

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH | HARVARD SQUARE



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

MASS DURING THE DAY

Friday, December 25th, 2020

7am (Low Mass), 9am (Parish Mass), 11am (Solemn Mass)

Portions of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung to the following settings:

9am Mass: *Missa Brevis in D Major* K. 194 - W.A. Mozart (1756-91)

11am Mass: *Missa Brevis in C 'Kronüingsmesse'* K. 317 - W.A. Mozart

ORDER OF MASS

Introit

Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius imperium super humerum eius: et vocabitur nomen eius, magni consili Angelus. Cantate Domino canticum novum: quia mirabilia fecit. Gloria Patri &c.

A boy is born to us, and a son is given to us: upon whose shoulders authority rests: and his name will be called the bringer of great counsel. Sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvelous things. Glory be &c.

Processional Carol

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

sung at 11am Mass

Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy.** *Κύριε, ἐλέησον.*
Christ have mercy: **Christ have mercy.** *Χριστέ, ἐλέησον.*
Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy.** *Κύριε, ἐλέησον.*

Gloria

sung at 9 and 11.00 Masses

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.

Collect



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 52.7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!"

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

Psalm

Ant. **All the ends of the earth have seen: the saving power of God.**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations.

He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth; break forth into joyous song.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the Lord.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1.1-6

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the 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; this day I have begotten you?* Or again: *I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?* And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1.1-18

In 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 to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but 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 to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

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 kneel*) 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 Motet

9am Mass

1. See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on Earth below,
See, the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn,
Hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

2. Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits among the cherubim.

3. Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?

4. "As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light:
Angels singing 'Peace On Earth'
Told us of the Saviour's birth."

5. Virgin Mother, Mary blest
By the joys that fill thy breast,
Pray for us, that we may prove
Worthy of the Saviour's love.

Words: Edward Caswall (1814-78)

Music: John Goss (1800-80)

11am Mass

1. Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance;
*Sing, oh! my love,
This have I done for my true love.*

2. In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass
To call my true love to my dance.
*Sing, oh! my love,
This have I done for my true love.*

3. Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance
Thus was I knit to man's nature
To call my true love to my dance.
*Sing, oh! my love,
This have I done for my true love.*

4. Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard I from above,
To call my true love to my dance.
*Sing, oh! my love,
This have I done for my true love.*

Words: Anon.

Music: John Gardner (1917-2011)

1. 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!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be?
Which inspire your heavenly songs?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

4. See Him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Words: James Chadwick (1813-1882)

Music: Trad. French Carol
Descant by James Kennerley

Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

sung at 11am Mass

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Mystery of Faith

said by all

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.

At the 9am and 11am masses, the Agnus Dei from the mass setting will be sung as one of the communion motets.



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 outstretched hands. Please step to the side, remove your mask, and consume the host. Should you feel that the risk is too high to receive Communion at this time, please make an *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 at 9am and 11am masses

Viderunt omnes fines terrae salutare
Dei nostril.

*All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.*

Communion Motet

9am Mass

<i>In dulci jubilo</i>	[In quiet joy]	<i>O patris caritas</i>	[O father's caring]
Let us our homage show		<i>O nati lenitas</i>	[O newborn's mildness]
Our heart's joy reclineth		Deeply were we stained	
<i>In praesepio</i>	[in a manger]	<i>Per nostra crimina</i>	[by our crimes]
And like a bright star shineth		But thou hast for us gained	
<i>Matris in gremio</i>	[in the mother's lap]	<i>Coelorum gaudia</i>	[heavenly joy]
<i>Alpha es et O.</i>	[you are Alpha & Omega]	O that we were there.	
<i>O Jesu parvule</i>	[O tiny Jesus]	<i>Ubi sunt gaudia</i>	[where be joys]
I yearn for thee alway		If that they be not there	
Listen I beseech thee		There are angels singing	
<i>O puer optime</i>	[O best of boys]	<i>Nova cantina</i>	[new songs]
Have pity on me, pity		There the bells are ringing	
<i>O princeps gloriae,</i>	[Prince of glory]	<i>In regis curia</i>	[at the king's court]
<i>Trahe me post te.</i>	[draw me unto thee]	O that we were there.	

Music: Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795-1856)

11am Mass

1. Going through the hills on a night all starry on the way to Bethlehem, far away I heard a shepherd boy piping on the way to Bethlehem. Angels in the sky brought this message nigh: "Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King is come to bring us peace on Earth, and he's lying cradled there at Bethlehem."

2. "Tell me, shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily on the way to Bethlehem, who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely on the way to Bethlehem?" Angels in the sky brought this message nigh: "Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King is come to bring us peace on Earth, and he's lying cradled there at Bethlehem."

3. "None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely on the way to Bethlehem; but a King will hear me play sweet lullabies when I get to Bethlehem." Angels in the sky came down from on high, hovered o'er the manger where the babe was lying cradled in the arms of his mother May, sleeping now at Bethlehem.

4. "Where is this new King, shepherd boy piping merrily, is he there at Bethlehem?" I will find him soon by the star shining brightly in the sky o'er Bethlehem. May I come with you, shepherd boy piping merrily, come with you to Bethlehem? Pay my homage too at the new King's cradle, is it far to Bethlehem?" Angels in the sky brought this message nigh: "Dance and sing for joy that Christ the newborn King is born this night in lowly stable yonder, born for you at Bethlehem."

Words and Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)



Prayer After Communion

Concluding Rite

Recessional Carol

sung at 9am and 11am masses

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

9.30am

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11am

Bring a torch, Janette Isabella

arr. Chapman

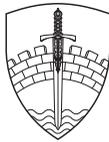


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The music at the 9am Mass was led by
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