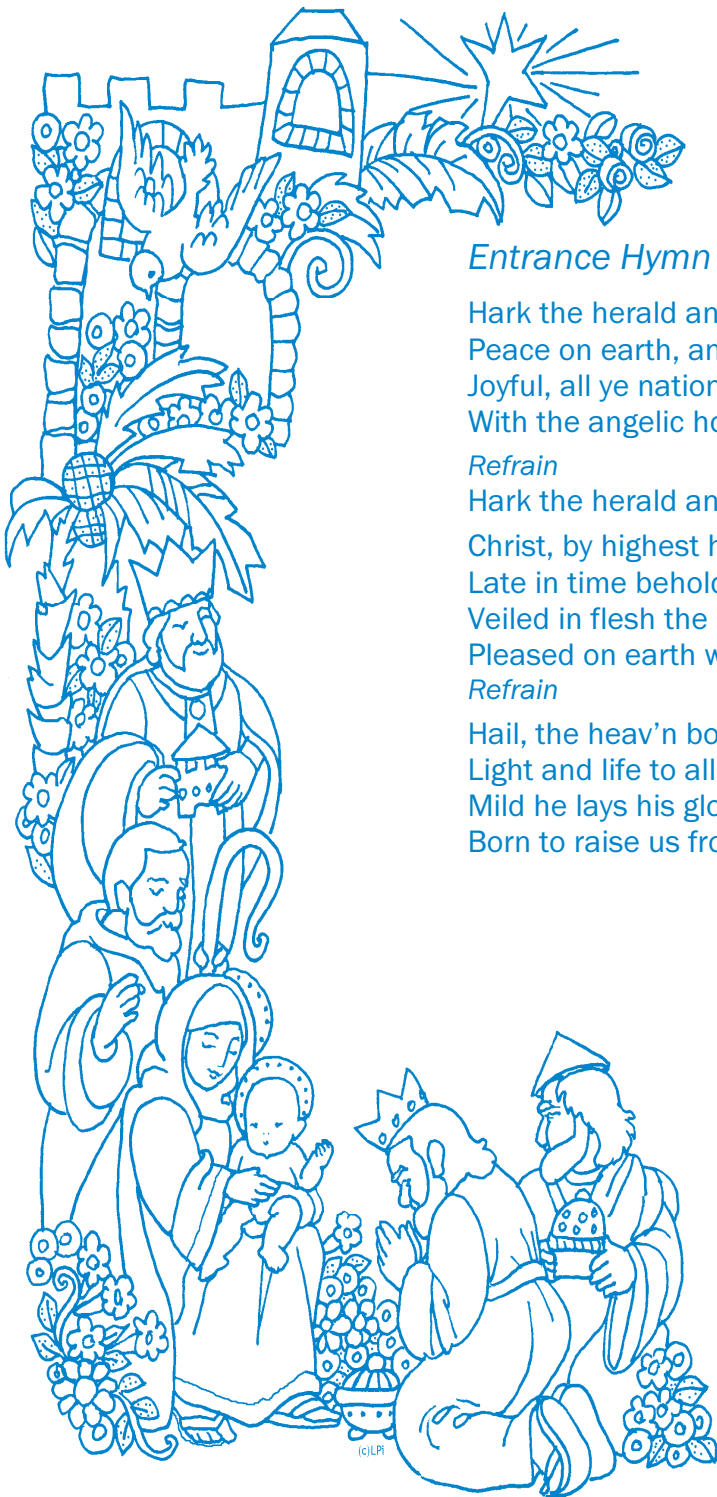


Christmas Vigil Mass

With Children's Nativity

Most Precious Blood School

December 24, 2016



Entrance Hymn **Hark the Herald Angel Sings**

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."
Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th' incarnated Deity,
Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun 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.

Greeting

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

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

People: And with your spirit.

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.

Gloria

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

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.

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.

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.

1st Reading

Isaiah 9:1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

2nd Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Alleluia

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Homily

Nicene Creed

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, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man (briefly kneel).

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.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord hear our prayer

Offertory Hymn God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray

Refrain

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

In Bethlehem in Judah this blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn,
To which his Mother Mary did nothing take in scorn:

Refrain

From God our heav'nly Father the blessed angles came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
That there was born in Bethlehem the Son of God by name:

Refrain

Preface

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Mystery of Faith

Priest: The mystery of faith.

People: **When we eat this Bread, when we drink this Cup,
 we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Our Father

Sign of Peace

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

People: **And with your spirit.**

Lamb of God

Invitation to Communion

Priest: 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.

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



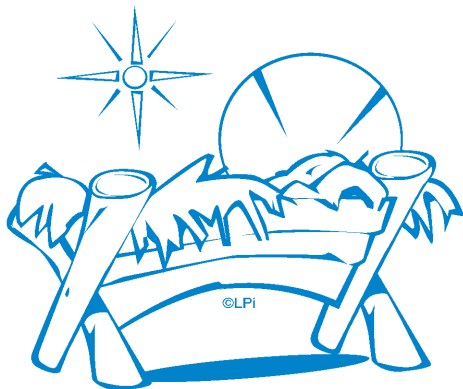
Communion Hymn *Silent Night*

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, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar.

Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming
grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus Lord at thy birth!



Communion Hymn *Away in the Manger*

Away in the 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 side till morning is nigh.

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

Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart – prepare him room – And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and Heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, 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 and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

