

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

The Nativity of the Lord, December 24, 2020

Rev. Fr. Jason Gries

Welcome to Holy Redeemer parish for our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. We are so glad that you are here with us, whether you are here with us weekly or are joining us for the first time. As we gather together we have taken a number of precautions to help protect you and others. We thank you for wearing a face covering and sanitizing your hands as you entered. We will be keeping our social distance within the pews by leaving two empty, numbered seats between you and the next group as well as following the lines on the floor for communion and exiting the church. We ask that as you approach for communion you leave your face covering on, cupping your hands so that the Eucharist may be placed into your cupped hands. After receiving the Eucharist, please step to the side to remove your mask & then consume the Eucharist. We ask that you not congregate inside after Mass. Thank you for working together with us to make this a safe place for everyone. We are so glad that you have joined us today and we look forward to worshipping with you again soon.



PLEASE STAND

PROCESSIONAL

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES

Verses



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. † Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, †
3. † Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, †
4. *Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -*



1. come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
3. Je - sus, to thee — be all glo - ry giv'n;
4. *ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.*



1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
4. *Na - tum vi - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.*

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -



come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mí - num.

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786;
tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade.

PENITENTIAL RITE

GLORIA

REFRAIN

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to
God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. *To Verses*

VERSE 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,
1. we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God,
1. heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. *To Refrain*

VERSE 2

2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
2. Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,
2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,
2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right
2. hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. *To Refrain*

VERSE 3



3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
3. Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
3. with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

FINAL REFRAIN



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high - est.
Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on
earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89

REFRAIN



For - ev - er will I sing the
good-ness of the Lord. For - ev - er will I sing
the good - ness of the Lord.

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Vs. 1) God has made a vow to us, a promise to us here.
He forever walks with us and makes us strong.

Vs 2) Blessed you who know the Lord and walk amid his lights
and rejoice to hear his name. We are made strong.

Vs 3) Blessed you who know the Lord and call him by his name,
for the Lord remembers all and keeps his word.



SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, “Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.’ From this man’s descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus.

John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.’”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia. lu - ia.

1. Let your heart rejoice in the Lord.
Let your word proclaim his deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world
that our God has come to save.

2. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 1: 18-25

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

A reading from the Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,*

which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



PLEASE BE SEATED

HOMILY

Fr. Jason B. Gries

PLEASE STAND

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,

Pause and kneel.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

Pause and stand.

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 life of the world to come. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
2. While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
3. So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:
2. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,
4. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

Fr. Jason, Deacon Kevin, Deacon Tom and the entire staff of Holy Redeemer wish you and your family a blessed Christmas. Even though this Christmas may be different in many ways from those of the past, we hope that you will still celebrate the greatest gift we have ever received in Jesus Christ. During these uncertain times of the pandemic, our faith is our surety and our strength. We pray that this celebration brings the light of Christ to your heart that you may share it with a world so desperately in need of it. May God bless you and your loved ones this day and always.



PLEASE STAND

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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PLEASE KNEEL

MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you
come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

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AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men. _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the word 'AMEN'. The first staff has the lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' with a final note on a half note. The second staff has the lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' followed by a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody.

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PLEASE STAND

All:

OUR FATHER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;

thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,

as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not

in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The image shows five staves of musical notation for the Lord's Prayer. Each staff contains a line of lyrics with corresponding musical notes. The notes are mostly quarter notes and half notes, with some eighth notes in the first staff. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;', 'thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.', 'Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,', 'as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not', and 'in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.'

Priest: Deliver us, Lord...and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All:

For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation for the continuation of the Lord's Prayer. It begins with the word 'All:' and contains the lyrics 'For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.' with musical notes.

PLEASE STAND

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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PLEASE KNEEL

COMMUNION PROCESSIONAL

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

STILLE NACHT

1. Si-lent night! Ho-ly night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon
2. Si-lent night! Ho-ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight; Glo-ries
3. Si-lent night! Ho-ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra-diant

1. Vir-gin Moth-er and child! Ho-ly in-fant so ten-der and mild,
2. stream from heav-en a-far; Heav'n-ly hosts— sing "Al-le-lu-ia!
3. beams from thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re-deem-ing grace,

1. Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
2. Christ the Sav-ior is born, Christ the Sav-ior is born."
3. Je-sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je-sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: 66 89 66; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. by John F. Young, 1820-1885. Music: Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863.

CHRIST OUR LIGHT HAS COME

Steve Angrisano and Curtis Stephan



1. Still, come be still; let us hear the proph-ets call - ing.
2. Peace, there is peace; for new hope to - day is dawn - ing.
3. Here in this place let us stand in awe and won - der.



1. Still, come be still; let us hear the an - gels sing. For true
2. Peace, there is peace; come be - hold the face of God. In a
3. Here in this place we be - hold the mys - ter - y. For the



1. light has ar - rived to il - lu - mine our lives so of - ten be -
2. prom - ise ful - filled now his love is re - vealed; all heav - en and
3. mes - sage goes out; there is no room for doubt: the child now



1. set by the dark - ness. We find who we are in the
2. earth are re - joic - ing. Put a way all your fear for our
3. laid in a man - ger; true God and true man, now re -



1. light of the star on the way to our jour - ney's end.
2. path now is clear on the way to our jour - ney's end.
3. veal - ing the plan, the way to our jour - ney's end.



Cast a - side all your fear and dread, come fol - low the light to



Beth - le - hem. The way of sal - va - tion re - vealed to all:



Christ our light has come, Christ our light has come.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Righ-teous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



1. na-tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies; With an -
2. God-head see! Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to



1. gel - ic hosts pro-claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

THE FIRST NOWELL

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw ___ a star
3. And by the light of that ___ same star
4. This star drew nigh to the ___ north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise ___ men three,
6. Then let us all with one ___ ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in ___ the east, ___ be - yond ___ them far;
3. Three ___ wise ___ men came ___ from coun - try far;
4. O'er ___ Beth - le - hem ___ it took ___ its rest,
5. Full ___ rev - 'rent - ly ___ up - on ___ the knee,
6. Sing ___ prais - es to ___ our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where _ they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the ___ earth it gave ___ great light,
3. To seek for a king was their ___ in - tent,
4. And there it ___ did both stop ___ and stay,
5. And of - fered ___ there, in his ___ pres - ence,
6. Who with the ___ Fa - ther we ___ a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night ___ that was ___ so deep.
2. And ___ so it con - tin - ued both day ___ and night.
3. And to fol - low the star ___ wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right _ o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5. Their gold ___ and myrrh ___ and frank - in - cense.
6. And ___ Spir - it blest ___ for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -



1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

A Christmas Blessing

During this Christmas season,

may you be blessed with

the spirit of the season which is

Peace

the gladness of the season which is

Hope

and the heart of the season which is

Love