

Feast of the Holy Family: December 27, 2020

Prelude

The Light of Christmas Morn

1. The winds of chill December sound the farewell of the year,
and evening shadows gather round and cloud the soul with fear.
But rest you well, good Christian men, nor be of heart forlorn;
December's darkness brings again the light of Christmas morn.
2. 'Twas when the world was waxing old and night on Bethl'em lay,
the shepherds saw the heav'ns unfold a light beyond the day.
Such glory ne'er had visited a world with sin outworn;
but yet more glorious Light is shed on happy Christmas morn.
3. The welcome snow at Christmastide falls shining from the skies;
on village paths and uplands wide all holy-white it lies.
It crowns with pearl the oaks and pines and glitters on the thorn;
but purer still the Light that shines on gladsome Christmas morn.
4. Those shepherds poor, how blest were they the angel song to hear,
in manger cradle as he lay to greet their Savior dear.
The Lord of heav'n's eternal height for us a babe was born;
and he, the very Light of Light, shone forth that Christmas morn.
5. The chapel lights above the snow do warm the coldest chill,
and manger scene by candle glow inclines us to goodwill.
Ablaze in wonder and in awe as every heart adores;
but brighter still the light that falls on gladsome Christmas morn.
6. And o'er the child a guiding star shall lead us into peace;
and still, in souls that childlike are, his guardian love shall be.
O then rejoice, good Christian men, nor be of heart forlorn;
for unto you in Bethlehem the Son of God is born.
December's darkness brings again the light of Christmas morn.

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Gathering

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid
her baby in a manger for his bed. Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her
little Child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all, And his
shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall. With the poor and mean and
lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. And through all his wondrous childhood He would honor and obey, Love
and watch the lowly maiden In whose gentle arms he lay. Christian children
all should be Kind, obedient, good as he.

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Kyrie

Mass of Celebration

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison;
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

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Glory to God

Mass of Renewal

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father
2. 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;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. 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

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Psalm

O Blessed are Those

Refrain:
O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

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Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Restoration

Alleluia! Alleluia! alleluia!

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Offertory

O Little 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 thy dark streets 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 the 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 Christ enters in.

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Sanctus

Mass of Renewal

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

Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Renewal

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Grant us, grant us peace.

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Communion

Away in a Manger

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

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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

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Closing

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay; Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day To save us all from Santan's pow'r When we were gone astray.

Refrain:
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heav'nly Father A blessed angel came, And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same, How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name.

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