

Christmas Mass During the Night



The Cathedral Basilica
of
St. Peter in Chains
In the City and Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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Prayer for Vocations

Almighty Father, You have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Prelude



Motet: *Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabela*

arr. Peter Latona

Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabelle!
Bring a torch to the cradle run!
It is Jesus, good folk of the village;
Christ is born and Mary's calling:
Ah! ah! beautiful is the mother!
Ah! ah! beautiful is the Child!

Through the doorway softly filling,
To his manger bed we come,
Torches glowing the Babe discloses,
Fair as snow, with cheeks like roses!
Soft! Soft! see how the Infant slumbers!
Soft! Soft! watch the Infant sleep!

It is wrong when the Child is sleeping
It is wrong to talk so loud;
Silence, all, as you gather around,
Lest your noise should waken Jesus:
Hush! hush! see how fast He slumbers:
Hush! hush! see how fast He sleeps!

Skies are glowing, the heavens are cloudless,
Bright the path to the manger bed!
Hasten all who would see the Child Jesus,
Shining bright as yonder star!
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Mother!
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Child.

Choir: *Myn Lyking*

R. R. Terry

Isaw a fair mayden syten and sing.
She lulled a lyttel childe, a sweete Lording.

Lullay myn lyking, my dere sonne, my sweeting.
Lullay my dere herte, myn own dere derling.

That same Lord is he that made alle thing;
Of alle lord-is he is Lord, of alle kynges Kyng.

There was mickle melody at that chylde's birth.
All that were in heavenly bliss, they made a mickle mirth.

Angels bright sang their song to that chylde;
Blyssid be thou, and so be she, so meek and so mild.
(text: 15th century)



Brass and Strings: *Hodie Christus Natus Est*

Gabrielli

Organ: *Puer Natus Est*

Everett Titcomb

Choir: *In Dulci Jubilo*

Samuel Scheidt

In dulci júbilo
Nun singet und seid froh!
Unsers Herzen Wonne
Leit in praeseptio,
Uns leuchtet als die Sonne
Matris in gremio.
Alpha es et O!

*I*n sweet jubilation
Now sing and rejoice!
Our heart's bliss
lies in the manger,
and shines like the sun
in his mother's lap.
Thou art Alpha and Omega!

Choir: *Quem pastores laudavere*

arr. John Rutter

Quem pastores laudavere,
Quibus angeli dixere,
Absit vobis iam timere,
Natus est rex gloriae.

The one praised by the shepherds,
to whom the angels said,
"Now lay aside your fears,"
has been born the king of glory.

Ad quem magi ambulabant,
Aurum, thus, myrrham portabant,
Immolabant haec sincere
Nato regi gloriae.

To whom the wise men made their way,
bringing gold, frankincense, and myrrh,
which they offered with open hearts
to the victorious lion.

Christo regi, Deo nato,
Per Mariam Nobis dato,
Merito resonet vere
Laus, honor et gloria.

To Christ the king, born God,
given to us through Mary,
let there resound as is truly fitting
praise, honor, and glory.

Carol: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Harold Darke

In the bleak mid-winter, Frosty wind made
moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter Long ago.

Enough for him, whom cherubim Worship
night and day,
A breast full of milk And a manger full of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel Which adore.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a
lamb,
If I were a Wise-Man I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give him, Give my heart.

Motet: *A Babe is Born*

William Mathias

Ababe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni creator Spiritus.

The angels came down with one cry,
A fair song that night sung they
In worship of that child:
Gloria tibi Domine.

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,
The child of bliss now born he was;
And him to serve God give us grace,
O lux beata Trinitas.

Ababe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni creator Spiritus.
O lux beata Trinitas.

There came three kings out of the East,
To worship the King that is so free,
With gold and myrrh and frankincense,
A solis ortus cardine.

A solis ortus cardine.
Gloria tibi Domine.
Noel!

Introductory Rites

Processional Hymn

O Come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him Born the King of Angels:
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten not created:

See how the shepherds, Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither Bend our joyful footsteps:

Lo! star-led chieftans, Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child Bring our hearts' oblations:

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God In the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:

ADESTE FIDELES
Words trans., F. OAKELEY
Melody, J. F. WADE
art. DAVID WILLCOCKS

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Archbishop:

Peace be with you. *R.* **And with your spirit.**

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,
[*striking the breast*] 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

Graduale Romanum, 1974, p. 738

K Y-ri-e, e-lé-i-son. bis
Christe, e-lé-i-son. bis Ký-ri-e, e-lé-i-son.
Ký-ri-e * e-lé-i-son. **

GLORIA
Chant Mass VIII: *Missa de Angelis*

Choral Alternatum
by Giovanni Paolo Cima

Choir: Gloria in excelsis Deo.



Et in ter - ra pax ho - mi - ni - bus bo - nae vo - lun - ta - tis.

Choir: Laudamus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnum gloriam tuam.



Do-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae-le-stis, De-us Pa-ter o - mni - po - tens.



Do-mi-ne Fi - li u - ni - ge - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste.

Choir: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.



Qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun - di, mi-se-re - re no - bis.

Choir: Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.



Qui se-des ad dex - te - ram Pa - tris, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Choir: Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.



Cum San-cto Spi - ri - tu: in glo - ri - a De - i Pa - tris.



A - men.

Choir: Amen.



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-6.

At the end of the reading:

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 96: 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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Second Reading

Titus 2: 11-14.

At the end of the reading:

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

Choir verse: *Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.*

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Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 1-14.

Before the Gospel:

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

V. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel:

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

Homily

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,

All genuflect (kneel) at these words:

**AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS INCARNATE OF THE VIRGIN
MARY, AND BECAME MAN.**

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.

Universal Prayer

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

For Unto Us a Child is Born (Messiah)

Georg 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, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Archbishop:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people rise and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer Over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer / Preface Dialogue

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And with your spirit.**
Archbishop: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Archbishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: **It is right and just.**

Preface

Sanctus

Mass for the City

Ho-ly, ho-ly ho ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and
earth— are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, 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, ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The 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.

Doxology



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

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Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Archbishop

Deliver us Lord...for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Prayer for Peace

Sign of Peace

V. The peace of the Lord be with you always. *R.* And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

Cantor/Choir

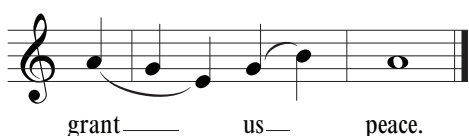
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us:



have mer - cy on— us.

Cantor/Choir

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace:



grant— us— peace.

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Preparation for Communion

Archbishop

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.

All respond:

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

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Proper

In splendoribus

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

Choir: *O Magnum Mysterium*

Tomás Luis de Victoria

O magnum mysterium et admirabile
sacramentum, ut animalia viderunt
Dominum natum, viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praesepio. O beata Virgo, cuius
viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum
Christum.
Alleluia.

O great mystery and wonderful sac-
rament that animals should see the
newborn Lord lying in a manger! Blessed
Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the
Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.

Carol: *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
For Jesus Christ, our Savior
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway
This blessed babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our Heavenly 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.
O tidings of comfort and joy.

But when to Bethlehem they came
Where at this infant lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Choir: *Silent Night*

arr. Philip Stopford

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.

Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.
Archbishop: May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

Congregation: **AMEN.**

Archbishop: May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

Congregation: **AMEN.**

Archbishop: And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

Congregation: **AMEN.**

Archbishop: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

Congregation: **AMEN.**

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn

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 angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the heard angels sing
Glory to the newborn king.

Hail the newborn 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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the heard angels sing
Glory to the newborn king.

Words, CHARLES WESLEY
Music, FELIX MENDELSSOHN
arr. DAVID WILLCOCKS

Organ Postlude *Festival Prelude on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Neil Harmon