

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God... *The absolution by the Priest follows:*
Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

GLORIA

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.

THE CREED

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,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', 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, 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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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 MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

Prayer to St Michael

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

VIGIL MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Exodus 16: 6-7

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us,
and in the morning you will see his glory.

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Response: *I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

1. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.'
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.
3. 'He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
with him my covenant shall endure.'

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow there will be an end to the sin of the world
and the saviour of the world will be our king.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:1-25

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Isaiah 40: 5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 95:1-3, 11-13

Response: *Today a saviour has been born to us: he is 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.
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.
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.
4. With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth.

Today a saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:
today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:15-20

Communion Antiphon

John 1: 14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

MASS DURING THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Isaiah 9: 5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 97:1-6

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

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

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

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:1-18

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Psalm 97: 3

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