

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.

Reading 1: SIR 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading 2: COL 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel LK 2:22-40 OR 2:22, 39-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Nicene 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, 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.

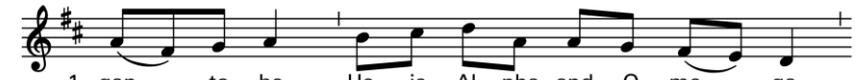
Preparation of the Altar Hymn

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be -
2. Bless-ed was the day for ev - er When the Vir - gin,
3. This is he whom seers in old time Chant-ed of with
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; An - gel hosts, his
5. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to



1. gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
2. full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
3. one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
4. prais - es sing; All do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
5. God the Son, Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



1. He the source, the end - ing he, Of the things that
2. Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the child, the
3. Prom - ised in their faith - ful word; Now he shines, the
4. And ex - tol our God and King; Let no tongue on
5. Per - sons three, yet God - head one. Glo - ry be from



1. are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
2. world's Re - deem - er, First re - vealed his sa - cred face,
3. long - ex - pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise the Lord,
4. earth be si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,
5. all cre - a - tion While e - ter - nal a - ges run,



- 1-5. Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. 5. A - men.

Text: 87 87 87 7; verses 1-4, *Corde natus ex parentis*; Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, and Henry W. Baker, 1827-1877, alt.; verse 5, Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889. Music: *Sanctus* trope, 11th cent.; Chant, Mode V; adapt. fr. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

Communion Hymn

AWAY IN A MANGER

MUELLER

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
 2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
 3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky — looked down where he lay, The
 2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
 3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885;
 verse 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.

Recessional Hymn

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king, to

1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
 3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Refrain

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,
 haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

This song may be combined with *Child of the Poor*; use accompaniment and instructions found for *Child of the Poor*.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.
 Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

GO TELL IT

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - 'ry -
 where; Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.

Verses

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When high a - bove the earth
 3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
 4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

1. Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.
 4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.
 Music: Spiritual.

Penitential Act

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

People: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

People: And grant us your salvation.

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

People: Amen.

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