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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 27, 2020
The Order of Mass

The Introductory Rites

Entrance Hymn

“In dulci jubilo, BWV 729”
Johann Sebastian Bach

“Gesù Bambino”
Pietro A. Yon

Sat. 5:30pm, Sun. 1:00pm

“Once in Royal David’s City”
IRBY

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid’s cit - y Stood a
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is
3. For he is our life - long pat - tern, Dai - ly
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his
5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the
6. We, like Ma - ry, rest con - founded That a

1. low - ly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her
2. God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a
3. when on earth he grew; He was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
4. own re - deem - ing love, For that child who seemed so
5. ox - en stand - ing round, We shall see him, but in
6. sta - ble should dis - play Heav - en’s Word, the world’s cre -

1. ba - by In a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y was that
2. sta - ble, And his cra - dle was a stall; With the poor, the
3. ject - ed, Tears and smiles like us he knew: Thus he feels for
4. help - less, Is our Lord in heav’n a - bove: And he leads his
5. hea - ven, Where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re - vealed to
6. a - tor, Cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, Yet this child, our

1. moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
2. scorned, the low - ly Lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
3. all our sad - ness, And he shares in all our glad - ness.
4. chil - dren on To the place where he is gone.
5. faith - ful eye, Set at God’s right hand on high;
6. Lord and broth - er, Brought us love for one an - oth - er.
First Reading

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.
The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying:
“Fear not, Abram!
I am your shield;
I will make your reward very great.”
But Abram said,
“O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be,
if I keep on being childless
and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?”
Abram continued,
“See, you have given me no offspring,
and so one of my servants will be my heir.”
Then the word of the LORD came to him:
“No, that one shall not be your heir;
your own issue shall be your heir.”
The Lord took Abram outside and said,
“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.”
Abram put his faith in the LORD,
who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.
The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would;
he did for her as he had promised.
Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age,
at the set time that God had stated.
Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his
whom Sarah bore him.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Howard Hughes

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the nations his deeds.
Sing to him, sing his praise,
proclaim all his wondrous deeds. R:
Glory in his holy name;
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!
Look to the LORD in his strength;
constantly seek his face. R:
You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail. 
He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac.

Second Reading

[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.]

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

or: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters:
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age.
—-and Sarah herself was sterile—
for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy.
So it was that there came forth from one man,
himself as good as dead,
descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky
and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac,
and he who had received the promises was ready to offer
his only son,
of whom it was said,
“Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.”
He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead,
and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

The word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

“Christmastime Alleluia”
James Cheponnis

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Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
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**GOSPEL**

Luke 2:22-40
*or* Luke 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,]
just as it is written in the law of the Lord,
Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,
and to offer the sacrifice of
a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,
in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.
Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

[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.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Profession of Faith

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,

At the words that follow, up to and including “and became man,” all bow:

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.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cows' stall,
If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,

How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die,
With wise-men and farmers and shepherds and all,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die,

For poor, ord'nry people like you and like I,
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
Of all of God's angels in heaven to sing,
For poor, ord'nry people like you and like I,

I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky.
And the promise of ages It then did recall.
He surely could have had it, 'Cause he was the King!
I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky.
SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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GREAT AMEN

Amen, Amen, Amen.

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THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

DOXOLOGY

For the kingdom, the pow'r, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
The reception of Holy Communion is the most sacred act for Catholics. We believe that we are then receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics who are properly prepared should approach the ministers of Holy Communion.

We ask non-Catholics not to receive. They are encouraged, however, to come forward with arms crossed over their heart to receive a blessing.

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.
H Y M N

“In the Bleak Midwinter”
CRANHAM

In the bleak midwinter,
Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
What can I give him,
Frosty wind made moan,
Nor earth sustain;
Poor as I am?

Earth stood hard as iron,
Heaven and earth shall flee away;
If I were a shepherd,
Water like a stone;
When he comes to reign;
I would bring a lamb;

Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Lord God Almighty,
A stable place sufficed
If I were a wise man,
Jesus Christ.
The
In her maiden bliss,
The
And
The
Long ago.
Long ago.
Long ago.
Long ago.

Lord God Almighty,
Worshipped the beloved
what I can I give him—
With a kiss.
With a kiss.
Give my heart.
Give my heart.
Give my heart.
THE CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Joy to the World/Dichoso Tierra, Proclamad”

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room And heav’n and nature sing.

2. ¡Di-chosa tierra, el Salvador! Resuene en cielo, tieerra y mar, en cielo, tieerra y vas-to mar.

3. No more let sin and sorrows grow, Nor thorns in fest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found.

4. El rege al mundo convier Y man sin igual; Su amor su-

1. Fan-te, ha de rei-nar! Re-suene en cielo, tieerra y mar, en cielo, tieerra y vas-to mar.

2.扳手 和 De lo - or, En cie - lo, Ja - más ten - drá su i -

3. glas in fest the ground; He comes to make his bless - ings flow Far as the curse is found.

4. gra - cia sin igual; Su amor su -

1. heart pre - pare him room And heav’n and nature sing.

2. die-rra y mar, en cie - lo, tie - rra y

3. curse is found, Far as the curse is found.

4. drá su igual, Ja - más ten - drá su i -

1. earth re - ceive her King; Let every heart prepare him room And heav’n and nature sing.

2. fan - te, ha de rei - nar! Re - sue - nen

3. thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to make his bless - ings flow Far as the curse is found.

4. gra - cia sin i - gual; Su a - mor su -

P O S T L U D E

Sat. 5:30pm, Sun. 1:00pm

“X Noël: Grand jeu et Duo” from Nouveau livre de Noëls

Louis Claude d’Aquin

Sun. 10:15am

“Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol”

Gerald Near
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEIPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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