



St. John Paul II Ordinariate Community

A Roman Catholic Parochial Community of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter



Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25, 2022 † 12:00 noon

Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Silent Devotion Before Mass

Organ Prelude

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The People stand

Hymn in Procession

O Come, All Ye Faithful

J.F. Wade / *Adeste Fideles*



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, Je - sus, to



come ye to Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold Him born the King of an - gels;
 ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 Thee be - glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Introit, recited by the Celebrant after the censing of the Altar

Puer natus est nobis

Isa. 9:6; Ps. 98:1

Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given
and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called, Angel of Mighty Council

O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvelous things.

Glory be to the Father... | Unto us a Child is born...

Sign of the Cross & Collect for Purity

Priest In the ✠ Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

People Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law, proclaimed by the Priest

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie, sung by all

Each phrase is sung three times before proceeding to the next.

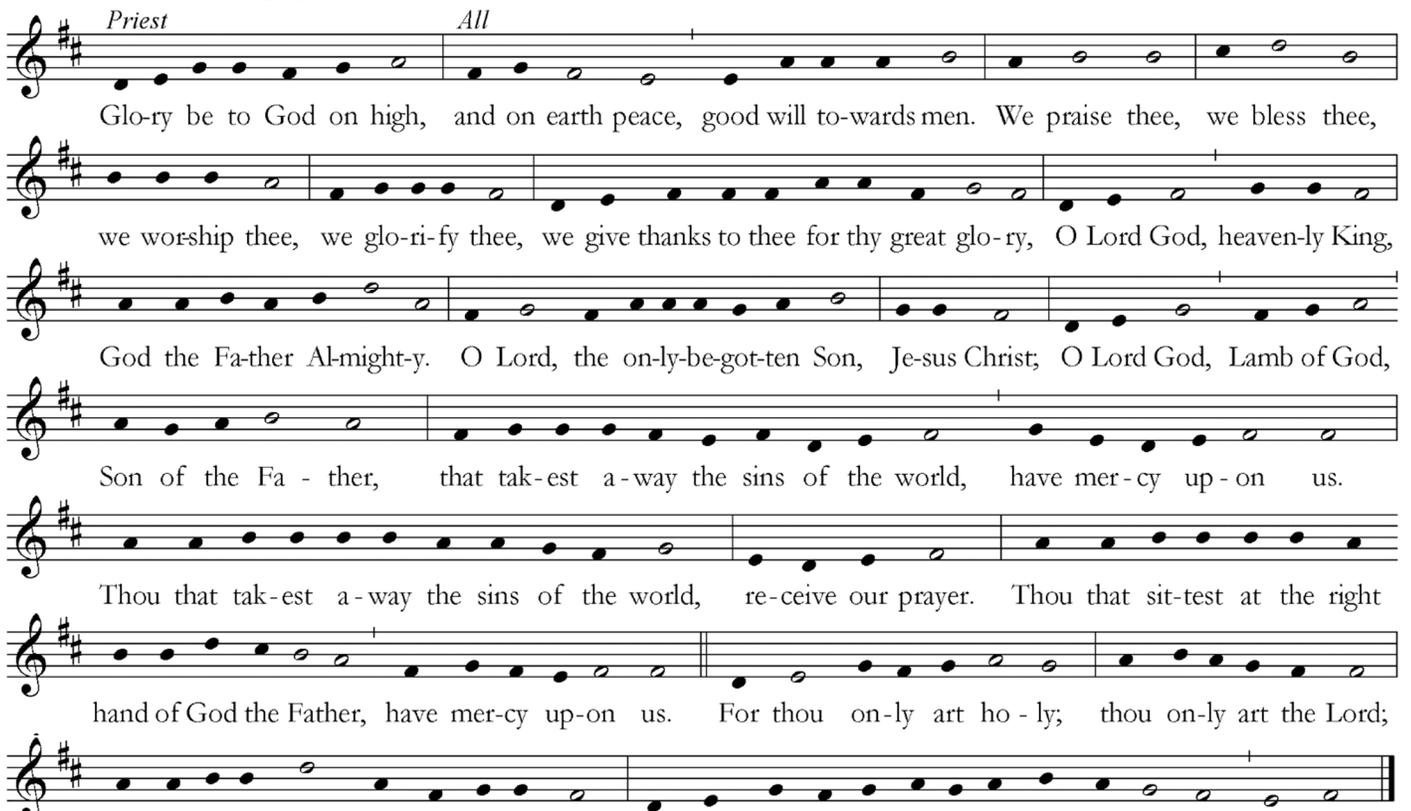
J. Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Gloria in excelsis, sung by all

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Priest Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will to-wards men. We praise thee, we bless thee,
All we worship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heaven-ly King,
God the Fa-ther Al-might-y. O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
Thou that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right
hand of God the Father, have mer-cy up-on us. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord;
thou on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, ✠art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

The People kneel. The Priest offers the Collect, the People acclaiming 'Amen.'

Almighty God, who hast given us thy Only Begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: grant that we being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit

The First Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his

people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual, *chanted by the Cantor*

Viderunt omnes

Ps. 98:4, 5, 3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God: O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
The Lord hath delivered his salvation: In the sight of the heathen hath he openly showed his righteousness.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-6

In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the ages. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to an-gels as the name he

has obtained is more excellent than theirs. For to what angel did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? And again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

Alleluia & Verse

Gaudete, justi

The Alleluia is sung first by the Cantor, then by the People



Cantor A hallowed day hath dawned upon the earth: come, ye nations, and worship the Lord: *plainsong*
for on this day a great light hath descended upon the earth.

All again sing the Alleluia

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave

power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The People sit
The Homily

Fr. Matthew Hummel

The People stand
The Nicene Creed

Priest I believe in one God,
People **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,**

genuflect **and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;**
arise **and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The People kneel after the Priest's invitation to prayer.

The People respond after each intercession:

Lord, have mercy.

The final intercession is followed by the response:

To thee, O Lord our God.

After a concluding Collect or Doxology, the People acclaim: Amen.

The Penitential Rite

The Priest says

Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Priest Almighty God,

People Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says

May Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him:

(here the Priest proclaims one or more of the prescribed sentences from Scripture)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The People sit

Offertory Sentence

The Priest pronounces a Sentence inviting the collection of tithes & offerings

Offertory Antiphon, *said by the Priest*

Tui sunt caeli

Ps. 89:12, 15a / plainsong

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; thou hast laid the foundations of the round world,
and all that therein is; righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.

Offertory Hymn, *sung by all, seated*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

P. Brooks / St. Louis



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove, while mor - tals sleep, the
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given! so God im - parts to
5. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and



dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the
an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro -
hu - man hearts the bless - ings of His heaven. No ear may hear His com - ing, but
en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the



ev - er - last - ing Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
claim the ho - ly birth! and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
in this world of sin, where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
great glad tid - ings tell; O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

The People stand
Orate Fratres

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

People **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Prayer over the Offerings

Priest We beseech thee, O Lord: that by this new birth of thine Only Begotten Son thou wouldest vouchsafe to sanctify these our oblations, and to cleanse us from the defilement of all our iniquities; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit. *Priest* Lift___ up your hearts.
People We lift___ them up un - to the Lord. *Priest* Let us give thanks un - to the Lord our God.
People It is meet___ and right so to do.

The Priest proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Here a Proper Preface is sung as appointed for the day. Then the Priest continues

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus, sung by all

J. Merbecke

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee,
O Lord Most High. ✠ Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

The People kneel. Then the Priest says

Therefore, most merciful Father, we humbly pray thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, and we ask, that thou accept and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices. We offer them unto thee, first, for thy holy Catholic Church: that thou vouchsafe to keep her in peace, to guard, unite, and govern her throughout the whole world: together with thy servant Francis our Pope, Steven our Bishop, and all the faithful guardians of the catholic and apostolic faith.

Commemoration of the Living

Remember, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids and all who here around us stand, whose faith is known unto thee and their steadfastness manifest, on whose behalf we offer unto thee or who themselves offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise: for themselves, and for all who are theirs: for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their health and well-being: and who offer their prayers unto thee, the eternal God, the living and the true.

United in one communion, we celebrate the most sacred day, whereon the undefiled virginity of Blessed Mary brought forth the Savior of this world; we venerate moreover the memory, first, of the glorious ever-virgin Mary, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ; of blessed Joseph her spouse; as also of thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddaeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; grant that by their merits and prayers we may in all things be defended with the help of thy protection.

We beseech thee then, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation from us thy servants, and from thy whole family: order thou our days in thy peace, and bid us to be delivered from eternal damnation and to be numbered in the fold of thine elect.

Vouchsafe, O God, we beseech thee, in all things to make this oblation blessed, approved, and accepted, a perfect and worthy offering: that it may become for us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up to heaven unto thee, God, his Almighty Father, giving thanks to thee, he blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

Likewise, after supper, taking also this goodly chalice into his holy and venerable hands, again giving thanks to thee, he blessed, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE
BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND
FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest The mystery of faith:

People **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim thy death, O Lord, until thou come again.**

The Priest continues

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, and thy holy people also, remembering the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, as also his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven; do offer unto thine excellent majesty of thine own gifts and bounty, the pure victim, the holy victim, the immaculate victim, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Vouchsafe to look upon them with a merciful and pleasant countenance: and to accept them even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel the Righteous, and the sacrifice of our patriarch Abraham: and the holy sacrifice, the immaculate victim, which thy high priest Melchisedech offered unto thee.

We humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thy holy Angel to thine altar on high, in sight of thy divine majesty: that all we who at this partaking of the altar shall receive the most sacred Body and Blood of thy Son, may be fulfilled with all heavenly ✠ benediction and grace.

Commemoration of the Dead

Remember also, O Lord, thy servants and handmaids who have gone before us sealed with the seal of faith, and who sleep the sleep of peace. To them, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant the abode of refreshing, of light, and of peace.

To us sinners also, thy servants, who hope in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and with all thy saints: within whose fellowship, we beseech thee, admit us, not weighing our merit, but granting us forgiveness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; through whom, O Lord, thou dost ever create all these good things: dost sanctify, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us.

By whom and with whom and in whom, to thee, O Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

The Communion Rite

The People stand

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest says As our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest Our Father,

People **who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

The Priest continues Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and with Andrew, and all the Saints, favorably grant peace in our days, that by the help of thine availing mercy we may ever both be free from sin and safe from all distress.

People **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

The Priest says

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to her peace and unity according to thy will; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The People may offer one another a sign of Peace

The People kneel

The Fraction of the Host

plainsong

The Priest breaks the consecrated Host and sings *People*



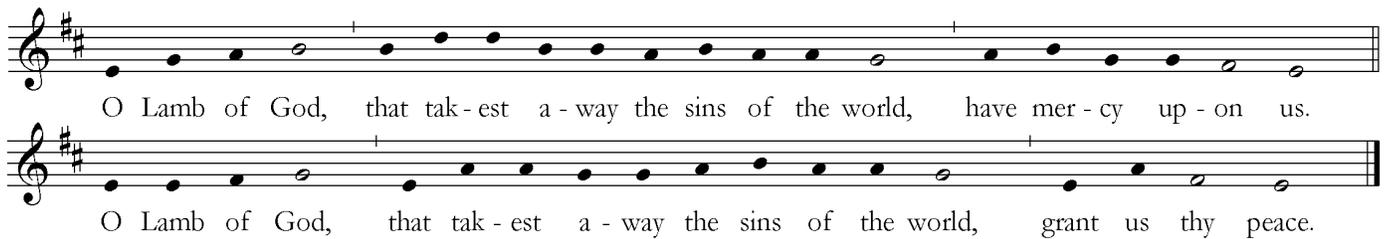
Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia.

Agnus Dei, sung by all

J. Merbecke



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



Prayer of Humble Access

The Priest and People say

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the People, and showing the Chalice and Host, the Priest says

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The People respond three times

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

The Holy Communion

Communion Antiphon, said by the Priest

Viderunt omnes

Ps. 98:4

All the ends of the world: have seen the salvation of our God.

All are welcome to file forward down the center aisle, kneel (as you are able) to receive Communion, and return to your pew by the side aisles.

We ask that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church receive Holy Communion. Non-Catholics are reminded that this is not an expression of exclusivity, but of the fervent hope that all Christians will one day be authentically reunited, fulfilling our Lord's prayer "that they all may be one."

If not receiving the Holy Communion, please cross your arms across your chest and bow your head as a sign that you wish to receive a prayer of blessing from the Priest instead.

For those receiving the Sacrament, the Host, after intinction, is given on the tongue with these words:

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. ✠ **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, said by All after Communion, still kneeling

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy

dear Son. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Priest Let us pray: Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that like as thy Son, born this day the Savior of the world, hath been made the Author of our heavenly birth; so he may bestow upon us the gift of everlasting life; who liveth and reigneth, world without end. **Amen.**

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing & Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Priest Depart in peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE LAST GOSPEL

The People stand

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest ✠ A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Matthew 2:1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the Wise Men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go

and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, (*genuflect*) and they fell down and worshiped him. (*rise*) Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People sit

Announcements may be offered by the Priest

The People stand

Hymn in Procession

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

C. Wesley / Mendelssohn

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King! Peace on earth and
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord; late in time be -
3. Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! Light and life to

mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled! Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the
hold Him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in -
all He brings, risen with heal - ing in His wings. Mild He lays His glo - ry by, born that

tri - umph of the skies; with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
car - nate De - i - ty. Pleased as man with man to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - ell
man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Silent Devotion Upon the Conclusion of Mass

Saint John Paul II Ordinariate Community

Hosted in the Diocese of Allentown by Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Bethlehem

About Us

Welcome to the Saint John Paul II Ordinariate Community. We started in 2014 – as the Bl. John Henry Newman Society – as a group of Anglican/Episcopalian Christians in the Lehigh Valley seeking to be reconciled to the Catholic Church, as well as former Anglicans/Episcopalians already within the Catholic fold. Now with the collaboration of Bishops Steven Lopes of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, and Alfred Schlert of the Diocese of Allentown, the congregation continues under the title of the Saint John Paul II Ordinariate Community. While we started with a special mission to welcome our separated Anglican/Episcopalian brothers and sisters home to the Catholic Church, we welcome everyone, from all backgrounds and walks of life, to participate fully in the worship and ministries of this community. If you are a lifelong Catholic, a Lutheran, Methodist, Calvinist, Evangelical, or member of any Protestant church, a lapsed Catholic rediscovering the Church, or non-Christian wanting to learn more about Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we seek to “Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (Psalm 96:9).”

Though hosted by Holy Ghost Parish of the Diocese of Allentown here in Bethlehem, this congregation began as a mission of St. Thomas More Parish in Scranton, which was founded as a similar society in 2005 and has since become a Parish of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. Our community is ministered to by Fr. Matthew Hummel of St. John the Baptist Parish, Bridgeport, PA. Our Mass here at Holy Ghost is offered every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Our Holy Day schedule is on our website.

We are proud to be named for Pope Saint John Paul II, who in 1980 first established a Pastoral Provision for former Anglicans to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church while retaining their liturgical traditions, and – by special permission – married priests, who had formed families prior to their call to the Catholic priesthood.

About This Mass

This Mass is a **fully valid, specially permitted variation** of the Roman Rite Mass, incorporating approved prayers and music beloved by Christians of the Anglican tradition (and by others as well) in order to welcome our separated brothers and sisters into the fullness of the Catholic faith. We offer this liturgy not merely to hold on to what is familiar to us, but to hold out hospitality to others and thereby to welcome them into the Catholic Church.

This Mass may be a little different from other Catholic Masses you may have attended. The English we speak and the music we sing are richly traditional; we sing all the verses of our hymns; we kneel to receive Communion on the tongue; and we confess our sins later in the Mass, just before the Communion liturgy. Despite these variations, **this is a fully valid Catholic Mass**, and any Catholic may fulfill his Sunday obligation here.

On Receiving Communion

Though people of all backgrounds are most welcome to participate in this Mass – and the other activities and ministries of this congregation – we ask that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church receive Holy Communion, an expression not of exclusion, but of the fervent hope that all Christians may one day be authentically reunited, fulfilling our Lord’s prayer “that they all may be one.”

The custom at this Mass will be to receive kneeling. If for reasons of physical limitation you prefer to receive standing, you are welcome to do so. If not receiving the Holy Communion, you are welcome to go forward with the other worshippers, but please cross your arms across your chest and bow your head as a sign that you wish to receive a prayer of blessing from the Priest instead.

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