

The **NATIVITY** *of the* **LORD**

I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord. – Luke 2:10-11

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WELCOME! Whether this is your church home or you are visiting friends and family during this joyous time of year, Fr. Barry and I are glad to welcome you to St. Theresa Catholic Church and to be able to wish you a very Merry Christmas. The Christmas season is often associated with magic and wonder. And yet Christmas is also marked with a desire to connect with the familiar, with home. Maybe this is why you've joined us today, there is something here that is both familiar and yet full of wonder.

This is where Christ meets us. The God who always was and always will be, beyond our understanding, meets us in the familiar, becoming one of us, living a life that we have all lived ourselves while also showing us how we can live and love. His vulnerability in coming as a small child shows his desire for intimacy with each of us. His life and death show us how to find the joy and fulfillment we all long for.

If you are looking to reconnect or connect for the first time with the Catholic faith, and want to know how to start, we at St. Theresa are here to walk with you on a journey of faith. If you're looking for a church family and would like more information about our parish community, please visit our website: www.st-theresa.org or call the parish office at (512) 451-5121. In addition to myself, any of these folks on our pastoral team would be happy to help you take your first steps. — Fr. Larry Covington, Pastor

Fr. Barry Cuba, Associate Pastor

Deacon Keith Carter

Deacon Peter Barger

Deacon Tony Pynes

Chase Crouse, M. Th., Pastoral Associate for Evangelization & Catechesis

Organ Prelude — *Prelude on This Endris Nyght*, Healey Willan | *The Holy Night*, Dudley Buck

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional Hymn — *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Please stand

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; R.
2. God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He comes forth from the Virgin's womb.
Our very God, begotten not created, R.
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; R.
4. 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; R.

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

Invocation

Penitential Act — *Kyrie Eleison*, Palestrina, arr. Covington

Sung: **Kyrie Eleison,
Christe Eleison,
Kyrie Eleison**

Glory to God—Mass of St. Theresa

(Organ) Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace on earth 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 - ven - ly 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 seat - ed 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.

Collect

Please sit

The LITURGY of the WORD

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 — *Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13*



O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
O sing to the LORD; bless his name. *R.*

Proclaim his salvation day by day.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the
peoples. *R.*

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.
Then will all the trees of the wood
shout for joy. *R.*

At the presence of the LORD, for he
comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with justice;
he will govern the peoples with his
truth. *R.*

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Second Reading — *Titus 2:11-14*

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

Gospel Acclamation — *Christmas Gospel Acclamation*, Barbara Bridge (Luke 2:10-11)

Please stand



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Verse: I proclaim to you good news of great joy:
today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord, alleluia.

Gospel – Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled 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 her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Homily

Please sit

Nicene Creed

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,

(All genuflect for the following words)

**and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

(All stand)

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.

Prayer of the Faithful

Please sit

The LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Anthem *Stars Are for Those Who Lift Their Eyes*, Pauline Delmonte (4:00 p.m.)

Nativity Carol, John Rutter (6:30 p.m.)

Prayer over the Offerings

Invitation

Please stand

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

Assembly: **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.**

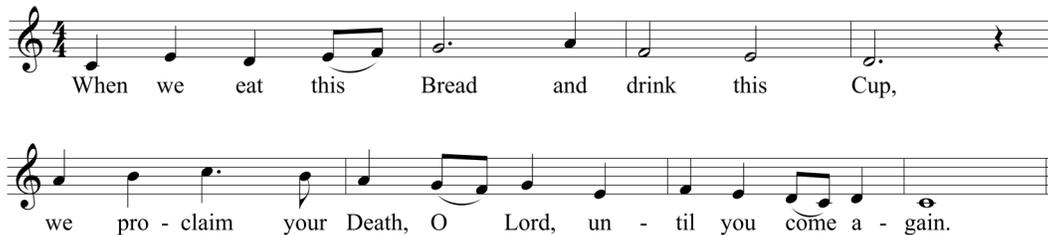
Holy, Holy, Holy – *Mass for St. Theresa*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est.

Please kneel

Mystery of Faith – *Mass of St Theresa*



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

Great Amen – *chant*

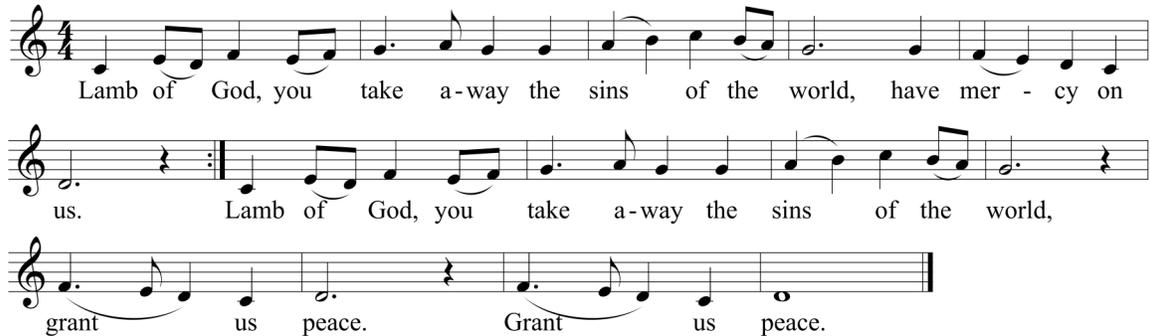
Please stand

The COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

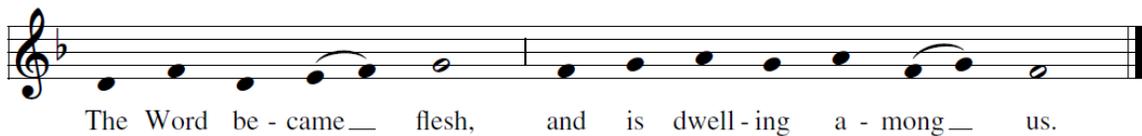
Lamb of God—*Mass for St. Theresa*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Please kneel

Communion Antiphon



The Word be - came — flesh, and is dwell - ing a - mong — us.

Communion Anthem—*Bring a Torch / On Christmas Night* (6:30)

Communion Hymn—*Silent Night*



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
all is bright Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and Child,
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
Heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Communion Hymn – *What Child Is This?*

1. 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?

Refrain:

*This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.*

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

The CONCLUDING RITES

Hymn of Thanksgiving – *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, *(Repeat)*

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us, our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy, *(Repeat)*

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, *(Repeat)*

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, *(Repeat)*

Blessing

Dismissal

Organ Postlude – *Gloria in Excelsis*, Max Reger

