

## PREFACE OF THE NATIVITY

VERE dignum et justum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique grātias agere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnīpotens, aetérne Deus: Quia per incarnati Verbi mystérium, nova mentis nostrae oculis lux tuae claritatis infūsitus: ut, dum visiblēiter Deum cognoscimus, per hunc in invisibilium amōrem rapiamur. Et ideo cum Angelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatiōibus, cumque omni militia cœlestis exércitus, hymnum gloriæ tuæ cānimus, sine fine dicentes:

*Psalm 109: 3*

IN splendóribus sanctórum, ex útero ante lucíferum gēnui te.

DA nobis, quāsumus, Dómine Deus noster: ut, qui Nativitatē Dómini nostri Iesu Christi mystériis nos frequentáre gaudēmus; dignis conversatiōibus ad ejus mereámur pervenire consortium: Qui tecum vivit et regnat.

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plain;  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds, why this exultation?  
Why your joyous strain prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'ly song.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him  
O'er whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: for through the Mystery of the Word made flesh, new radiance from Thy glory hath so shone on the eye of the soul that the recognition of our God made visible draweth us to love what is invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army we sing a hymn to Thy glory, evermore saying:

## COMMUNION

In the brightness of the Saints, from the womb before the day star I begot Thee.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that we who rejoice in celebrating these mysteries of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, may, by worthy lives, deserve to attain unto fellowship with Him: Who with Thee liveth and reigneth.

# MATERNAL HEART of MARY

Traditional Latin Mass Parish, Lewisham

## PROPER of the MASS

### THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

#### First Mass at Midnight

1. Adeste Fideles,  
Laeti triumphantes,  
Venite, venite in Bethlehem;  
Natum videte,  
Regem angelorum:

*Venite adoremus*  
*Venite adoremus*  
*Venite adoremus Dominum.*

2. Deum de Deo,                    3. Cantet nunc Io!  
Lumen de lumine,                Chorus angelorum:  
Gestant puellae viscera:      Cantent nunc aula coelestium,  
Deum verum,                      Gloria  
Genitum, non factum:          In excelsis Deo!

4. Ergo qui natus  
Die hodierna,  
Jesu tibi sit gloria:  
Patris aeterni  
Verbum caro factum!

*Psalm 2: 7, 1* INTROIT

DOMINUS dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hōdīe gēnui te. Ps. Quare fremuerunt gentes: et pōpuli meditati sunt inānia? Glōria Patri.

The Lord hath said to me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. Ps. Why have the Gentiles raged, and the people devised vain things? Glory be to the Father.

#### COLLECT

DEUS, qui hanc sacratissimam noctem veri lūminis fecisti illustratiōne clarēscere: da, quāsumus; ut, cuius lucis mystēria in terra cognōvimus, ejus quoque gāudiis in cōclō perfruāmur: Qui tecum vivit et regnat.

O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine forth with the brightness of the true Light: grant, we beseech Thee, that we who have known the mystery of His light on earth, may attain the enjoyment of His happiness in heaven. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth.

EPISTLE

CARÍSSIME: Appáruit grátia Dei Salvatóris nostri ómnibus homíni- bus, erúdiens nos, ut abnegántes im- pietátem, et saeculária desidéria, sób- rie et juste et pie vivámus in hoc sé- culo, exspectántes béatam spem et advéntum glóriæ magni Dei et Sal- vatóris nostri Jesu Christi: qui dedit semetípsum pro nobis: ut nos redímeret ab omni iniquitáte, et mun- dáret sibi pópulum acceptábilem, sectatórem bonórū óperum. Hæc lóquere et exhortáre: in Christo Jesu Dómino nostro.

*Psalm 109: 3, 1*

TECUM principiúm in die virtútis tuæ: in splendóribus sanctórum, ex útero ante lucíferum génu te. Dixit Dóminus Dómino meo: Sede a dex- tris meis: donec ponam inimícós tuos, scabellum pedum tuórum.

*Psalm 2: 7*

ALLELUIA



ALLELÚIA, allelúia. Dóminus dixit ad me: Fílius meus es tu, ego hódie génu te. Allelúia.

*Luke 2: 1-14*

IN illo témpore: Exiit edictum a Cásare Augústo, ut describerétur univérsus orbis. Hæc descriptio prima facta est a præside Sýrie Cyrino: et ibant omnes ut profiteréntur, sínguli in suam civitátem. Ascéndit autem et Joseph a Galiléa de civitáte Názareth, in Judéam in civitátem David, quæ vocátur Béthlehem: eo quod esset de domo et família Da- vid, ut profiterétur cum María des- ponsáta sibi uxóre prægnante.

GOSPEL

At that time there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrius, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with

Factum est autem, cum essent ibi, impléti sunt dies ut páreret. Et péperit filium suum primogénitum, et pannis eum invólvit, et reclinávit eum in præsépio: quia non erat eis locus in diversorio. Et pastóres erant in régione éadem vigilantes, et custodiéntes vigiliás noctis super gregem suam. Et ecce Angelus Dómini stetit juxta illos, et cláritas Dei circumfúlsit illos, et timuérunt timóre magno. Et dixit illis Angelus: Nolite timére: ecce enim evanélizo vobis gáudium magnum, quod erit omni pôpulo: quia natus est vobis hódie Salvátor, qui est Christus Dóminus, in civitáte David. Et hoc vobis signum: Inveniétis infántem pannis involútum, et pósitum in præsépio. Et súbito facta est cum Angelo multitúdo militiae cœlestis, laudántium Deum, et dicéntium: Glória in altissimis Deo, et in terra pax homíni- bus bonæ voluntatis.

*Psalm 95: 11, 13*

LÆTÉNTUR coeli, et exsúltet terra ante fáciem Dómini: quóniam venit.

ACCÉPTA tibi sit, Dómine, quás- mus, hodiénae festivitatis oblátio: ut, tua grátia largiénte, per hæc sacro- sáncta commércia, in illius inveni- ámur forma, in quo tecum est nostra substantia: Qui tecum vivit et regnat.

child. And it came to pass, that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an Angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear. And the Angel said to them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: for this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: you shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.

OFFERTORY

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the face of the Lord: because He cometh.

SECRET

May the oblation of this day's festival be pleasing to Thee, we beseech Thee, O Lord: that of Thy bountiful grace we may, through this sacred intercourse, be found conformed to Him, in whom our substance is united to Thee: Who with Thee liveth and reigneth.