



Our Christmas Mass

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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

Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven
afar Heavenly hosts sing
Alleluia Christ the Saviour
is born Christ the Saviour is
born!

Silent night! holy night!
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy ho-
ly face With the dawn of re-
deeming grace, Jesus, Lord
at thy birth Jesus, Lord at
thy birth

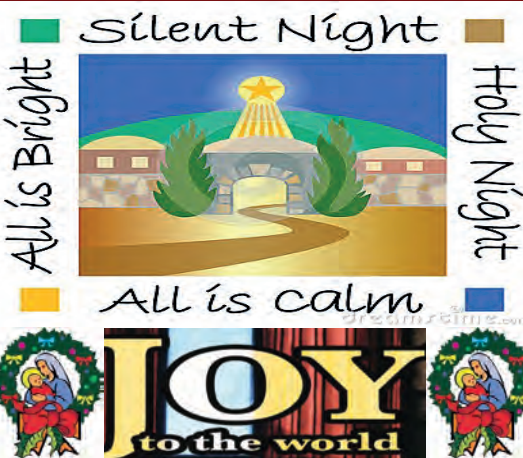
**Angels we Have heard on
high** Sweetly singing o'er
the plain And the moun-
tains in reply Echo still
their joyous refrain, *Gloria*
In excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your rapturous strains
prolong Say what may the
tiding be Which inspire this
heavenly song. *Gloria In
excelsis Deo*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels
sing Come adore on bended
knee Christ the Lord the new
born King *Gloria.....*

The First Nowell the angels
did say Was to certain poor
shepherds In fields as they
lay In the fields where they
lay keeping their sheep On
a cold winter's night that
was so deep.

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Now-
ell** born is the King of Israel.



They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them
far And to the earth it gave
great light And so it continued
both day and night *Nowell....*

O Holy Night, The stars are
brightly shining It is the night of
our Saviour's birth Long lay the
world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared and the soul felt
Its worth A thrill of hope the
weary world rejoices For yonder
breaks a new and Glorious
morn. Fall on your knees O hear
the Angels voices. O night divine
O night when Christ as born
night divine O night, O night
divine.

Away in a manger, no crib for
a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid
down is sweet head, The stars in
the bright sky looked down where
he lay, The little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby
awakes, but little Lord Jesus no
crying he makes. I love you, lord
Jesus look down from the sky and
stay by my side until morning is
nigh!

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you
to stay Close by me for ever, and
love me, I pray. Bless all the dear
children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with
thee there.

Oh 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.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.*

*Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.*

*Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate deity,
Pleased as Man with man to
dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.*

*Hail, the heaven-born Prince of
peace! Hail the Son of righteous-
ness! Light and life to all he
brings, Risen with healing in his
wings. Mild he lays his glory
by, Born that man no more
may die, Born to raise the
sons of earth, Born to give
them second birth.*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.*

*Adeste fideles laeti tri-
umphantes, Venite venite
in Bethlehem. Natum
videte Regem Angweorum.
Venite adoremus, venite
adoremus, venite adore-
mus, Dominum.*

*O come all ye faithful joy-
ful and triumphant
Oh come ye O come ye to
Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
born the King of angels;
O come let us adore him
Christ the Lord.*

*Sing choirs of angels sing
in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of
heaven above;
Glory to God in the high-
est. O come, let us adore
him, Christ the Lord.*



*Joy to the world, the
Lord has come! Let earth
receive her King; Let every
heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature
sing, And Heaven and na-
ture sing, And Heaven, and
Heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, 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 sound-
ing joy.*

*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*



THE MASSES OF CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow
weary until her integrity shines
out like the dawn and her salva-
tion flames like a torch. The na-
tions then will see your integrity
and all the kings your glory, and
you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord
will confer. You are to be a
crown of splendour in the hand of
the Lord, a princely diadem in the
hand of your God; no longer are
you to be named 'Forsaken', nor
your land 'Abandoned', but you
shall be called 'My Delight' and
your land 'The Wedded'; for the
Lord takes delight in you and
your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a
virgin, so will the one who built
you wed you, and as the bride-
groom rejoices in his bride, so will
your God rejoice in you. **THE**

WORD OF THE LORD

Psalm 88:4-5,16-17,27,29

Matthew 1: 18-25

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary
was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live to-
gether she was found to be with child through the Holy Spir-
it. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting
to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He
had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because
she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will
give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because
he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now
all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord
through the prophet:

*The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will
call him Emmanuel,*

a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up
he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took
his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse
with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD



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Isaiah 9:1-7 The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, As men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the barb across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this. **Psalm: Today a Saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.**

Paul to Titus 2:11-14 God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

Isaiah 62: 11-12

This the Lord proclaims to the ends of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Look, your saviour comes, the prize of his victory with him, his trophies before him.' They shall be called 'The Holy People', 'the Lord's Redeemed.' And you shall be called 'The-sought-after', 'City-not-forsaken.'

Psalm : This day a new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us.

Paul to Titus 3:4-7

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Luke 2:15-20 When the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

Luke 2: 1-14 Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

Isaiah 52:7-10 How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Psalm: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1:1-6 At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: *You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me.* Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

John 1:1-5,9-14 In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.



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