

CHRISTMAS EVE 2020

MIDNIGHT MASS GUIDE AND HYMNS

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INTRODUCTION:

“Today is born our Savior.” In these clear and simple words, we are brought to the heart of this night: “Mary gave birth to Jesus, the light of the world.” At Christmas, we celebrate “Emmanuel” meaning “God is with us” and the dawn of God’s light shining upon us, who go through valleys of darkness.

In our world, people face various struggles. Jesus has become a promise that fills our hunger. Moved by the joy of God’s gift, we pray that we may be persuaded to feel our call, to be agents of hope and love to the world.

ENTRANCE SONG:

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 th' angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored: Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail, th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: **AMEN**

P: The Lord be with you.

A: **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 failed to do, 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.

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

A: **AMEN**

KYRIE

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord
We recall our faults and beg His mercy

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

GLORIA

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth

1. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks
We praise you for your glory
(*Refrain*)
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world.
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
(*Refrain*)
3. 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.
(*Refrain 2x*)

OPENING PRAYER:

Let us pray to our loving God for giving us Jesus.

Glory to you, God in the highest, for bringing peace on earth and making this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light. Grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

AMEN.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Is 9:1-3, 5-6 (*A light in our darkness*)

A child to be born to us will bring us light and peace from God.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow, a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater. You have made their joy increase. They rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us, and dominion is laid on his shoulders.

This is the name they give him: Wonder-Counselor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he

establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and forever, the zeal and love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord
R/ THANKS BE TO GOD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 96 (95)

R/TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR, CHRIST THE LORD.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

R/

2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all peoples.

R/

3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth.

R/

4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth.

R/

SECOND READING: Ti 2:11-14 (*Jesus our Savior, the gift of God's grace*)

The coming of Jesus was God's gift of grace to all people. Still the Lord asks for our cooperation.

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race, and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, all our worldly ambitions. We must be self-restrained, live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing, which will come with the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify his people so that they could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

This is the word of the Lord.
R/ THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
ALLELUIA

Good News and great joy to all the world; today is born our Savior Christ the Lord.

P: The Lord be with you.

A: **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

P: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

A: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

GOSPEL: Lk 2:1-14 (*Today a Savior has been born to us.*)

This is the Good News of today: a Savior has been born to us. Let us give glory to God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be registered. This was the first census, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So, all went to be registered, 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 registered 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 angel praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;

On the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And life everlasting, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

God becoming truly man is a joyful event. With Christ's light shining on us in the night, let us pray to our Lord that the Good News of Jesus' birth may warm the hearts of all, and so we say:

LORD, STAY WITH YOUR PEOPLE.

That Christmas might be a feast of joy for all families, friends, and benefactors, and for all those we will encounter on this day, let us pray to the Lord:

LORD, STAY WITH YOUR PEOPLE.

That the birth of Jesus may bring joy to all children far and near, particularly those who endure abuses and sufferings, let us pray to the Lord:

LORD, STAY WITH YOUR PEOPLE.

That the nativity of the Lord might be a feast of faith for those who know the Lord and for those who do not know him, let us pray to the Lord:

LORD, STAY WITH YOUR PEOPLE.

That this day may be a feast of reconciliation and peace for all people separated by conflicts, quarrels, and hatred, let us pray to the Lord:

LORD, STAY WITH YOUR PEOPLE.

That those who are ill, lonely, homeless, hungry, and bereaved, through the help, concern and generosity of people of good will, they may experience Christ's consolation, let us pray to the Lord:

LORD, STAY WITH YOUR PEOPLE.

That in our Christian communities and families, we may share the joy and hope of the newborn Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

LORD, STAY WITH YOUR PEOPLE.

Priest: Loving Father, accept our petitions we pray, and help us to walk the path of life, together with your Son, with joy and confidence. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

SILENT NIGHT

- 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 Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

P: Blessed are you Lord

A: **BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.**

INVITATION TO PRAYER:

P: Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

A: 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 CHURCH.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

P: God our Father, may the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you. We pray that through this most holy exchange, we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A: AMEN.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you

A: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right and just.

P: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation...

And so, with Angels and Archangels, and all the Saints in heaven, we declare your glory, as with one voice we acclaim...

SANCTUS

HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna, hosanna on high!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna on high.

ACCLAMATION

P: The mystery of faith.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim your death O Lord
Until you come again, until you come again
We proclaim your death O Lord

DOXOLOGY

P: Through him, with him, and in him,
O God Almighty Father;
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All glory and honor is yours,
Forever and ever.

A: AMEN

INTRODUCTION TO THE LORD'S PRAYER

God has indeed become our Father through Jesus, who made himself our brother. With trust we pray the prayer, the Lord Jesus himself has thought us:

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, deliver us from evil.

P: Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

A: FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS NOW AND FOREVER.

SIGN OF PEACE

P: Lord, Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you" Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign forever and ever.

A: AMEN.

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

A: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

A: Peace be with you

AGNUS DEI

KORDERO NG DIYOS

1. Kordero ng Diyos na nag-aalis
Ng mga kasalanan sa mundo
Maawa ka sa amin
Kordero ng Diyos, maawa ka
(Repeat 1)
2. Kordero ng Diyos na nag-aalis
Ng mga kasalanan sa mundo
Ipagkaloob mo sa amin
Ang kapayapaan

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

A: **LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY ROOF, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.**

COMMUNION HYMNS:

O HOLY NIGHT

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Fall on your knees, oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

THE FIRST NOEL

1. The First Noel, the Angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God, grant us, we pray, that we, who are gladdened by participating in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honorable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

AMEN.

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING

P: The Lord be with you.

A: **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**

P: May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

A: **AMEN.**

DISMISSAL

P: The Mass has been offered. Go in peace.

A: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

RECESSIONAL SONGS

NOCHE BUENA

Kay sigla ng gabi,
Ang lahat ay kay saya
Nagluto ang Ate ng manok na tinola
Sa bahay ng Kuya
ay mayroong litsonan pa
Ang bawat tahanan may handang iba't-iba.

Tayo na, giliw, magsalo na tayo
Mayroon na tayong tinapay at keso.
'Di ba Noche Buena sa gabing ito
at bukas ay araw ng Pasko!

PASKO NA NAMAN!

Pasko na naman
O kay tulin ng araw
Paskong nagdaan
Tila ba kung kailan lang
Ngayon ay Pasko
Dapat pasalamatan
Ngayon ay Pasko
Tayo ay mag-awitan.

Chorus

Pasko! Pasko!
Pasko na naman muli.
Tanging araw nating pinakamimithi.
Pasko! Pasko!
Pasko na naman muli.
Ang pag-ibig naghahari!

ANG PASKO AY SUMAPIT

Ang Pasko ay sumapit, tayo ay mangagsi-awit
Ng magagandang himig dahil sa ang Diyos ay pag-ibig.
Nang si Kristo'y isilang may tatlong haring nagsidalaw
At ang bawa't isa ay nagsipaghandog ng tanging alay.

Bagong taon ay magbagong-buhay
Nang lumigaya ang ating bayan
Tayo'y magsikap upang makamtan natin ang kasaganahan.
Tayo'y mangagsi-awit habang ang mundo'y tahimik
Ang araw ay sumapit ng sanggol na dulot ng langit.

Tayo ay magmahalan ating sundin ang gintong aral.
At magbuhat ngayon, kahit hindi Pasko ay magbigayan!
At magbuhat ngayon, kahit hindi Pasko ay magbigayan!

Christmas Prayer:

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in the profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

(Pope John XXIII)

A Blessed Christmas to everyone!