

## Christmas Day



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*Nativity page from  
Les Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry*

**Sung Eucharist at 9:30 am  
Contemporary Rite**

**DISMISSAL & BLESSING**

*The Celebrant blesses the people saying:*

**C**hrist, who by His Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with His joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Go forth with Christ born afresh in your hearts.

All: *Thanks be to God*

## AGNUS DEI



*mp*  
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.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive Communion. The sacrament is given with the following words: "The body of Christ (given for you)"... "The blood of Christ (shed for you)"; or "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven"... "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation". The communicant responds each time, Amen.*

*During the communion, the choir may sing a motet.*

### HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

*(please see leaflet)*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please remain standing*

**S**ource of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST ON CHRISTMAS DAY

*The Hymns for the service are printed in the Leaflet.*

*Please stand*

*The Celebrant greets the people:*

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

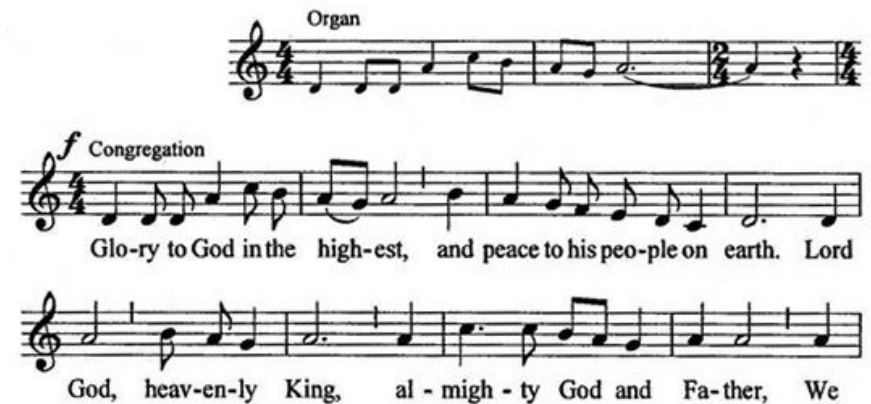
People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Organ  
*f* Congregation  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord  
God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa-ther, We

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa ther, —

Lord God, — Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us; You are — seat-ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our

pray'r, — re - ceive, — re - ceive — our pray'r.

*organ* *f* All  
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a- lone — are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly

Spi - rit in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A -

men. A - men. —

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray,

*Music by McNeil Robinson*

All Our Fa-ther in heav- en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly

bread: For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a- gainst us.

Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom,

the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for 'ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says,*

*Celebrant:* We break the Bread of Life, and that life is the Light of the world.

*People:* God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant:

**W**e give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant:

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O** God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 52.7-10

**H**ow beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord

*R/. Thanks be to God*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 98.1-6



**S**ing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. **R/.**

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **R/.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. **R/.**



## SECOND READING: Hebrews 1.1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you." Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son." And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

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

*Please stand for the Gospel*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Luke 2.10-11

Alleluia. Alleluia. I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

*after which all join in singing the Sanctus and Benedictus*

Organ *mf* Congregation

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

Celebrant: Most merciful God,  
All **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,  
word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver  
you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**  
*Please stand*

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

People: **And also with you.**

*The members of the community may greet one another  
in the name of the Lord.*

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
the Preparation of the Gifts

*A hymn is sung while the gifts of the people,  
(the monetary Givings are placed in the Basin on the Table in the Aisle),  
together with the Bread and Wine, are brought to the altar.*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**G**enerous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your  
Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches  
you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 2.1-14, (15-20) (Year One)**

*R/. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

**I**n those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all  
the world should be registered. This was the first registration and  
was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their  
own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of  
Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem,  
because he was descended from the house and family of David. He  
went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who  
was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her  
to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and  
wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because  
there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were  
shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by  
night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory  
of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the  
angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you  
good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in  
the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will  
be a sign a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a  
multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to  
God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom  
he favours!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,  
the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem  
and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made  
known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph,  
and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made  
known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard  
it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary  
treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The  
shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had  
heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of Christ

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

**GOSPEL: John 1.1-14 (Year Two)**

*R/. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

**I**n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of Christ

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

**SERMON**

*A silence for reflection may follow*

**THE NICENE CREED**

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People:* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down**

**from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped  
and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for  
the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*A member of the congregation leads the Prayers of the People,  
announcing the people's response. Please feel free to stand, sit, or kneel.*

*Your own requests can be written into the Intercession Book  
before the Service.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant:*

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In His light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Please kneel. A Silence is kept.*