

A Christmas Message



“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favours!” (Lk 2:14). It is the time of thanksgiving and rejoicing again. A time when we look to Our Father in heaven with gratitude to say ‘thank you’ for sending His only Son to save us all from sin.

Christmas is a sign that God chooses to join us in our lives by becoming one of us. Whatever the circumstances of your life right now—grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt—Jesus longs to live it with you. Choose life with Jesus! Let Him be born again in your heart. Allow Him to enter into your moments and give you the life for which you were created.

At Christmas God gave himself to us. This giving invites us to 'give more of ourselves'. Let us take time to meet Jesus in our fellow beings. As we are in the year of St Joseph, let us care for each other with complete trust in the Lord as St Joseph did for the Holy Family.

I would like to thank all of our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful.

As we celebrate Christmas Masses as one big parish family, each one of you can be sure and certain that you are all remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the mass.

I wish a Holy and Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year to all my dear parishioners. May the Love, Joy and Peace of Baby Jesus be in your hearts and your homes.

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Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord Morning Mass



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ORDER OF THE MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9: 5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Introductory Rites

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

C: *Amen.*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: *And with your spirit.*

Penitential Act

*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,
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.
Amen.*

P: Lord have mercy.

C: *Lord have mercy*

P: Christ have mercy.

C: *Christ have mercy*

P: / Lord have mercy

C: *Lord have mercy.*

Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace to people of goodwill.
We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore 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;*

P: Deliver us Lord, we pray...

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.*

P: Lord Jesus Christ.... For ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: 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.*

P: 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.

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97: 3

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

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Final Blessing

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit*

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

C: *Amen.*

P: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

the bread of life.

C: *Blessed be God for ever.*

P: 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.

C: *Blessed be God for ever.*

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

C: *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.*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *It is right and just.*

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Doxology and Great Amen

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who are 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.*

*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.
Amen.*

First reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97(98):1-6

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

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R)**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. ®

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R)**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R)**

Second reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!

Gospel (Shorter Form)

John 1:1-5,9-14

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.
The Word was the true light that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Profession of Faith

*I believe in God, / the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all kneel—up to and including the words “Virgin Mary”)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit /
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried; / he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven;
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting.
Amen.*

Prayers of the Faithful

P: Lord, hear us.

(R): *Lord Graciously Hear us.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

P: 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