

December 27, 2020: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

PRELUDE: *Performed by Tom Fagan*

The Coventry Carol

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybKW_2WtTY

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Entrance Chant:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLz4LbhS4_M

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 were raised in a humble Jewish family: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you were brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, your family shows us how to live lovingly with one another: 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 -*

O God,

you cradle us at the beginning of life
and embrace us at our journey's end,
for you love us as your own.

Bind our families together
and deepen our faith,
that, like the Holy Family of Nazareth,
we may grow in wisdom,
obedient to your word.

We ask this through 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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph”. 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/2020-12-27-usccb-daily-mass-readings>

First Reading.....Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; 21.1-7

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 105

https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-030%20Holy%20Family%20of%20Jesus%20Mary%20and%20Joseph%20ABC%20-%20Psalm%20105.mp3?_ga=2.157337338.1961904013.1608754556-1279089305.1591722439

Second Reading..... Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19

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..... Hebrews 1.1-2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLYMXz3Zvi8>

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. 22-40

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=KdlLv18Zby0>

Children's Reflection..... Andrew Pump

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-kB33rsjys>

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: Brothers and sisters, inspired by the Holy Family, let us pray today that we may also be a holy family in Christ Jesus, as we pray, *Be born in us; be born in our world.*

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

Leader: Creator God, hear our prayers this day. We pray as your sons and daughters, as one family in the Lord, and we pray always in Jesus’ name.

ALL: **Amen.**

HYMN:

Once in Royal David’s City

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdDeFgXXG-s>

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:
Merciful God,
you have refreshed us with your Word.
Grant us the grace to follow closely
the example of the Holy Family,
that, after the trials of this present life,
we may be welcomed into their 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:

Angels We Have Heard on High

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHWqj6gKS9g&t=61s>

POSTLUDE: *Performed by Tom Fagan*

Il est né – Traditional French Carol

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