

Christmas Eve: Vigil Masses at 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Saint Patrick's Church in New Orleans

Introit: *To-day you will know that the Lord will come, and He will save us: and in the morning you will see His glory.*

Exodus 16: 6, 7; Isaiah 35: 4

Entrance Hymn: *O come, all ye faithful (ADESTE FIDELES)*

Please join in singing the hymn.

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:
O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
2. | See how the shepherds, Summoned to His cradle,
| Leaving their | flocks, draw nigh with | lowly fear.
We too will thither | Bend our joyful | footsteps: *O come, &c.*
3. | Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
| Sing, all ye | citizens of | heav'n above:
"Glory to God | In the | highest!" *O come, &c.*

Kyrie

Each invocation is sung by the cantor, and repeated by all.

Gloria

Missalette, pages 4-6

Psalm:



For-ev-er I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Alleluia:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*During the recitation of the Nicene Creed (pages 8-9 in the missalette), please **kneel** at the words "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."*

Offertory antiphon: *Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.*

Psalm 24: 7

Offertory motet: *Gentle Mary laid her Child*

Melchior Vulpius (1570-1615)

Gentle Mary laid her Child Lowly in a manger; There He lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger. Such a Babe in such a place, Can He be the Saviour? Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favour.

Angels sang about His birth; Wise men sought and found Him; Heaven's star shone brightly forth, Glory all around Him: Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing; All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her Child Lowly in a manger; He is still the undefiled, But no more a stranger. Son of God, of humble birth, Beautiful the story; Praise His Name in all the earth, Hail the King of glory! Joseph Simpson Cook (1859-1933)

Sanctus:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of hosts. 1. Hea-ven and earth are
2. Bles-sed is He who

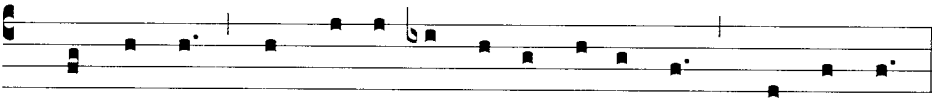


full of your glo - - - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Agnus Dei:



1, 2. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



3. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion antiphon: *The glory of the Lord shall be revealed: and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.* Isaiah 40: 5

Communion Hymn I: Silent night (STILLE NACHT)

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.

2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav’nly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Communion Hymn II: O little town of Bethlehem (ST. LOUIS)

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.

2. 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 in us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

Final Hymn: Joy to the world! (ANTIOCH)

Please join in singing the hymn.

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.

2. 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, and wonders of His love.