



# **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:**

## **DURING THE NIGHT**

December 25, 2023

12:00AM

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

In the City of Harrison, Ohio

**In preparation for the liturgy, you  
are asked to please silence all  
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**On the Reception of Holy Communion**

*Believing that the reception of Communion is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united ordinarily do not receive Holy Communion.*

*Because Communion is a commitment to living fully in Christ, Catholics who are conscious of grave sin do not participate in Communion without prior sacramental confession unless there is no opportunity for confession.*

**Looking for a faith community???**

Call our parish office for more information on joining the parish:

**513-367-9086**

The parish office will next be open on December 27th at 8:30AM.

PRELUDE MUSIC

Choir: <i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	Harold Darke
Organ: <i>Chorale Prelude: 'In duici júbilo'</i>	J.M. Bach (attr.)
Choir: <i>Noel Nouvelet</i>	John Rutter
Organ: <i>Chorale Prelude: 'What child is this'</i>	Paul Manz
Choir: <i>Night of Silence/Silent Night</i>	D. Kantor/F. Gruber
Organ: <i>Chorale Prelude: 'We three kings'</i>	Paul Manz
Choir: <i>Away in a manger</i> (MUELLER)	

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord  
Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright  
sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus,  
asleep on the hay.

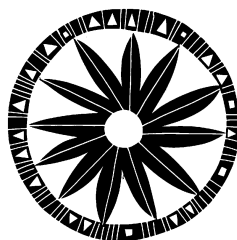
The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord  
Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus,  
look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till  
morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me  
forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear  
children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven to  
live with you there.

PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

Some millions of years having passed since the creation of the world, when, in the beginning, God created heaven and earth; Some thousands of years from the salvation of man when the family of Noah survived the flood; About nineteen centuries after the promise was given to Abraham, the father of faith; Many ages after Moses brought the people from bondage in Egypt; A thousand years from the anointing of David as King over the chosen people; In fulfillment of the times and year and months and days discerned by the vision of the prophets; In the course of secular history: In the one hundred and ninety-third Olympiad; Seven and one half centuries from the founding of the city of Rome; In the twentieth year of the reign of the Emperor Octavian Augustus, while the whole world enjoyed a span of peace; In the sixth and final age of human achievement; Wishing to consecrate the whole world and all time by his blessed presence, Jesus Christ, eternal God, and son of the eternal Father, conceived as man by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, after nine months of growth in the womb of his mother, Was born of the Virgin Mary and for our salvation became man in Bethlehem of Judah. Now in our own times this marks the birthday of Our Lord Jesus Christ after the manner of all flesh.

from *The Roman Martyrology*



# GATHERING RITE

GATHERING SONG: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELIS

Ritual Song Hymnal #521, Verses 1-4

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING

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

**R/. And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL RITE

GLORY TO GOD: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco

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OPENING PRAYER



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

1ST READING

Isaiah 62:11-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 97: A light will shine on us this day* Guimont

SECOND READING:

Titus 3:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Christmastime Alleluia*

Chepponis

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GOSPEL DIALOGUE

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.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:15-20

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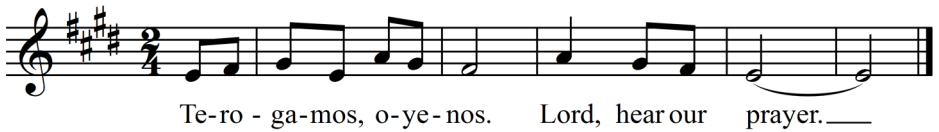
**I** believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all

things were made.

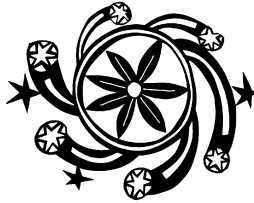
*(All Genuflect: For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.)*

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS: *Te Rogamos Oyenos/Lord, Hear Our Prayer* Kolar



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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

Ritual Song Hymnal #523

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray Brothers & Sisters... 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

R/. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R/. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. **It is right and just.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: *Mass of Redemption* Janco  
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: *Mass of Redemption* Janco  
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GREAT AMEN: *Mass of Redemption* Janco  
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## COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/. **And with your spirit.**

LAMB OF GOD: *Mass of Redemption* Janco

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God... 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.**

## COMMUNION SONGS

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* CAROL  
Ritual Song Hymnal #531

*Wood of the Cradle* Francis Patrick O'Brien

Verses (*sung by cantor/choir*)

1. Wood of the cradle, wood of the cross, bearing a lifetime of joy and of loss, who is your loved one? Who could he be, born in a manger to die on a tree?

Refrain (*sung by all*)

2. Shepherds lie sleeping, deep in their dreams; angels awaken them: "What could this mean? Whom do you herald? Whom must we find? A child in a manger? Our God born in time?" (*To refrain*)

3. Star in the heavens bearing new light, guiding the sages and ages this night: Where will you lead us? Where can he be, the child born of myst'ry who died on a tree? (*To refrain*)

4. Come, all who hunger, come, all who thirst; Come, all who seek him, God's joy on the earth. Find him a shelter, bright, safe, and warm, see in all people his love being born. (*To refrain*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING & FINAL BLESSING

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

SONG OF SENDING FORTH: *Hark The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Ritual Song Hymnal #520

POSTLUDE: *Carol Rhapsody*

Richard Purvis



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