

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

December 31, 2021 / January 1, 2022

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Naperville, IL

Introductory Rites

Processional Song

The First Nowell

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In
in the east be - yond them far; And

fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a
to the earth it gave great light, And

cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well!

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English Carol, 17th C.

Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL, Irregular; English Melody; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

Greeting

Penitential Act

Gloria



Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to
God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. *To Verses*

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Collect

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading


Numbers 6:22-27

Responsorial Psalm

The Revised Grail Psalms

Ps. 96: *Today Is Born Our Savior*

Adapt. and Arr. Tony Alonso



To - day is born our Sav - ior, to -
day is born our Sav - ior, to - day is born our
Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

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Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Gospel

Luke 2:16-21

Homily

Profession of Faith

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.

Prayer of the Faithful

Intercessory Response: "Lord, hear our prayer."

Communal closing prayer:

Loving and merciful God,
who created us all in Your image,
help open our eyes to the dignity
and inherent value of all Your children.
Awaken in us a passion for inclusion, reflection, and justice,
so that, with Your grace,
we may live and act in peace and solidarity with one another.

We ask this, and all prayers of the Universal Church,
So **THAT ALL MAY BE ONE**
in the name of Christ our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

What Child Is This
Gather 466

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| 1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping? | 2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. | 3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come peasant, king to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him. |
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This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an-gels sing;



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y.

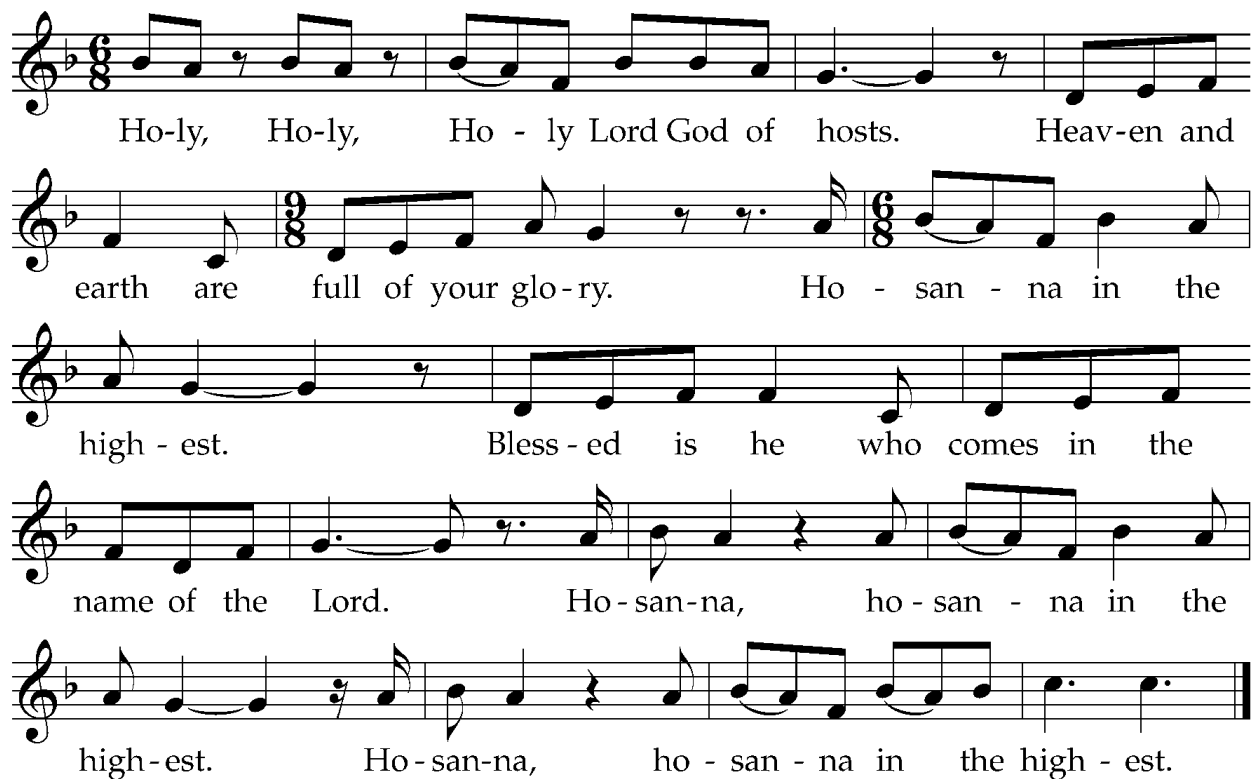
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Tune: GREENSLEEVES, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; English melody, 16th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840–1901

Prayer Over the Offerings

Eucharistic Dialogue

Preface Acclamation



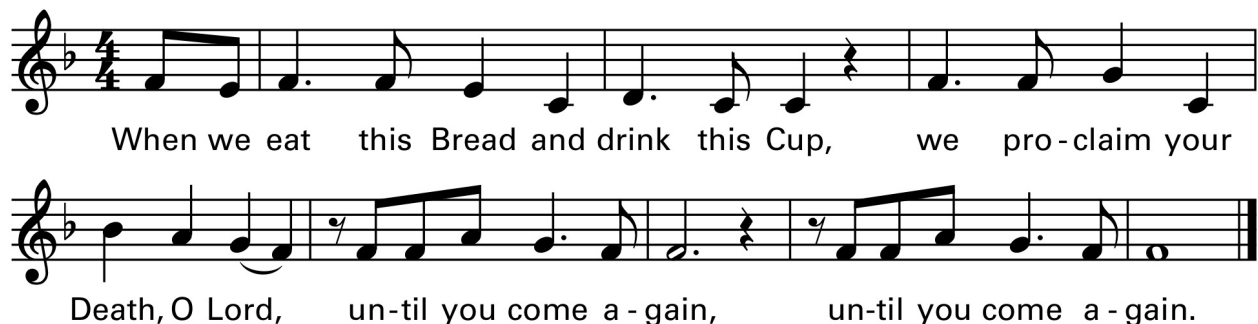
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho - san - na in the
high-est. Ho-san-na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Saint Ann
Ed Bolduc



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain, un-til you come a - gain.

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Great Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy
name; thy king-dom come; thy will be done — on earth as — it is in
heav - en. — Give us this day — our dai-ly bread; and for
give us our tres-pass - es — as we for - give, — we for - give —
those who tres-pass a - gainst - us; — and lead us
not — in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us — from e - vil. —

Priest: *Deliver us, Lord... and
the coming of our Savior, Jesus*

For the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the
glo-ry — are yours, now and for ev-er, — now and for ev-er, —
now and for ev - er. — A - men.

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Greeting of the Peace

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Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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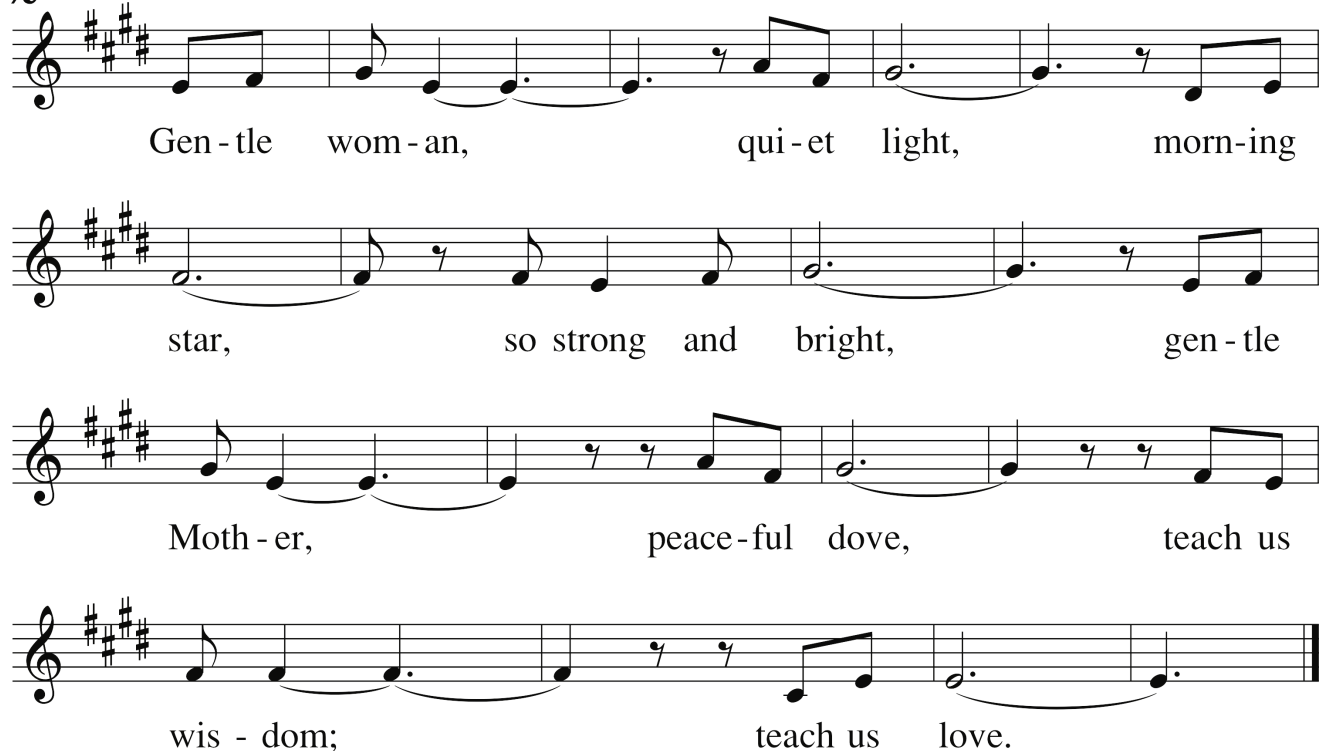
Invitation to Communion

Song during Communion

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Gather 889

♩ Refrain



Gen-tle wom-an, qui-et light, morn-ing star, so strong and bright, gen-tle Moth-er, peace-ful dove, teach us wis-dom; teach us love.

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Tune: Carey Landry, b.1944; arr. by Martha Lesinski, alt.

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Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Song

Angels We Have Heard On High



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the choirs of



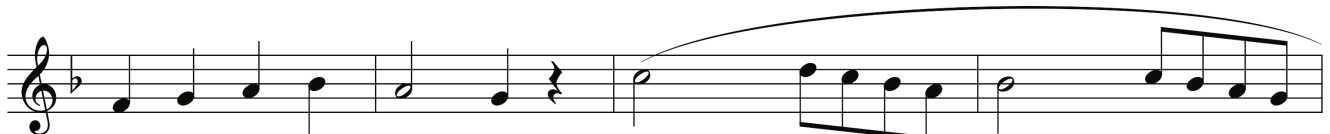
o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply
strains pro - long? Say what may the tid - ings be
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee
an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid,



Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
While our hearts in love we raise.



Gló - - - ri - a



in ex - cél - sis De - o. Gló - -



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