

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH | HARVARD SQUARE



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

SOLEMN MASS DURING THE NIGHT

Thursday, December 24th, 2020, 7.30pm

Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Rev'd William T. Kelly, S.T.D.

Pastor & Senior Chaplain to the Harvard Catholic Centre

Deacon

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This Mass will be live-streamed on [St Paul's Parish - YouTube](#)

Cover Image: Institution of the Crib at Greccio (Giotto, 1295)



At 7.15pm, the Assistant Director of Music will play the following pieces of organ music:

- Von Himmel hoch BWV 606*
Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ BWV 604
from *Orgelbüchlein* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
- À la venue de Noël*
Joseph est bien Marie
Puer Nobis Nascitur
from *Troisième Livre d'Orgue* (1685) Nicolas-Antoine Lebègue (1631-1702)
- The Holy Boy – A Carol for the Nativity* John Ireland (1879-1972)
(arr. Alec Rowley)
- Es ist ein Ros entsprungen Op. 122, No. 8* Johannes Brahms (1833-97)



Immediately prior to the start of Mass the Christmas Proclamation, which sites the Incarnation of Christ in the context of history, is sung by a cantor from the pulpit:

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.

ORDER OF MASS

Introit

sung by the Choir

Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu,
ego hodie genui te. Quare fremuerunt
gentes et populi sunt inanania? Gloria
Patri &c.

*The Lord said unto me: you are mine own Son,
I have begotten you this day. Why this uproar
among the nations, and among the people such
asinine murmuring? Glory be &c.*

Processional Carol

sung by the Choir

1. 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,
Christ the Lord.*

2. God of God, light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created:
*O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest:
*O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy
morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
*O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.*

Words and Music: J.F. Wade (1711-86)
Descant by David Wilcocks

Introductory Rites

Kyrie & Gloria

sung by the Choir

Κύριε, ἐλέησον.
Χριστέ, ἐλέησον.
Κύριε, ἐλέησον.

*Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus
te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine
Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater
omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu
Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius
Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere
nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe
deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad
dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus
Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Iesu
Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei
Patris. Amen.

*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.*

*from Missa ad Praesepe
George Malcolm (1917-1997)*

Collect



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!

Psalm

sung by the Choir

Ant. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the all the earth. O sing to the Lord
bless his name.

Let the land and all it bears rejoice. The will
all the trees of the wood shout for joy.

Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell
among the nations his glory, and his
wonders among all the peoples.

At the presence of the Lord, for he comes, he
comes to judge the earth.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be
glad; let the sea and within it thunder
praise.

He will judge the world with justice;
he will govern the peoples with his
truth.

Music: Theodore Marier (1912-2001)

Text: Psalm 95

Second Reading

Titus 2.11-14

Beloved: 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.

Gospel Acclamation

sung by the Choir

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord said unto me: you are mine own Son, I have begotten you this day.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

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."

Homily

The Nicene Creed

said by all

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 bow*) 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 (*all bow*), 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.

Prayers of the Faithful



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Motets

sung by the Choir

1. Born in a stable so bare
Born so long ago
Born 'neath light of star
He who loved us so
Far away, silent he lay
Born today, your homage pay
For Christ is born for aye
Born on Christmas Day

2. Cradled by mother so fair
Tender her lullaby
Over her son so dear
Angel hosts fill the sky
Far away, silent he lay
Born today, your homage pay
For Christ is born for aye
Born on Christmas Day

3. Wise men from distant far land
Shepherds from starry hills
Worship this babe so rare
Hearts with his warmth he fills
Far away, silent he lay
Born today, your homage pay
For Christ is born for aye
Born on Christmas Day

4. Love in that stable was born
Into our hearts to flow
Innocent dreaming babe
Make me thy love to know
Far away, silent he lay
Born today, your homage pay
For Christ is born for aye
Born on Christmas Day

Words and Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Personent hodie voces puerulae,
Laudantes jucunde
Qui nobis est natus, summo Deo datus,
Et de virgineo ventre procreatus.

*Let resound today the voices of children,
joyfully praising
Him who is born to us, given by most high
God, and conceived in a virginal womb.*

2. In mundo nascitur,
Pannis involvitur praesepti ponitur
Stabulo brutorum, rector supernorum.
Perdidit spolia princeps infernorum.

*He was born into the world, wrapped in
swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger
in a stable for animals, the master of the
heavens. The prince of Hell has lost his spoils.*

3. Magi tres venerunt, munera offerunt
parvulum inquirunt,
Stellulam sequendo, ipsum adorando,
Aurum, thus, et myrrham ei offerendo.

*Three Magi came, they were bearing gifts,
and sought the little one,
following a star, to worship him,
and offer him gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

4. Omnes clericuli, pariter pueri,
Cantent ut angeli:
Advenisti mundo, laudes tibi fundo.
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Let all the clerics and boys
sing like angels: "You have come to the world,
I pour out praises to you. Therefore, glory to
God in the highest!"*

Words and Music: *Piae Cantiones* (1562)
(Descant by James Kennerley)



Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

sung by the Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus
Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria
tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui
venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in
excelsis.

*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.*

from *Missa ad Praesepe*
George Malcolm (1917-1997)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Lord's Prayer

said by all

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.

Agnus Dei

said by all

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed under **one** kind and only in the hand. It is imperative that social distancing be maintained on your way to and from the Communion station. Please approach the Communion station wearing a mask. The host will be dropped into your hands. Please step to the side, remove your mask, and consume the host. If you are watching this service on the live-stream, please feel free to make this Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Communion Antiphon

sung by the Choir

In splendoribus sanctorum ex utero ante
luciferum genui te.

*In the splendour of the saints, out of the
womb, before the morning star I begot thee.*

Communion Motets

sung by the Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

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

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

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

*from Missa ad Praesepe
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1. 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.

2. Enough for Him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom Angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

3. Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven 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.

4. 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.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-94)
Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

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!
Sleep in heavenly peace!

2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

3. 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!

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

Music: Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

arr. Theodore Marier

Prayer After Communion

Concluding Rite



Recessional Carol

sung by the Choir

1. 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"
Hark! The herald-angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald-angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King"

3. Hail the Heaven-born Prince of
Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen 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 herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"

Words: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Music: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Organ Voluntary

played by the Director of Music

Toccata (from *Symphonie No. 5*)

C-M Widor (1844-1937)

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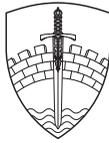
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