examine ourselves:

(pause)

Lord Jesus, you look down with favor
on what is little and vulnerable:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ,
you fill the hungry with good things
and the satisfied you send away empty handed:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus,
you come to your people
and set them free:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord,
and touch us with your forgiving mercy.
Help us live as your sons and daughters
and lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest

C:Collect [Eternal Gladness]

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant
with the splendor of the true light, grant, we pray, that
we, who have known the mysteries of his light on
earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

SIT

First Reading Is 9:1-6 [The Messiah's Kingdom]
*The Messiah is a promise of peace for the world. His
reign shall be vast and filled with justice. The power of
God is revealed through the weakness of humans.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great
light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light
has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and
great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the
harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their
shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have
smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that
tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be

your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of
your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through
this participation at the altar receive the most holy
Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with
every grace and heavenly blessing
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

For the Dead

Remember also, Lord, your servants *N.* and *N.*, who
have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in
the sleep of peace. Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment,
light and peace (Through Christ our Lord. Amen)

For the Living

To us, also, your servants, who, though sinners,
hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some
share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and
Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias,
Barnabas, (Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter,
Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia,
Anastasia) and all your Saints; admit us, we beseech
you, into their company, not weighing our merits,
but granting us your pardon, through Christ our
Lord.

Through whom you continue to make all these good
thing, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life,
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

Concluding Doxology

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

Communion Rite

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

Our 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 daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Priest:
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant us 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 Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.**

Sign Of Peace

Priest : 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.

People : **Amen**

Priest : The peace of the Lord be with you always

People : **And with your Spirit**

Priest : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace.

Reception of Communion

KNEEL

Priest : 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.

People : **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Priest : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Communion

Oratio Imperata

Prayer after Communion

[Union with Christ]

STAND

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are
gladdened by participation in the feast of our
Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honorable way
of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives
and reigns for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing

STAND

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 by the incarnation brought together
the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift
of his peace and favor and make you sharers of the
joy 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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R/ Amen.

burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a
son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over
his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by
judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal
of the LORD of hosts will do this!

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96 [Bless the Lord]
R./ Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **(R.)**

Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **(R.)**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and what fills it resound;
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. **(R.)**

They shall exult before the Lord, for he comes;
for he comes to rule the earth.
He shall rule the world with justice
and the peoples with his constancy. **(R)**

Second Reading Ti 2:11-14 [Salvation for All]
*God offers salvation to all people. His way asks us to
reject worldly desires to live temperately and justly,
He even asked his only Son to sacrifice himself to
redeem us.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all
and training us to reject godless ways and worldly
desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly
in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the
appearance of the glory of our great God and savior
Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us
from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people
as his own, eager to do what is good.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Lk 2:10-11 [Great Joy] **STAND**

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:
today a Savior is born for us,
Christ the Lord.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



The Word is made flesh.

Gospel Lk 2:1-14 **[Birth of Christ]**
Rejoice in the good news our Savior is born, and he is revealed to us by the witness of shepherds.

R/ The Lord be with you.
R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
R/ Glory to you, O Lord

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

With the trust in God's faithfulness, we offer our intentions:

(Pause)

that the Good News of his coming may warm the hearts of all, and let us pray:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the Church: we celebrate that God has come to his people to be present to all of us in our own particular places, in our daily lives through the sanctity of His Church, and the saving truth of His incarnation. Let us pray:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our nation and those who lead it: that with the grace of God, true freedom and justice will reign to bring back health and financial recovery to the peoples, without further delays. Let us pray:

Lord, graciously hear us.

For our Parish Community: that today may become again a feast of hope, with desire expressed in our countless spiritual communions. That our deep longing for God's presence, for his closeness in our daily lives and struggles in this pandemic. Let us pray:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for Your grace pour into our hearts and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

(Pause)

Let us pray:

Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful God, your promise of salvation is fulfilled in the Birth of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful that we may rejoice at His return in glory. Through Christ our Lord. **R/Amen.**

SL: Offertory hymn

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Song

SIT

Preparation of the Bread

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer

STAND

Priest : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People : **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

[Become Like Christ]

STAND

May the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **R/Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

STAND

Introductory Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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

Preface I of the Nativity of the Lord

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of your glory has shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that, as we recognize in him God made visible, we may be caught up through him in love of things invisible.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Eucharistic Prayer No. 1

KNEEL

Praise to the Father

To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

that you accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices,

Intercession for the Church

which we offer you firstly for your holy catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant *N.* our Pope and *N.* our Bishop, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration of the Living

Remember, Lord, your servants *N.* and *N.* and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

In Communion with the Saints

Celebrating the most sacred night on which blessed Mary the immaculate Virgin brought forth the Savior for this world, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ ✠ and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs Peter and Paul, Andrew, (James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian,

Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian) and all your Saints; we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help. (Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**)

Therefore, Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family, order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chosen. (Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**)

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Be pleased, O God, we pray, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper

On the day before he was to suffer he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest : The mystery of faith.

All : *When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of