

Christmas Eve Liturgy
4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
St. John the Evangelist



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The Catholic
Community of **St. John &
Blessed Sacrament**

Prelude Music

- My Dancing Day — Breedlove — Schola Cantorum
- This Christmastide — Fraser — Schola Cantorum
- Away in a Manger — Strings/piano
- My Lord Has Come — Will Todd — Schola Cantorum

Congregational Hymn.....Angels We Have Heard on High



All: 1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
Men: 2. Shep- herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
Women: 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the
All: 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.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo -



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

Text: *Les anges dans nos campagnes*; French, c. 18th C.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862
Tune: GLORIA, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; French traditional
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GATHERING HYMNO Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
2. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,
1. Ad - é - ste fī - dé - les, laé - ti, tri - um-phán - tes, Ve-

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Na - tum vi - dé - te, Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
Ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
ve - ní - te a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

Text: *Adeste fideles*; John F. Wade, c.1711-1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.
Tune: *ADESTE FIDELES*, lrr. with refrain; John F. Wade c.1711-1786
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Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.

Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Penitential Act:

All:.....Save us

Glory to God.....Gloria de Noel
Setting: Thomas Niel

Refrain: GLORIA, French trad.

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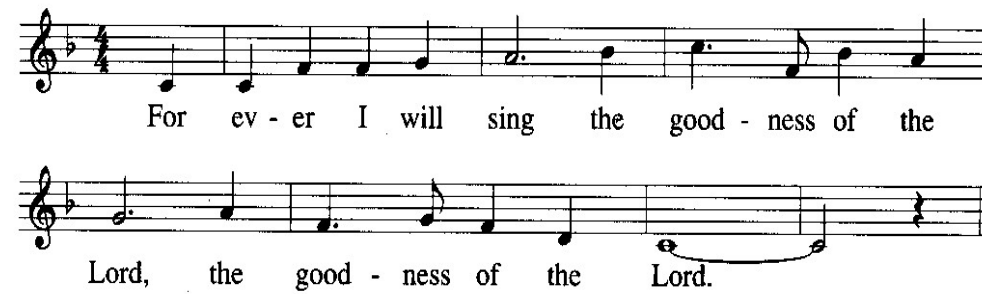
Opening Prayer

✠Liturgy of the Word✠

First Reading..... Isaiah 9:1-6

Responsorial PsalmPsalm 89: Forever I Will Sing

Refrain



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

Gospel Acclamation (Christmas Season)

Barbara Bridge



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Gospel Dialogue

Priest or Deacon	The Lord be with you.
People:	And with your spirit.
Priest or Deacon	A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew/Luke.
People:	Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel.....Matthew 1:1-25
Or Luke 2:1-14

Homily

Profession of Faith.....The Apostles’ Creed

<i>Bow or genuflect</i>	{	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.

Universal Prayers

People:	Lord, hear our prayer.
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†Liturgy of the Eucharist†

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

JESUS COMES

Mary Louise Bringle

TENTH NIGHT
Sally Ann Morris



1. In a far - off place, Je - sus comes to earth.
2. For the poor in heart, Je - sus comes to earth.
3. In our deep - est night, Je - sus comes to earth:

Sheep and cat - tle grace the site.
Hum - ble shep - herds start the news.
ra - diant star to light our way.

As the an - gel songs be - gin, like the
For each home - less in - fant born, for the
Sum - mer's heat or win - ter's chill, with a

whis - per of the wind, na - ture's
meek and those who mourn, for the
warm and lov - ing will, to a

hope a - wakes a - gain; Je - sus comes.
wea - ry and the worn, Je - sus comes.
world that needs him still, Je - sus comes.

Invitation to Prayer

Priest: Pray, brethren....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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right and just.**



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,
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.

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Memorial Acclamation

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

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Great Amen



A - men. A - men. A - men.

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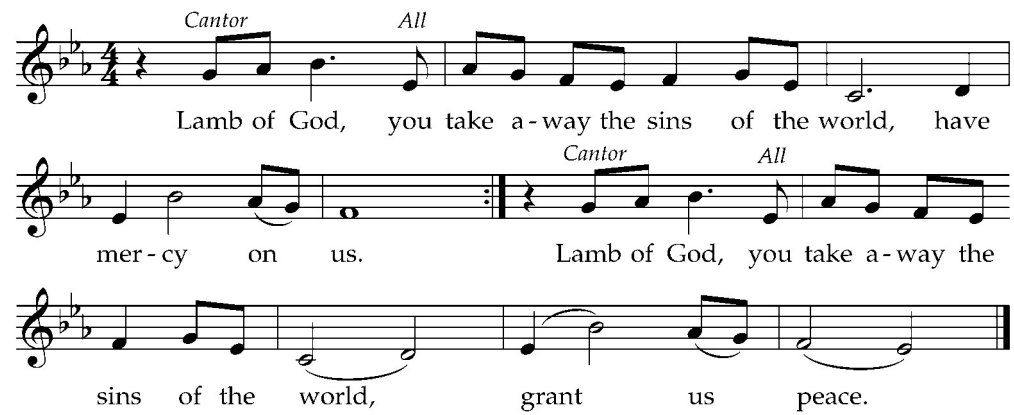
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Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And with your spirit.

Lamb of God



Cantor *All*
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
Cantor *All*
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

Priest: 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.

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

Communion Hymn.....Away in a Manger

MUELLER

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
 2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
 3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless

1. stars in the sky ____ looked down where he lay, The
 2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
 3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885; verse 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.



Communion HymnSilent Night

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face,

Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht*; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
Tune: STILLE NACHT, 66 89 66; Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863



Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May the God of infinite goodness,
who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the
world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy
night, drive far from you the darkness of vice
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

People: Amen.

Priest: May God, who willed that the great joy
of his Son's saving Birth
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,
fill your minds with the gladness he gives
and make you heralds of his Gospel.

People: Amen.

Priest: And may God, who by the Incarnation
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,
fill you with the gift of his peace and favor
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

People: Amen.

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
OR Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord,
OR Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
OR Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song for the Journey.....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



earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry
us, our songs em - ploy; While fields and
thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to
makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room, And
floods, rocks, hills and plains Re -
make his bless - ings flow Far
of his right - eous - ness, And



heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Tune: ANTIOCH, CM; arr. from George F. Handel, 1685-1759, in T. Hawkes' *Collection of Tunes*, 1833
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Upcoming Mass Times

As Christmas continues, please join us!

**Saturday, December 27, 2025 and
Sunday, December 28, 2025**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:30 p.m. (Saturday)

6:00 p.m. *BLS (Saturday)*

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. *BLS*

10:00 a.m.

Noon

5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025 and
Thursday, January 1, 2026 - New Year's Day**

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

World Day of Prayer for Peace

4:00 p.m. (Wednesday)

6:00 p.m. *BLS (Wednesday)*

9:00 a.m. *BLS (Thursday)*

10:00 a.m. (Thursday)

Noon (Thursday)

**Saturday, January 3, 2026
Sunday-January 4, 2026- The Epiphany of the Lord**

(Blessing of Chalk at all Masses)

4:30 p.m. (Saturday)

6:00 p.m. *BLS (Saturday)*

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. *BLS*

10:00 a.m.

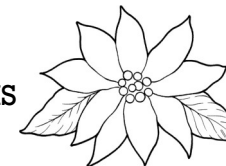
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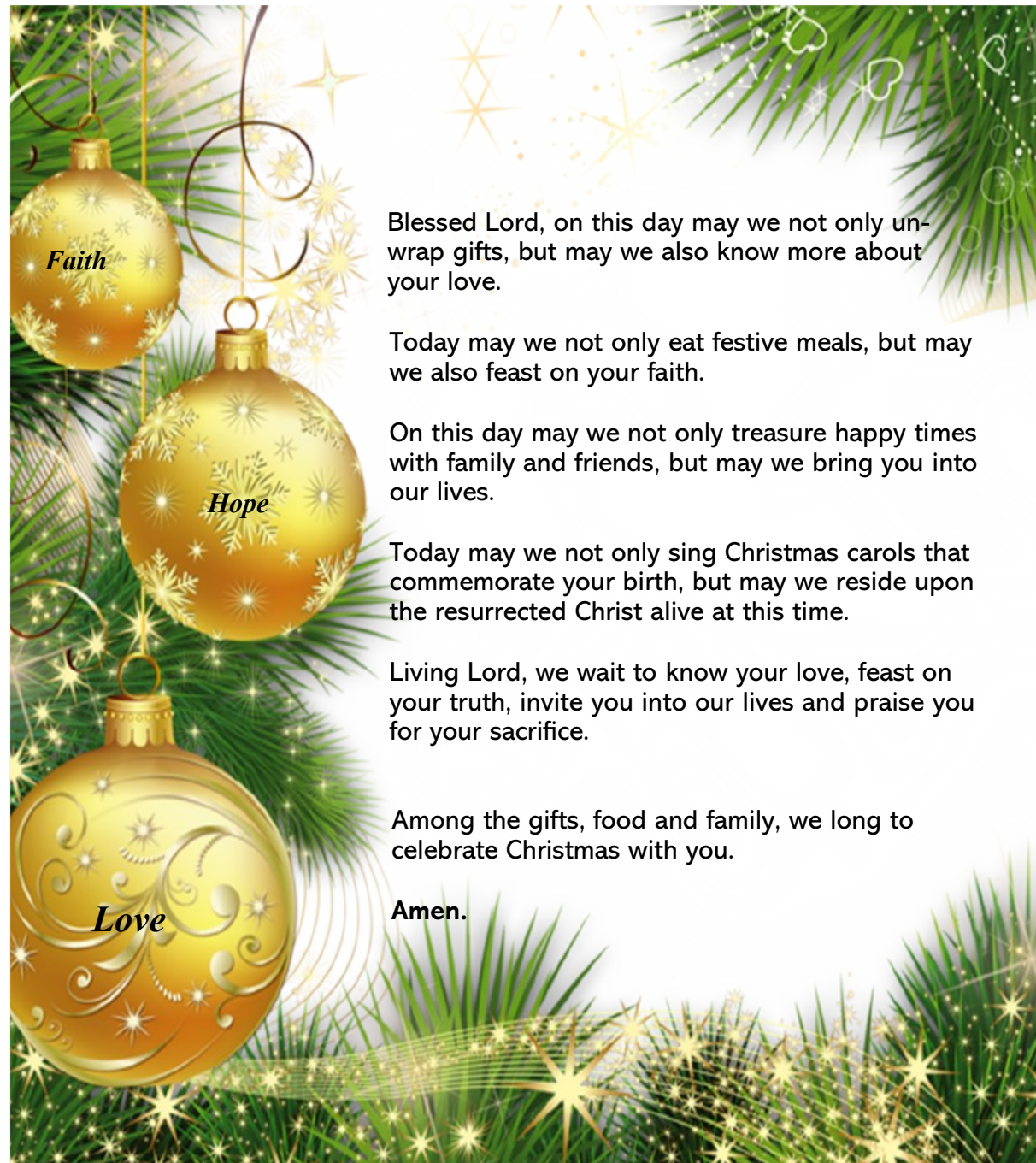
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**YOUR PRESENCE IS
A BLESSING!**





Blessed Lord, on this day may we not only un-wrap gifts, but may we also know more about your love.

Today may we not only eat festive meals, but may we also feast on your faith.

On this day may we not only treasure happy times with family and friends, but may we bring you into our lives.

Today may we not only sing Christmas carols that commemorate your birth, but may we reside upon the resurrected Christ alive at this time.

Living Lord, we wait to know your love, feast on your truth, invite you into our lives and praise you for your sacrifice.

Among the gifts, food and family, we long to celebrate Christmas with you.

Amen.

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