

Merry Christmas



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Wishing everyone a joyous and blessed Christmas!

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December,

Unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth
And then formed man and woman in his own image.

Several thousand years after the flood,

When God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;

Thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the judges;

One thousand years from the anointing of David as king;

In the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.

In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;

The seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.

The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;

The whole world being at peace,

Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,

Desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming,

Being conceived by the Holy Spirit,

And nine months having passed since his conception,

Was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Silent night, holy night! / All is calm, all is bright...

A holy night, to be sure. But hardly silent and anything but calm. That night in Bethlehem we remember was a night anything but silent. The 'silence' of this night was shattered by the blood curdling cries of wild animals roaming the hillsides. In a cold dark cave a young, frightened woman gave birth to her child, while her carpenter husband stood by helplessly. Finally, amid the bleating of the sheep and the braying of the animals surrounding the little family, the sound of the newborn's first cry of life broke the stillness. This 'silent night' was filled with terror, pain and bone-numbing exhaustion that sleep alone cannot relieve.

There was no 'silence' this night in crowded, chaotic Bethlehem, a little hamlet bursting at the seams with visitors and travelers who had come for the great census. There was, in fact, no 'calm' in all of Israel—only tension and conflict between the Jewish people and their Roman occupiers. Ancient Palestine hardly a place of 'heavenly peace' - it was a land torn apart by oppression, persecution, and terror.

And yet on this noisy, chaotic, anxious night, Christ was born. Hidden in a dark cave the light of Christ dawned. Christ's birth transforms the darkness of life into hope and joy.

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Christmas Eve Scripture Carol Service

2005

Opening Carol: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel,
To you shall come Emmanuel.*

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high
Who order all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in Your ways to go.

3. O come, O come great Lord of
might,
Who to Your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

4. O come, O rod of Jesse's stem,
From every foe deliver them
That trust Your mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

5. O come, O Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

6. O come, O Day-spring from on high,
And cheer us by Your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our King of Peace.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-8 'The Rule of Emmanuel'

All: *The King of Glory*

Refrain:

*The King of Glory Comes,
The people rejoices;
Open the gates before him,
Lift up your voices.*

1. Who is the King of glory?
How shall we call him?

2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among His people,
curing their illness.

3. Sing then of David's son,
our Saviour and Brother;

4. He gave His life for us,
The Lamb of salvation,
He took upon Himself the sins of the
nation.

5. He conquered sin and death
He truly has risen,
And He will share with us His
Heavenly vision.

Choir: *Carol Of The Manger*

Second Reading: Luke 1:26-38 'The Announcement of the Birth of Jesus'

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All: The Angel Gabriel (verses 1, 2 & 3)

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "O Lowly maiden Mary.

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleases God!" she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."

Refrain

"Most highly favored lady!" Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother you shall be, All generations praise continually, Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold."



Choir: Himig Ng Pasko

Tagalog/ Filipino

Malamig and simoy ng hangin
Kaysaya ng bawat damdamin
Ang tibok ng puso sa dibdib
Para bang hulog na nang langit

Himig Pasko'y laganap
Mayrong sigla ang lahat
Wala nang kalungkutan
Lubos ang kasayahan

ALL

*Himig ng Pasko'y umiiral
Sa Loob ng bawat tahanan
Masaya ang mga tanawin
May awit and simoy ng hangin*

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*(The Breeze of the air is cold
Each one is happy
Our hearts are beating because it's a grace
Coming down from heaven.*

*Christmas carols are everywhere
Everybody is glad
No more sadness
Joy is overflowing.*

*Christmas carols are everywhere
In every home.
You can see that everyone is happy
There is music in the air*

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Third Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 'The Birth of Jesus'

Hymn: ALL “ O Litle Town of Bethlehem”

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in the dark street shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the Holy Birth!
And praises sing to God our King,
And peace to all on earth.

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
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 Lord enters in.

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.

Choir: Angel Celebration

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:8-12 ‘Announcement to The Shepherds’

All: While Shepherd’s Watched

1. While shepherds watched
Their flocks by night, all seated on the
ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

2. “Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their trouble mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.”

3. “To you in David’s town this day
Is born of David’s line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign:

4. “The heavenly Babe you there
shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid.”

5. Thus spoke the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

6. “All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to all
Begin and never cease.”

Choir: Joseph's Song

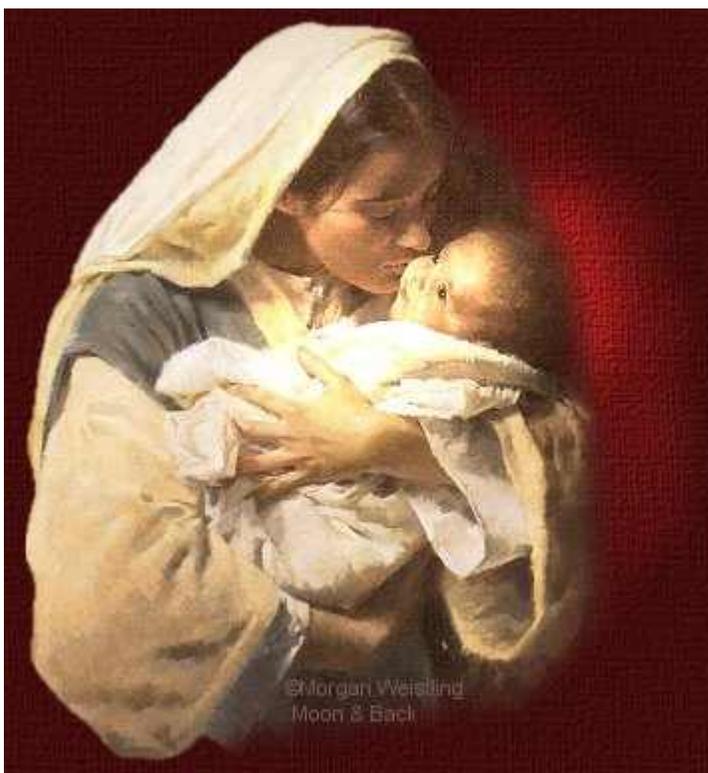
All: O Holy Night!

1. The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and sorrow pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices,
O night Divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night Divine! O night, O night Divine!

2. Led by the light of faith serenely
beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So led by light of star serenely gleaming,
Here came the wise men of orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our needs, He guards us from
danger.
Behold your King! Before the lowly bend;
Behold your King! Before the lowly bend.

3. Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and His gospel is peace;
chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother
and in His name all oppression shall cease.
With hymns of joy in grateful chorus raising,
let every heart adore His Holy Name!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices,
O night Divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night Divine! O night, O night Di-

Choir: Great Day In Bethlehem



Happy Birthday Jesus

Midnight & Christmas Day Masses

(Midnight, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.)

Entrance Hymn: *Joy To The World!*

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come;
Let earth receive her
King,
Let ev'ry heart pre-
pare Him room,
///And heav'n and
nature sing.///

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains,
///Repeat the sounding joy.///

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
///And wonders of His love.///



Blessing of the Crib: *Away In A Manger*

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 bedside
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.

Gloria: *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyful strains prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

Refrain: *Gloria, in Excelsis Deo.*
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Collection Hymn: *What Child Is This?*



What Child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne, for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings:
Let loving hearts enthroned Him.
Raise, raise, the song on high,
The Virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Offertory Hymn: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

1. O Come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born, the King of angels.

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

2. A Virgin His mother,
God of God she beareth,
Beareth the Light who doth from Light
proceed
True, uncreated, from all time begotten.

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, Glory in the highest

Communion Hymn: *Silent Night*

1. Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
//Sleep in heavenly peace!//

2. Silent Night! Holy Night!
Shepherds first see the sight:
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly Hosts sing Alleluia!
//Christ the Saviour is born!//

3. Silent Night! Holy Night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
//Jesus, Lord at your birth!//

4. Silent Night! Holy Night!
Earth and sky, starry height
Echo still your glory and praise
While a song of rejoicing we raise
//To the Heavenly King!//



Meditation (All): *The First Noel* - 3 languages

(Midnight & 8:30 am only)

1. The First Nowell, The Angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

***Nowell, Nowell, Nowell Nowell
Born is the King of Israel.***

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night

3 (Hindi)
Ussi tara ka roshini se
Teen gathariyon aaya.
Ek raja ko talash karna tha.
Ussi tara ko sahara se chalta raha.

4. (Spanish)
Esta estrella dibujó nigh a el no-
roeste.
O'er Bethlehem tomó su resto,
Y allí hizo la parada y la estancia
Derecho sobre el lugar donde en-
decha de Jesús.

5. (Tagalog) Filipino
Dito tumuloy ang tatlong
Haring mago.
Lumuhod, nagpuri tanda ng pag-
galang.
Doon sa harap niya, inialay nila.
Ang handog na ginto, mira at in-
senso.

6. Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with the father we adore
And Spirit blest for ever more

Recessional Hymn: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

1. Hark! The herald angels sing:
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic hosts proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

***Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Off-spring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see!
Hail, th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of
peace! Hail, the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.

4. Saviour, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory
given;
Word of the Father now in
Flesh appearing.

(After Mass, Please Hand Program to Ushers!)