

CHRISTMAS — MASS AT MIDNIGHT

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour is born to the world. True peace has descended from heaven.

Entrance Hymn

Greeting

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

C: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

P: AMEN

The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth, Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. 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. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Father, you make this holy night radiant with the splendour of Jesus Christ our light. We welcome him as Lord, the true light of the world. Bring us to eternal joy in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A Son is given to us.

The people that walked in darkness have 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 bar 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 gave 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 established and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and forever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3, 11-13. R/Lk 2:11

R Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. R
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. R



4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. R

Second Reading

2: 11–14

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed to the whole human race.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 2:10–11

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

2: 1–14

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Today a saviour has been born to you.

Cæsar 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 traveled up to Judæa, 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 gave 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. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour".

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again 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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

The Offering

(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)

C: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

P: Blessed be God for ever.

C: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

P: Blessed be God for ever.

C: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

P: 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 Church.

Prayer over the gifts

Lord, accept our gifts on this joyful feast of our salvation. By our communion with God made man, may we become more like him who joins our lives to yours, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

C: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Acclamation

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

Memorial Acclamation

C: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Communion Rite

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

C: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us: he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of peace, Father of the world to come; and his kingship will never end.

Entrance Hymn

Greeting

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Penitential Rite

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The Kyrie

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The Gloria

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Opening Prayer

Father, we are filled with the new light by the coming of your Word among us. May the light of faith shine in our words and actions.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

62: 11–12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Look, your saviour comes.

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 "The Holy People", "The Lord's Redeemed". And you shall be called "The-sought-after", "City-not-forsaken". This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1. 6. 11–12

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

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
the many coastlands be glad.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. **℟**

2. Light shines forth for the just
and joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;
give glory to his holy name. **℟**

Second Reading

3: 4–7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.

It was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us.

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

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

C: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

The Word of God became man; we have seen his glory.

Communion Hymn

Prayer After Communion

God our Father, we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour. May we share his life completely by living as he has taught.

Concluding Rite

C: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

SOLEMN BLESSINGS

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

When he came to us as man, the Son of God scattered the darkness of this world, and filled this holy night (day) with his glory. May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness.

℟ Amen.

God sent his angels to shepherds to herald the great joy of our Saviour's birth. May he fill you with joy and make you heralds of his gospel.

℟ Amen.

When the Word became man, earth was joined to heaven. May he give you his peace and good will, and fellowship with all the heavenly host.

℟ Amen.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

℟ Amen.

Recessional Hymn

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become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.

Alleluia!

Gospel

2: 15–20

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the baby.

Now 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

The Offering

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Prayer over the gifts

Father, may we follow the example of your Son who became man and lived among us. May we receive the gift of divine life through these offerings here on earth.

Eucharistic Prayer

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The Acclamation

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Communion Rite

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Breaking of the Bread

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Communion Antiphon

Daughter of Zion, exult; shout aloud, daughter of Jerusalem! Your King is coming, the Holy One, the Saviour of the world.

Communion Hymn

Prayer After Communion

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us, a son given to us; dominion is laid on his shoulder, and he shall be called Wonderful-Counsellor.

Entrance Hymn

Greeting

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Penitential Rite

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The Kyrie

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The Gloria

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Opening Prayer

Lord God, we praise you for creating man, and still more for restoring him in Christ. Your Son shared our weakness: may we share His glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

52: 7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-6. *R* v.3

R All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. *R*
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. *R*
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. *R*
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. *R*



Second Reading

1: 1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

God has spoken to us through his Son.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Lord, with faith and joy we celebrate the birthday of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Concluding Rite

SOLEMN BLESSINGS

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Recessional Hymn

Gospel

1: 1-18

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The word was made flesh, and lived among us.

* In the beginning was the Word: 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.* A man came sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. *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.*

John appears as his witness. He proclaims: "This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me." Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

The Offering

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Prayer over the gifts

Almighty God, the saving work of Christ made our peace with you. May our offering today renew that peace within us and give you perfect praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

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Memorial Acclamation

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Communion Rite

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Breaking of the Bread

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Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Communion Hymn

Prayer After Communion

Father, the child born today is the Saviour of the world. He made us your children. May he welcome us into your kingdom where he lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

Concluding Rite

SOLEMN BLESSINGS

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Recessional Hymn



HYMNS

1. Silent Night

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.
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.

2. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing:
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*
2. Christ, by highest heav'n 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 us to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

3. O Come, All Ye Faithful

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. God of God,
light of light,
lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten not created;
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
4. Adeste fideles, laeti triumphantes,
venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte regem angelorum.
Venite, adoremus,
venite, adoremus,
venite, adoremus
Dominum.
5. Deum de Deo,
lumen de lumine,
gestant puellae viscera:
Deum Verum,
genitum, non factum:
6. Cantet nunc Io!
Chorus angelorum:
cantet nunc aula caelestium;
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

4. The First Noel

1. The first Noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave a great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest.
And there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

5. Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
*Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why our joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
4. See within a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph lend your aid,
to celebrate our Savior's birth.

6. Away in a Manger

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.
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 till morning is nigh.
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.

7. Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed.
Where a mother laid her baby,
in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild;
Jesus Christ, her little Child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all.
And his shelter was a stable
and His cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. And through all His wond'rous childhood
He would honour and obey
love and watch the lowly mother
in whose gentle arms He lay.
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as He.

8. O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 morning stars together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above;
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.

9. O Holy Night

1. O Holy night, the stars are brightly
shining,
it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error
pining
till 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 angel
voices,
O night divine, O night, when Christ
was
born;
O night, O holy night, O night divine,
2. Lay by the light of faith serenely beam-
ing
with glowing hearts by His cradle we
stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleam-
ing,
here came the wise men from Orient
land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly
manger,
in all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our needs, He guardeth us
from
danger.
Behold your King, before the lowly
bend;
Behold your King, before the lowly
bend.

10. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by
night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.
2. "Fear not," said he, (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled minds),
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind."
3. "To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line,
a Saviour who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign."
4. "The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands
and in a manger laid."

11. Joy to the World!

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 nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour 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.
3. No more let sin and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow,
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

MERRY CHRISTMAS