

CHRISTMAS

INTRODUCTORY PRAYER

Celebrant:

Brothers and Sisters, today (tonight) we behold the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. By knowing Him who, though He was in the form of God, was born of human flesh, lived a human life, and died a human death, we can now know the unknowable God. Now, brothers and sisters, know and worship the Image of the Invisible God, Christ our Lord.

Reading

Galatians 4:1-7

Heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Intercessions

To the Incarnate God, who comes as a babe to save humanity,
we offer our prayers and honour

R. Hear us, Divine Child

Jesus in the manger, help us in our distress and suffering. R.

Jesus in the arms of Mary, comfort your people and nourish them with word and sacrament. R.

Jesus at the side of Joseph, guide our hands to do your work. R.

Jesus receiving the gifts of the magi, grant us the true graces of Hope, Faith and Love. R.

Jesus presented in the halls of the ancient temple, make your church a place of true worship. R.

At the Saviours command... or Our Father...