

SACRED HEART, TAMPA
The Nativity of the Lord
4:00 and 6:00 PM
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
24 December 2025

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: O Come All Ye Faithful

(Oakeley | Wade)

V.1 O come all ye faithful

Joyful and triumphant

O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him

Born the King of angels

Chorus:

O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

V.2 Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all
Glory in the highest (***chorus***)

V.3 Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

Chorus:

O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

C. Frederick Oakeley | John Francis Wade

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Glory to God: Mass of a Joyful Heart

(Angrisano)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!**

We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks
for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God almighty Father.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy on us.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!
A-A-AMEN!**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing,
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster

you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
will be burned as fuel for flames.
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains
by judgment and justice,
both now and forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 96

**Today our Savior is born!
Today our Savior is born!
This is the day, This is the day!
Christ our Savior is born!**

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Second Reading: Ti 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness

and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Greeting:

Alleluia, Christ Our Savior is Born!

**Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!
This is the day, This is the day!
Christ our Savior is born! *(Repeat)***

Verse 1:

Good news and great joy,
To all the world!
Today is born our Savior,
Jesus Christ the Lord!

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Gospel:

Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a

manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you:

you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

No Repeat of the Chorus after the Gospel Outside Ordinary Time.
Please be seated.

Homily

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
 (all bow during the next two lines)
 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 Prayer

**Response: “Come, Lord Jesus,
hear our prayer.”**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Midnight Clear (Tomlin | Cash | Myrin)

V.1 It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

V.2 Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
Through all the weary world

And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring
O hush the noise and cease the strife
And hear the angels sing

Chorus:

(Oh) Glory to God in the highest
Glory to God evermore
Good news great joy for all
Melody breaks through the silence
Christ the Savior is born
Jesus the love song of God
(Jesus the love song of God)

V.4 For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet, bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold

When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing!

Chorus:

(Oh) Glory to God in the highest
Glory to God evermore
Good news great joy for all
Melody breaks through the silence
Christ the Savior is born
Jesus the love song of God
(Jesus the love song of God)

Final Ending:

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold

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Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)

Holy, Holy – Save Us Savior – Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of a Joyful Heart
(Angrisano)

Communion Song 1: O Little Town of Bethlehem (Redner | Brooks)

V.1 O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

V.2 For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to all on earth

V.3 How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

V.4 O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today

We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

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Communion Song 2: Angels We Have Heard on High! (Public Domain)

V.1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyful strains.

Chorus:

Gloria In excelsis Deo!
Gloria In excelsis Deo!

V.2 Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Chorus:

Gloria In excelsis Deo!

Gloria In excelsis Deo!

V.3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King
(Chorus)

V.4 See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise!

Chorus:

Gloria In excelsis Deo!

Gloria In excelsis Deo!

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Communion Song 3: Away in a Manger

(Murray | McFarland | Luther)

V.1 Away in a manger
no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
laid down His sweet head

The stars in the sky
looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay

V.2 The cattle are lowing
the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
no crying He makes
I love Thee Lord Jesus
look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
'til morning is nigh

V.3 Be near me Lord Jesus

I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children
in Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
to live with Thee there

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Communion Song 4: Silent Night

(Gruber | Young | Mohr)

V.1 Silent night, holy night

All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and Child
Holy Infant, so tender and mild

Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace!

V.2 Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream, from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts, sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

V.3
Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams, from Thy holy face
With the dawn, of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus Lord at Thy birth!

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CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth Song - Joy to the World

(Handel | Watts)

V.1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come

Let earth receive her King!

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room.

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing!

V.2 Joy to the earth the Savior reigns

Let men their songs employ

While fields and floods

Rocks hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

V.4 He rules the world,
with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness.
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love!

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