

December 24 & 25, 2020: Nativity of the Lord

PRELUDE: *Performed by Tom Fagan*

In Dulci Jubilo – J.S. Bach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw-uevxikpU>

Ou s'en vent ces gais Bergers – Belbastre

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJNiDI7CKMM>

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Entrance Chant:

O Come All Ye Faithful

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiU_PO3JTuo

Greeting:

Leader: **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.**

ALL: **Amen.**

Penitential Act:

Leader: Sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear,
but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us
rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace, the Holy
One of God: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you are the Light that shines in the
darkness: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the image of the new humanity:
Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

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

ALL: Amen.

Gloria:

Leader: Together let us sing praise to God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOPkiFXjqII>

Collect:

Leader: Let us pray: *- pause -*

Good and gracious God,

on this holy day you gave us your Son,

the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes,

the Saviour of all, lying in a manger.

On this holy night

draw us into the mystery of your love.

Join our voices with the heavenly host,

that we may sing your glory on high.

Give us a place among the shepherds,

that we may find the one for whom we have waited,

Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

in the splendour of eternal light,

God for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen**

Leader: Let us prepare to listen to God's Word.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

*** Please see the document titled “Readings for the Nativity of the Lord”. The readings from the Children’s Lectionary are also included for those families with young children. The second reading is omitted when the readings for children are used. Pre-recorded readings are available via this link: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2020-12-25-usccb-night-mass-readings>

First Reading..... Isaiah 9. 2-4, 6-7

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:
Lector: **The word of the Lord.**
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 96

https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-024%20Christmas%20-%20Nativity%20of%20the%20Lord%20Night%20ABC%20-%20Psalm%2096.mp3?_ga=2.157018875.1961904013.1608754556-1279089305.1591722439

Second Reading..... Titus 2. 11-14

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:
Lector: **The word of the Lord.**
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Gospel Acclamation..... Luke 2. 10-11

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qf37Qhb8ho&list=PL5agr_3e7q_qCxJm-Wy39PWLakgl6qx1&index=8

RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.**

ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel..... Luke 2. 1-16

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

Homily..... Fr. Jim Bleackley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzG3oTAuAAU>

Profession of Faith:

**** Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith with the Apostles' Creed. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

Leader: Let us profess our faith together:

ALL: 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 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.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Leader: My friends, on this holy celebration of the birth of Christ, let us join with believers gathered in churches and homes all over the world to pray for a peaceful and merry Christmas for all. Let us pray, *Be born in us; be born in our world.*

*** See the titled “Christmas 2020 – Prayers of the Faithful
***Response: *Be born in us; be born in our world.*

Leader: Good and gracious God, your Son Jesus is the light of the world, your gift to humankind, from the beginning of time to the end. Hear our prayers and help us to recognize your presence in our world, in the faces of each person we meet this day, and in our hearts. We pray in Jesus’ name who live and reigns for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen.**

HYMN:

Child of the Poor/What Child is This? – Dix & Soper

Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fK27ayWWq0U&feature=youtu.be>

Lyrics: https://hymnary.org/text/what_child_is_this_who_laid_to_rest

Performed by St. Joseph’s Parish Music Ministry

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Leader: At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

ALL: 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 from evil.

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

ALL: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
“I leave you peace, my peace I give you.”
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen

Sign of Peace:

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Closing Prayer:

****The following Closing Prayer may be substituted with St. Joseph Parish's Mission Prayer (see PDF)*

Leader: Let us pray:
Lord our God,
we celebrate with joy the birth of our Redeemer.
Grant that through worthy and holy lives
we may be welcomed into his glorious company for
ever.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

CONCLUDING RITES:

Leader: May almighty God bless us, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

Leader: Let us go in the peace of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

Joy to the World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZhgp97y7Q>

POSTLUDE: *Performed by Tom Fagan*

Fantasia on In Dulci Jubilo – J.S. Bach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZdykRJMLgU>