

CHRISTMAS  
MIDNIGHT MASS  
2021



# CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST



HIS EMINENCE  
TIMOTHY MICHAEL CARDINAL DOLAN  
ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK  
CELEBRANT



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS  
MASS DURING THE NIGHT

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL  
"AMERICA'S PARISH CHURCH"  
NEW YORK CITY

DECEMBER 25, 2021  
MIDNIGHT

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
from the *Roman Martyrology*

The Twenty-fifth Day of December,  
when ages beyond number had run their course  
from the creation of the world,  
when God in the beginning created heaven and earth,  
and formed man in his own likeness;  
when century upon century had passed  
since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood,  
as a sign of covenant and peace;  
in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith,  
came out of Ur of the Chaldees;  
in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses  
in the Exodus from Egypt;  
around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;  
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;  
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;  
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two  
since the foundation of the City of Rome;  
in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus,  
the whole world being at peace,

JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,  
desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence,  
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and when nine months had passed since his conception,  
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah,  
and was made man:

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

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PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Jennifer Pascual, DMA, *Director of Music*

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Michael Hey, *Associate Director of Music*

John Des Marais, *Cantor*

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New York Symphonic Brass

Ken DeCarlo, Trumpet

Ian Donald, Horn

Morris Kainuma, Tuba

John Romeri II, Flute

Andre Tarantiles, Harp

Hera Hyesang Park, *Guest Soloist*

John Sheppard, Trumpet

Paul Bellino, Trombone

Benjamin Herman, Jr., Percussion

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P R E L U D E   C O N C E R T  
(11:00 P.M.)

**Carol of the Bells**

Mykola Leontovich  
arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Hark! how the bells; Sweet silver bells, All seem to say “throw cares away”  
Christmas is here Bringing good cheer To young and old, Meek and the bold  
Ding, dong, ding, dong, That is their song, With joyful ring All caroling.  
One seems to hear, Words of good cheer, From everywhere Filling the air  
O, how they pound, Raising the sound, O’er hill and dale, Telling their tale,  
Gayly they ring, While people sing song of good cheer, Christmas is here!  
Merry Christmas! On they send, on without end their joyful tone to every home.

**The Holly She Bears a Berry**

arr. James E. Clemens

Oh, the holly she bears a berry as white as the milk, And Mary she bore Jesus, all wrapped up in silk.  
And Mary she bore Jesus, our Savior for to be, And the first tree that’s in the greenwood, it was the holly.  
Oh, the holly she bears a berry as green as the grass, And Mary she bore Jesus, who died on the Cross.  
Oh, the holly she bears a berry as black as the coal, And Mary she bore Jesus, who died for us all.  
Oh, the holly she bears a berry, as blood, it is red. And we trust in our Savior, who rose from the dead.

**El Ángel**

Esteban Gumucio and Andrés Opazo

The angel from heaven announced to Mary that God was choosing her.  
The whole land was silent for a lily was blooming.  
In God my Savior, my soul leaps with joy, For the Holy and Powerful One has done wonders for me.  
How has this happened if I am not married, only betrothed to Saint Joseph? But in my God I will believe.  
The angel replied: “Do not be afraid, Mary. The holy Spirit will come upon you and overshadow you”  
The Virgin bowed down in fear and adoration, and replied: “Let it be done as the Lord wishes.”  
And the Divine Word found dwelling in a girl saved among all women, the only immaculate one.

**While By My Sheep**

arr. Hugo Jüngst

While by my sheep I watched at night Glad tidings brought and angel bright:  
How great my joy. Praise we the Lord in heaven on high.  
There shall be born, so he did say, In Bethlehem a child today.  
There shall He lie in manger mean, Who shall redeem the world from sin.  
Lord, evermore to me be nigh, Then shall my heart be filled with joy!

**Tollite Hostias from *Christmas Oratorio***

Camille Saint-Saëns

Lift up the offerings, and worship the Lord in this holy courtyard.  
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,  
at the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows Upon a winter night  
Was born the Child the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light.  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, The grateful earth rejoiced,  
And at His blessed birth the stars Their exultation voiced.  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night  
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, Its King of Love and Light.  
Let every voice acclaim His name, The grateful chorus swell,  
From paradise to earth He came That we with Him might Dwell.

Kathryn Whitaker, *Mezzo-Soprano*

**I Wish You Christmas**

John Rutter

I wish you starlight on fields of snow, The winter's morning light and evening glow;  
I wish you candles that shine from every tree, So all the world can see The light that there could be.  
I wish you music, I wish you song, With voices echoing, joyous and strong;  
I wish you church bells, ringing true and clear; I wish you Christmas, a merry Christmas,  
A merry Christmas to remember all the year.  
Old friends smiling, thinking of times gone by; Young friends laughing:  
Christmas is here, Spirits are bright, and hopes are high.  
I wish you loved ones around your fire; May Christmas bring you all your heart's desire.  
I wish you children to make the season new, With dreams you help come true, Just like it was for you.  
I wish you blessings, I wish you love, The sound of angel choirs from high above;  
I wish you laughter, happiness and cheer: I wish you Christmas, a merry Christmas,  
And may its joy and peace be with you through the year.  
I wish you music, I wish you song; I wish you harmony your whole life long;  
The warmth of memories that long remain: I wish you Christmas, a merry Christmas,  
And may God bless you till we all shall meet again.

**Do You Hear What I Hear?**

arr. Harry Simone

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?  
'Way up in the sky, little lamb. A star, Dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite."  
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd Boy.  
A Song, high above the tree, With a voice as big as the sea."  
Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know?  
In your palace warm, mighty king.  
A Child shivers in the cold, Let us bring him sliver and gold."  
Said the mighty king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say:  
Pray for peace people, everywhere!  
The Child, sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light."

In dulci jubilo Let us our homage show;  
 Our heart's joy reclineth In praesepio like a bright star shineth Matris in gremio. Alpha es et O.  
 'Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, Help me cradle the child divine;  
 God reward thee and all that's thine In paradise,' So prays the mother Mary.  
 He came among us at Christmastide, In Bethlehem; Jesus, Lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!  
 'Gladly, dear one, lady mine, Help cradle this child of thine;  
 Men shall bring from far and wide Love's diadem:  
 God's own light on us both shine In paradise, As prays the mother Mary.'  
 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.  
 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 tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.  
 From heaven above to earth I come Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing.  
 While by my sheep I watched at night, Glad tidings brought and angel bright.  
 How great my joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!  
 This gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill.  
 Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:  
 Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!  
 E'en so here below, let steeple bells be swungen, And io, io, io by priest and people sungen.  
 Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;  
 May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.

H Y M N

“Away in a Manger”

John McFarland and James Murray



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus! I ask you to stay



1. The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 2. But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
 3. Close by me for ev - er, and love me, I pray.



1. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 2. I love you, Lord Je - sus! look down from the sky,  
 3. Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,



1. The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 2. And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 3. And fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

H Y M N

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we  
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to



see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The  
 all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their  
 gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The  
 us, we pray; Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be



si - lent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets  
 watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars, to -  
 bless - ings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his  
 born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas



shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light; The hopes and  
 geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth! And prais - es  
 com - ing, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls  
 an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell; O come to



fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.  
 will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

The choir will sing verses 1-4. All sing verses 5 and 6.

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| <p>1. Once in royal David’s City<br/>Stood a lowly cattle shed;<br/>Where a mother laid her baby<br/>In a manger for his bed;<br/>Mary was that mother mild,<br/>Jesus Christ her little child.</p> <p>3. And through all his wondrous childhood<br/>He would honour and obey,<br/>Love, and watch the lowly maiden,<br/>In whose gentle arms he lay;<br/>Christian children all must be<br/>Mild, obedient, good as he.</p> | <p>2. He came down to earth from heaven<br/>Who is God and Lord of all,<br/>And his shelter was a stable,<br/>And his cradle was a stall;<br/>With the poor, and mean, and lowly,<br/>Lived on earth our Saviour holy.</p> <p>4. For he is our childhood’s pattern,<br/>Day by day like us he grew,<br/>He was little, weak and helpless,<br/>Tears and smiles like us he knew;<br/>And he feeleth for our sadness,<br/>And he shareth in our gladness.</p> |
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5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his  
6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the  
own re - deem - ing love, For that child so dear and  
ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in  
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And he  
hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like  
leads his chil - dren on To the place where he is gone,  
stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“X Noël: Grand jeu et Duo” from *Nouveau livre de Noël*  
Louis Claude d’Aquin

**Hodie Christus natus est**

Giovanni Gabrieli

Today Christ is born; today the Savior has appeared; Today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice;  
Today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all those of good will.

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful/Venid, Fieles Todos”

ADESTE FIDELES



1. O come, all ye faith - ful Joy - ful and tri -  
 2. *En po - bre pe - se - bre ya - ce - el re - cli -*  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul -  
 4. *Je - sús ce - le - bra - mos tu ben - di - to*



1. um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le -  
 2. *na - do, al mun - do o - fre - cien - do e - ter - na sal - va -*  
 3. tion, Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a -  
 4. *nom - bre con him - nos so - lem - nes de gra - to lo -*



1. hem; Come and be - hold him Born the King of An - gels;  
 2. *ción. Al san - to Me - sí - as, el Ver - bo hu - ma - na - do,*  
 3. bove; Glo - ry to God, In the high - est:  
 4. *or. Por si - glos e - ter - nos la hu - ma - ni - dad te hon - re.*



O come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him,  
*Ve - nid, a - do - re - mos, ve - nid, a - do - re - mos,*



O come let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!  
*ve - nid, a - do - re - mos a Cris - to, el Se - ñor.*

2. In poor manger he lay reclining,  
 giving to the world eternal salvation,  
 the Holy Messiah, the incarnate Word.

4. Jesus, we celebrate your blessed name  
 with solemn hymns of pleasing glory;  
 For endless centuries mankind honors you.

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## PENITENTIAL ACT

**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,**

*And, striking their breast, all say:*

**through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;**

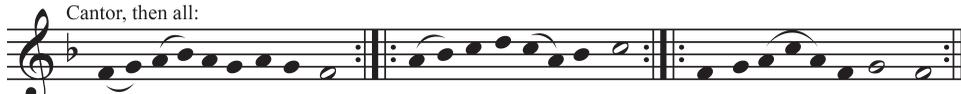
**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

## KYRIE

“Kyrie Divinium Mysterium”

Jennifer Pascual

Cantor, then all:



Ky - ri - e e-le-i-son. Chri - ste e-le - i-son. Ky-ri-e e-lei-son.

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Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## GLORIA

*Missa Adeste Fideles*

Rev. Carlo Rosini

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.  
You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
will be burned as fuel for flames.  
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.  
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.  
His dominion is vast  
and forever peaceful,  
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains  
by judgment and justice,  
both now and forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

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

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13  
William Ferris



To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

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Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name. *℟*

Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. *℟*

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and what fills it resound;  
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. *℟*

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;  
for he comes to rule the earth.  
He shall rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with his constancy. *℟*

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Tito 2,11-14

Vino a este mundo la gracia de Dios,  
trayendo la salvación a todos los hombres  
y educándonos para que aprendamos a rechazar la maldad  
y los deseos mundanos,  
y vivamos así en este mundo como seres responsables,  
justos y que sirven a Dios.

Pues esperamos el día feliz  
en que se manifestará con su gloria  
nuestro magnífico Dios y Salvador Cristo Jesús.  
El se sacrificó por nosotros  
y, de esa manera, nos liberó de las fuerzas del pecado  
y purificó a su pueblo, un pueblo que le pertenece  
y que no desea otra cosa que hacer el bien.

*The grace of God has appeared,  
saving all  
and training us to reject godless ways  
and worldly desires  
and to live temperately,  
justly, and devoutly in this age,  
as we await the blessed hope,  
the appearance of the glory  
of our great God and savior Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself for us  
to deliver us from all lawlessness  
and to cleanse for himself a people  
as his own, eager to do what is good.*

Palabra de Dios.  
**Te alabamos Señor.**

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

*Christmastime Alleluia*

James Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Good news of great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

## G O S P E L

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus  
that the whole world should be enrolled.  
This was the first enrollment,  
when Quirinius was governor of Syria.  
So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.  
And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth  
to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem,  
because he was of the house and family of David,  
to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.  
While they were there,  
the time came for her to have her child,  
and she gave birth to her firstborn son.  
She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no room for them in the inn.  
Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields  
and keeping the night watch over their flock.  
The angel of the Lord appeared to them  
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,  
and they were struck with great fear.  
The angel said to them,  
“Do not be afraid;  
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.  
For today in the city of David  
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you:  
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes  
and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel,  
praising God and saying:  
“Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*BE SEATED*

HOMILY

Cardinal Dolan

*STAND*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

ed. Vat. III

Pa - trem om-ni-po-ten-tem fa - cto-rem cae-li et ter-rae, vi - si - bi - li -  
um om - ni - um et in - vi - si - bi - li - um. Et in u - num  
Do - mi - num Je - sum Chri - stum. Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum.  
Et ex Pa - tre na - tum an - te om - ni - a sae - cu - la. De - um de De - o,  
lu - men de lu - mi - ne, De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro. Ge - ni - tum,  
non fa - ctum, con - sub - stan - ti - a - lem Pa - tri: per quem om - ni - a

fa-cta sunt. Qui pro-pter nos ho-mi-nes et pro-pter no-stram sa-lu-tem  
 de-scen-dit de cae-lis. Et in-car-na-tus est de Spi-ri-tu  
 San-cto ex Ma-ri-a Vir-gi-ne, et ho-mo factus est. Cru-ci-fi-  
 xus e-ti-am pro no-bis sub Pon-ti-o Pi-la-to, pas-sus et se-pul-tus est.  
 Et re-sur-re-xit ter-ti-a di-e, se-cun-dum Scri-ptu-ras.  
 Et a-scen-dit in cae-lum, se-det ad dex-te-ram Pa-tris.  
 Et i-te-rum ven-tu-rus est cum glo-ri-a, ju-di-ca-re vi-vos et  
 mor-tu-os, cu-jus re-gni non e-rit fi-nis. Et in Spi-ri-tum San-  
 ctum, Do-mi-num et vi-vi-fi-can-tem: qui ex Pa-tre Fi-li-o-que  
 pro-ce-dit. Qui cum Pa-tre et Fi-li-o si-mul a-do-ra-tur

et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur: qui lo - cu - tus est per pro - phe - tas.

Et u - nam, san - ctam, ca - tho - li - cam et a - po - sto - li - cam Ec - cle - si - am.

Con - fi - te - or u - nam Ba - ptis - ma in re - mis - si - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.

Et ex - spe - cto re - sur - re - cti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum. Et vi - tam ven -

tu - ri sae - cu - li. A - - - - - men.

## U N I V E R S A L P R A Y E R

Cardinal: On this Holy Night let us implore the God of perfect peace to fill us with the Glory of the Word-made-flesh.

(English): Our Response is “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”

(Italian): For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he may continue to lead the Church with great love and compassion.

Let us pray to the Lord. *℟.*

(German): For Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, his assistant bishops, all bishops, priests, deacons, and religious, that they will continue to inspire the Holy people of God as living examples of Christ’s love.

Let us pray to the Lord. *℟.*

(Creole): For a greater respect for all human life from the first moment of conception until natural death.

Let us pray to the Lord. *℟.*

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(Igbo): For the nations and peoples of the world, that justice and peace may reign in all lands.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *℟*.

(Polish): For all those suffering from the effects of the pandemic; that they may receive from God, who in Jesus became man for us, fortitude and serenity of heart.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *℟*.

(Chinese): For the people of God in the Archdiocese of New York, that our work and worship together may celebrate Christ's presence among us.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *℟*.

(Spanish): For the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the lonely, that in the miracle of Christ's birth, they may experience the healing and hope of God.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *℟*.

(Tagalog): For all who have died, that the new life of the Messiah may be theirs.  
Let us pray to the Lord. *℟*.

Cardinal: Lord God, your love knows no limit, your compassion no end. Hear the prayers we make as we celebrate your most perfect gift to your human family: The Messiah, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

ANTHEM

“For Unto Us a Child Is Born” from *Messiah*  
George Frideric Handel

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
And the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

*STAND*

### THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

# SANCTUS

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

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*KNEEL*

# MYSTERY OF FAITH

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

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# GREAT AMEN

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

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# THE COMMUNION RITE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pa - ter nos - ter, qui es in cae - lis: san - cti - fi - cé - tur  
no - men tu - um; ad - vé - ni - at re - gnum tu - um;  
fi - at vo - lún - tas tu - a, sic - ut in cae - lo, et in ter - ra.  
Pan - em nos - trum co - ti - di - á - num da no - bis hó - di - e;  
et dim - ít - te no - bis dé - bi - ta nos - tra, sic - ut et nos  
dim - ít - ti - mus de - bi - tó - ri - bus nos - tris; et ne nos in - dú - cas  
in ten - ta - ti - ó - nem; sed lí - be - ra nos a ma - lo.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

## DOXOLOGY

Qui - a tu - um est re - gnum, et po - tés - tas,  
et gló - ri - a in saé - cu - la.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

## THE RITE OF PEACE

### AGNUS DEI

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

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*KNEEL*

## COMMUNION

*The reception of Holy Communion is the most sacred act for Catholics. We believe that we are then receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics who are properly prepared should approach the ministers of Holy Communion.*

*We ask non-Catholics not to receive. They are encouraged, however, to come forward with arms crossed over their heart to receive a blessing.*

Amidst the splendors of the heavenly sanctuary,  
 from the womb, before the morning star, I have begotten you.

ANTHEM

“O Holy Night”  
 Adolphe Adam  
 arr. John Grady  
*Former Music Director*

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,  
 It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth.  
 Long lay the world in sin and error 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, oh hear the angel voices!  
 O night divine! O Night when Christ was born.  
 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.  
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
 Let all within us praise His holy name.  
 He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger.  
 Behold your King, before Him lowly bend.  
 Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
 With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
 So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
 Here came the wise men from Orient land.  
 The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
 In all our trials born to be our friend.  
 Christ is the Lord, Then ever, ever praise we;  
 His power and glory evermore proclaim.  
 Hera Hyesang Park, *Soprano - Metropolitan Opera*

“My Lord Has Come”  
 Will Todd

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels;  
 no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come.  
 Sages, searching for stars, for love in heaven.  
 His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.  
 Lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels.



1. Stil - le - Nacht hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, gran  
 2. No - che de paz, No - che de a - mor; Mi - ra qué  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,



1. ein - sam wacht Nur das trau - te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.  
 2. res - plan - dor. Lu - ce en el ros - tro del Ni - ño Je - sús,  
 3. love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,



1. Hol - der Kna - be im loc - ki - gen Haar, Schlaf in  
 2. En el pe - se - bredel mun - do la luz, Bri - lla la es -  
 3. With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,



1. himm - li - scher Ruh, Schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.  
 2. tre - lla de paz, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de paz.  
 3. Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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,  
 look how the world's light  
 shines in great splendor on the face  
 of the baby Jesus in the manger  
 shines the star of peace.

STAND

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## BLESSING

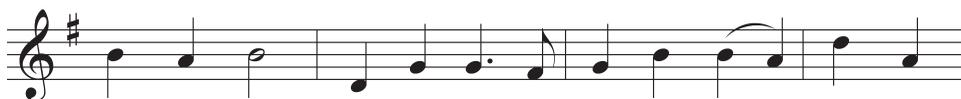
## RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MEHNELSSOHN



1. Hark! the he - rald 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,      God and  
2. last - ing Lord,      Late in time be - hold him come      Off - spring  
3. Right - eous - ness!      Light and life to all he brings,      Ris'n with



1. sin - ners re - con - ciled:      Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise,  
2. of a vir - gin's womb:      Veiled in flesh the God - head see,  
3. heal - ing in his wings;      Mild he lays his glo - ry by,



1. Join the tri - umph of the skies,      With th'an - gel - ic  
2. Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!      Pleased as man with  
3. Born that man no more may die,      Born to raise the



1. host pro - claim,      Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.  
2. man to dwell,      Je - sus, our Em - ma - nu - el.  
3. sons of earth,      Born to give them se - cond birth.



Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing      Glo - ry to the new - born King.

“Hallelujah!” from *Messiah*  
George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.  
The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;  
and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

“Joy to the World”  
George Frideric Handel  
arr. Joseph Willcox Jenkins

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room And Heaven and nature sing.  
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rock, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy.  
He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteous love. And wonders of his love.  
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Improvisation on *Adeste Fidelis*

# Merry Christmas

# GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

## FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the *Code of Canon Law* does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

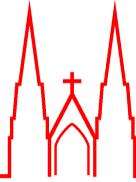
## FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

## FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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