

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## LITURGY GUIDE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY & CHRISTMAS EVE

### CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, SIOUX FALLS

#### INTROIT

*(At Midnight Mass the Introit is sung by the choir, followed by the Opening Hymn)*

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day. **(Verse)** Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

#### OPENING HYMN

ADESTE FIDELIS

#### O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!

God of God, Light from Light  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
Very God, begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

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;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(striking breast three times)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; Therefore 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.

#### GLORIA

J. Ostermann

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your  
great glo - ry, Lord God, hea-ve-nly King, O God, al - migh - ty Fa -  
ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;  
you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are sea - ted at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most -  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

# READINGS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## VIGIL MASS (3PM & 6PM)

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 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!

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(sung)*

Psalms 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

“With my chosen one I have made a covenant, I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your descendants forever and set up your throne through all ages.” **R.**

How blessed the people who know your praise; who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice their joyful acclaim. **R.**

“He will call out to me, ‘You are my father, my God, the rock of my salvation.’ I will keep my faithful love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.” **R.**

### SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, “Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.’ From this man’s descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.’”

### GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PLEASE REFER TO THE ACCOMPANYING  
INSERT FOR THIS LITURGY'S READINGS,  
PSALM & GOSPEL TEXTS.

### FIRST READING

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### SECOND READING

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please Stand*

Cantor (*sung*): Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia  
(*Congregation repeat*)

### GOSPEL

### HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Please Stand*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*bow here*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

### OFFERTORY HYMN

GLORIA

### Angels We Have Heard on High

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.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
which in spire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

MENDELSSOHN

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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 th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

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 th'incarnate Deity;  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail, the heav'nborn Prince of Peace!  
 Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
 Light and life to all he brings,  
 Ris'n 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 newborn King!"

**Celebrant:** Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R.** 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.

### SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur - rec - tion  
 un-til you come again.

### AGNUS DEI

*Cantor or Choir:* \*Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,  
 have mer - cy on us. *Alle:* grant us peace.  
*To repeat* *Last time*

### ECCE AGNUS DEI

**Celebrant:** 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.

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

### HOLY COMMUNION

*All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of our God.

### COMMUNION HYMN

GREENSLEEVES

### What Child is This

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
 While shepherds watch are keeping?  
 This, this is Christ the King,  
 whom shepherds guard and angels sing!  
 Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
 the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate  
 Where ox and ass are feeding?  
 Good Christian, fear, for sinners here  
 The silent Word is pleading.  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,  
 the cross be borne, for me, for you:  
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,  
 the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
 Come, peasant, king, to own him;  
 The King of kings salvation brings,  
 Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
 Raise, raise the song on high,  
 the Virgin sings her lullaby:  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
 the Babe, the Son of Mary!

**COMMUNION MEDITATION** (*MIDNIGHT MASS*)

Salvation is Created Pavel Tschesnokoff  
 Salvation is created, for all peoples of the earth, O God.  
 Alleluia.

**HYMN OF THANKSGIVING**      STILLE NACHT  
**Silent Night**

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.  
 Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia;  
 Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ the savior is born!  
 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!

**CLOSING HYMN**

ANTIOCH

**Joy to the World**

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.

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 sounding 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.