Christmas Mass
During the Night

Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral
In the City and Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 10:00 pm
Please respect the solemn nature of the Church’s liturgy and those assembled in prayer and worship: kindly silence all mobile telephones and electronic devices while in the cathedral.
Choir: **Of the Father's Love Begotten**

Robert Powell

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and He shall be their God. He is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.

Of the Father’s love begotten, 
Ere the worlds began to be, 
He is Alpha and Omega, 
He the source, the ending He, 
Of the things that are, that have been, 
And that future years shall see, 
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore Him; 
Angel hosts, His praises sing; 
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, 
And extol our God and King! 
Let no tongue on earth be silent, 
Every voice in concert ring, 
Evermore and evermore!

Thee let old men, thee let young men, 
Thee let boys in chorus sing; 
Matrons, virgins, little maidens, 
With glad voices answering: 
Let their guileless songs re-echo, 
And the heart its music bring, 
evermore and evermore!

Choir: **Hodie Christus Natus Est**

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

Hodie Christus natus est. Noe, Noe... 
Today Christ is born. Noël...
Hodie Salvator apparuit, alleluia. 
Today the Savior has appeared, alleluia.
Hodie in terra canunt angeli, 
Today the angels sing on earth, 
Laeteturarchangeli. Noe, Noe... 
The archangels rejoice. Noël...
Hodie exultant justi dicentes: 
Today the righteous are glad and say: 
Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluia. Noe, Noe... 
Glory to God in the highest, alleluia. Noël...

Choir: **Mary's Lullaby**

John Rutter

See the child that Mary bore 
On her lap so softly sleeping:
In a stable cold and poor, 
Ox and ass their vigil keeping.

Sing lullaby, sing lullaby, 
my own dear son, my child; 
Lullaby, sing lullaby; 
Lullaby, my little baby.

Flights of angels round his head 
Sing him joyful hymns of greeting: 
‘Peace on earth, goodwill to men.’ 
Each to each the song repeating.

Shepherds kneeling by his bed 
Offer homage without measure; 
Wise men, by a bright star led, 
Bring him gifts of richest treasure.
Brass: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
Arr. Richard Price

Choir: *Sussex Carol: On Christmas Night*  
Arr. Philip Ledger

On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King’s birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?

O dormi Jesu, mater ridet  
Quae tam dulcem somnum videt;  
Dormi Jesu, blandule  
Si non dormis, mater plorat,  
Inter fila cantans orat,  
Blande, veni, somnule.

The Lord said unto me: You are my Son, today I have begotten you. Why do the nations conspire and the people plot in vain? Glory be to the Father...


Brass: *Once in Royal David’s City*  
Arr. Richard Price

Choir: *Quem Pastores Laudavere*  
Arr. James Bassi

Quem pastores laudavere,  
Quibus angeli dixere,  
Absit vobis iam timere,  
Natus est rex gloriae.

Ad quem magi ambulabant,  
Aurum, thus, myrrham portabant,  
Immolabant haec sincere  
Nato regi gloriae.

Christo regi, Deo nato,  
Per Mariam Nobis dato,  
Merito resonet vere  
Laus, honor et gloria.

The one praised by the shepherds,  
To whom the angels said,  
“Now lay aside your fears,”  
Has been born the king of glory.

To whom the wise men made their way,  
Bringing gold, frankincense, and myrrh,  
Which they offered with open hearts  
To the victorious lion.

To Christ the king, born God,  
Given to us through Mary,  
Let there resound as is truly fitting  
Praise, honor, and glory.

Choir: *Dominus Dixit*  
Introit for the Mass During the Night  
Gregorian Chant

Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus tu, ego hodie genui te. Ps. Quare fremuerunt gentes, et populi meditati sunt inanima. Gloria Patri... (Ps. 2)

Sleep, sweet baby, my cares beguiling:  
Mother sits beside thee smiling:  
Sleep, my darling, tenderly.

If thou sleep not, mother mourneth,  
Singing as her wheel she turneth:  
Come, soft slumber, balmily.

Late medieval carol

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On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring.

When sin departs before his grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;

All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
'Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore. Amen.'
Processional Hymn

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 of Light, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, Begotten not created:

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God In the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Archbishop: Peace be with you. R. And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Lord, have mercy • Christ, have mercy • Lord, have mercy

Gloria Gloria de Noël

Refrain


Collect

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First Reading


At the end of the reading: V. The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Titus 2: 11-14.

At the end of the reading: V. The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm


Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands. Sing to the Lord; bless his name.

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; Among all the peoples, his wondrous deeds.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

They shall exult before the Lord, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

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Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Choir verse: Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.

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Homily

Profession of Faith

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 (kneel) at these words:
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.

Universal Prayer

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.
Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts
For Unto Us a Child is Born (Messiah)        Georg Frideric Handel

For 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 Wonderful, Counsellor, the
Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Archbishop:
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be
acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people rise and reply:
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.

Prayer Over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer / Preface Dialogue

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And with your spirit.
Archbishop: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.
Archbishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: It is right and just.

Preface

Sanctus

Mass for the City

For Unto Us a Child is Born (Messiah)
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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.

Archbishop
Deliver us Lord...for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Prayer for Peace

V. The peace of the Lord be with you always. R. And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

Cantor/Choir
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us:

Cantor/Choir
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace:
**Preparation for Communion**

*Archbishop*

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.

*All respond:*

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

**Communion Procession**

*Please see the guidelines for the reception of Holy Communion in the insert.*

**Music During Holy Communion**

**Communion Antiphon**

*In splendoribus Ps. 109:3*

Amidst the splendors of the heavenly sanctuary, from the womb, before the morning star, I have begotten you.

Carol: *Silent Night*

Franz Xavier Gruber
sung in the original German setting

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.

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
nur das traute heilige Paar.
Holder Knab im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds first saw the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'ly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born.

Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!
Hirten erst kundgemacht!
Durch der Engel Hallelujah
Tönt es laut von fern und nah:
Christ der Retter, ist da!
Christ der Retter, ist da!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiance beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Our Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Our Lord at thy birth.

Brass Carol: *Sussex Mummers' Carol*

Percy Grainger
arr. Michael Allen

Choral Motet: *O Magnum Mysterium*

Tomas Luis de Victoria

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament
that animals should see the newborn Lord
lying in a manger! Blessed Virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Prayer After Communion

*In splendoribus sanctorum, ex utero ante luciferum genui te.*

Amidst the splendors of the heavenly sanctuary, from the womb, before the morning star, I have begotten you.


Solemn Blessing

Archbishop: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.
Archbishop: May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.
Congregation: AMEN.

Archbishop: May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.
Congregation: AMEN.

Archbishop: And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.
Congregation: AMEN.

Archbishop: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.
Congregation: AMEN.

Deacon: Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

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 God-head 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'n born 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 we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

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arr. DAVID WILLCOCKS

Organ Postlude In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Sebastian Bach
Prayer for Vocations

Allmighty Father, You have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous “Yes.” Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ’s love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.