



Christmas Eve Liturgy

Friday, December 24, 2021
Mount Sacred Heart Chapel
Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Ford

Welcome

Christmas Proclamation

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Traditional

Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte Regem angelorum:

**Venite adoremus; Venite adoremus;
Venite adoremus, Dominum.**

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.**

[Fr. Ford will bless the manger]

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

Penitential Rite

Gloria

from the Mass of Christ the Savior

Schutte

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Homily

Fr. Christopher Ford

Profession of Faith

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts

What Child is This

Traditional

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come peasant king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Communion

Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Night of Silence/Silent Night

Kantor

Cantors:

Cold are the people, winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night
On wind you enfold us You speak of the light
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly
Rumours of a dawn so embracing
Breathless love awaits darkened souls
Soon will we know of the morning.

ALL:
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."

CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn

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 hosts 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 us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

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The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and New Year! You are in our prayers!