

THE *Nativity*
OF THE
Lord



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

WELCOME

Merry Christmas

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate fully in the liturgy. All the responses, prayers and music may be found in this Worship Aid.

If you are a guest or visitor, we thank you for joining us today and hope you will return often.

We warmly welcome the presence of children at Mass. If your little one needs extra attention during Mass, please feel free to step into the Gathering Space until they are ready to return to the assembly.

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

OPENING HYMN: O Come, All Ye Faithful



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God of ___ God, ___ Light ___ of ___ Light, ___
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, ___
4. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, ___



1. come ye, O come ___ ye to Beth - le - hem;
2. lo! He comes forth ___ from the Vir - gin's womb.
3. sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n ___ a - bove!
4. Je - sus, to thee ___ be all glo - ry giv'n;



1. come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2. Our ver - y God, be - got - ten not cre - a - ted,
3. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
4. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, ___ Christ, ___ the Lord!

SIGN OF THE CROSS

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

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

GREETING

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

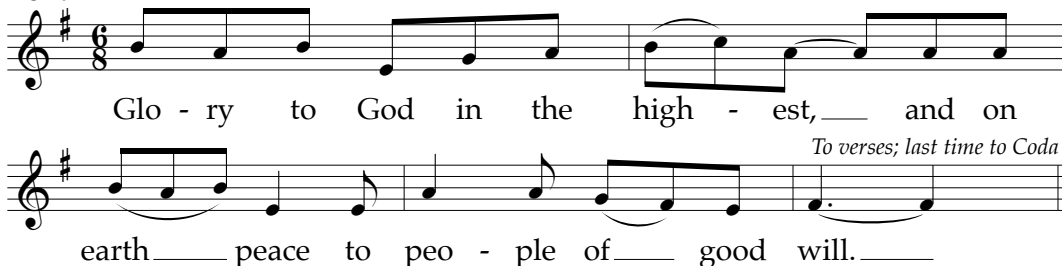
PENITENTIAL RITE

Repeat the responses **Lord, have mercy** and **Christ, have mercy** after the presider.

GLORIA: Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven Janco

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, ___ and on
To verses; last time to Coda
earth ___ peace to peo - ple of ___ good will. ___

Verse 1



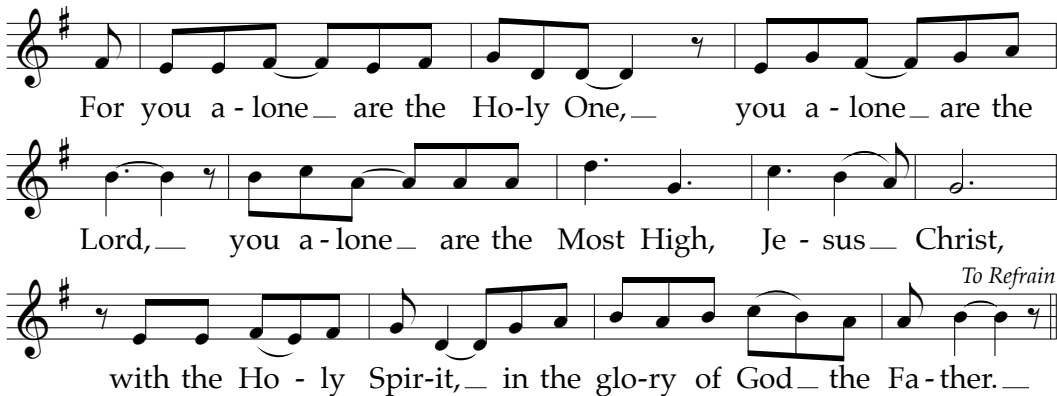
We praise you, we bless ___ you, ___ we a - dore ___ you, ___ we ___
glo - ri - fy you, we give ___ you thanks for your great glo - ry,
To Refrain
Lord ___ God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might - y Fa-ther. ___

Verse 2



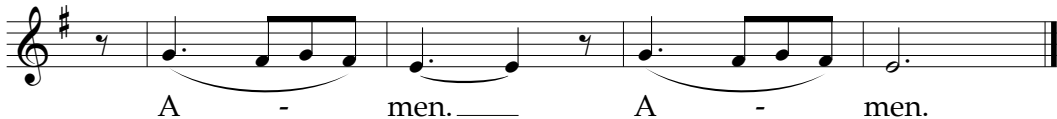
Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy_ on_ us; you take a-way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our_ prayer; you_ are seat - ed at_ the
right hand_ of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy_ on_ us. *To Refrain*

Verse 3



For you a - lone_ are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone_ are the
Lord, you a - lone_ are the Most High, Je - sus_ Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God_ the Fa - ther. *To Refrain*

Coda



A - men. A - men.

OPENING PRAYER

Concludes with:

PRESIDER: Through Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

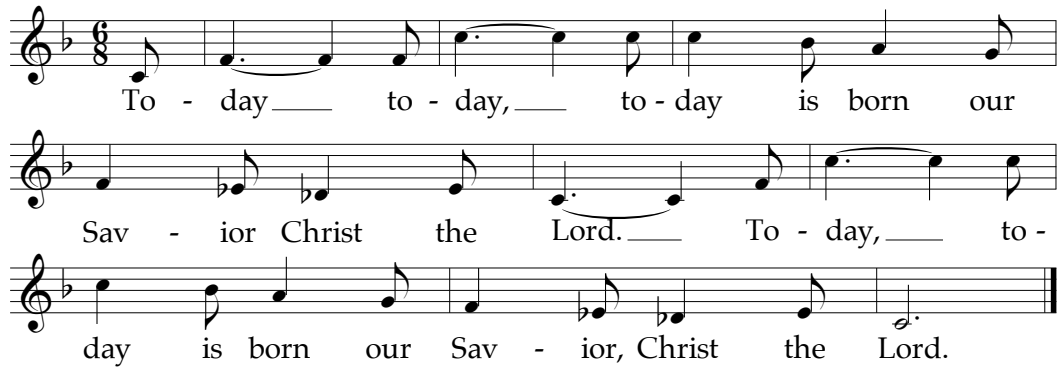
Response at the conclusion of the reading:

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96: Today Is Born Our Savior

Rory Cooney



The musical notation is written on three staves in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: To - day ___ to - day, ___ to - day is born our Sav - ior Christ the Lord. ___ To - day, ___ to - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

READING II:

Response at the conclusion of the reading:

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: FESTIVE Alleluia

Mozart/Trapp

Al - le lu___ ia, Al le lu ia, ___
Al le___ lu___ ia, Al le___ lu___ ia.

GOSPEL

Dialogue at the beginning of the gospel:

PRESIDER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRESIDER: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Response at the conclusion of the gospel:

PRESIDER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Alleluia Refrain is repeated after the response.

HOMILY

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (all bow)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, (all rise)
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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS: Christmas

Gabe Huck

Adapt. by Tony Alonso

Intonation

Cantor, then All:

Child of Mar - y, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *morning Mass*



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — “Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, — Christ the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! — Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; peace on earth, and mer - cy mild — God
2. last - ing Lord: late in time be - hold him come, — off -
3. Right-eous-ness! Light and life to all he brings, — ris’n



1. and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!” Joy - ful, all you na - tions,
2. spring of the Vir - gin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head
3. with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his glo - ry



1. rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; — with the an -
2. see: — hail the In - car - nate De - i - ty, — pleased with
3. by, — born that we no more may die, — born to



1. gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!”
2. us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, born to — give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, “Glo-ry — to the new-born King!”

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

PRESIDER: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: **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 holy Church.**

PREFACE DIALOGUE

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two parts: 'Presider:' and 'All:'. The second staff also has two parts: 'Presider:' and 'All:'. The third staff has two parts: 'Presider:' and 'All:'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.'

Presider: The Lord be with you. *All:* And with your spir - it.

Presider: Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right and just.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. —
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho -
san - na, — ho - san - na, — ho - san - na — in the
high - est, — ho - san - na, — ho - san - na, — 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, — ho -
san - na — in the high - est, — ho - san - na, — ho -
san - na, — ho - san - na — in the high - est.

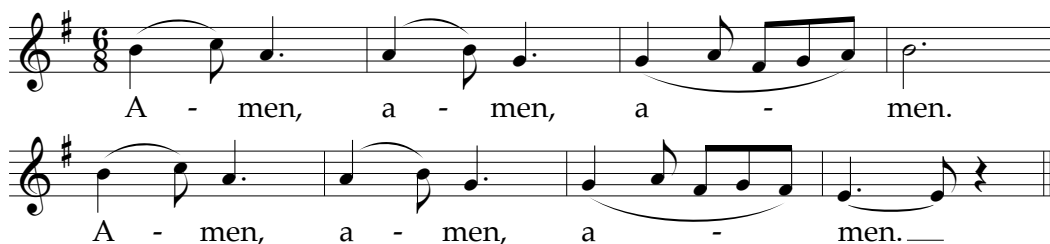
All bow reverently with the presider as he genuflects.

Memorial Acclamation



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

Amen



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

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

PRESIDER: 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 for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

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

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace. Grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

PEOPLE: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

TABLE SONG: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



All—1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly
Low Voices—2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your
High Voices—3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose
All—4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the



1. sing - ing o'er the plains, and the moun - tains
 2. joy - ous strains pro - long? Say what may the
 3. birth the an - gels sing; come a - dore, on
 4. choirs of an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph,



1. in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 2. ti - dings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
 3. bend - ed knee, Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 4. lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.



1-4. Glo - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o,



Glo - - - - ri-a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Concludes with:

PRÉSIDENT: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: Amen

CONCLUDING RITE Final Blessing and Dismissal

SENDING FORTH: Joy to the World



1. Joy to___ the world! the Lord is come; let
2. Joy to___ the world! the Sav - ior reigns; let
3. No more_ let sin and sor - rows grow, nor
4. He rules_ the world with truth and grace and



1. earth re - ceive her King; let ev - 'ry___
2. us, our songs em - ploy; while fields_ and___
3. thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to___
4. makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries___



1. heart___ pre - pare_ him___ room___ and heav'n and
2. floods,___ rocks, hills_ and_ plains___ re - peat the
3. make___ his bless - ings___ flow___ far as the
4. of___ his right - eous - ness,___ and won - ders



1. na - ture___ sing, and_ heav'n and na - ture___
2. sound - ing___ joy, re - peat the sound - ing___
3. curse is___ found, far___ as the curse is___
4. of his___ love, and_ won - ders of his___



1. sing, and_ heav'n, and heav'n___ and na - ture sing.
2. joy, re - peat,___ re - peat___ the sound - ing joy.
3. found, far___ as,___ far as___ the curse is found.
4. love, and_ won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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