The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains
*In the City & Archdiocese of Cincinnati*

3:00 PM

Christmas Eve Prelude

The congregation is requested to keep silence during the prelude.

*In Dir ist Freude*  
arr. Donald Busarow

*In Dulci Jubilo*  
arr. Donald Busarow

*Rhapsodie sur des Noëls*  
Eugene Gigout

*Pastorela*  
Godfrey Tomanek

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*  
arr. Hermann Schroeder

*Rejoice and be Merry*  
arr. Robert Powell

*Bring a Torch Jeannette Isabella*  
arr. Robert Powell
Introductory Rites

Blessing of the Christmas Manger

Processional Hymn

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:

Lo! star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child bring our hearts’ oblations:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

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:

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear; We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born for our salvation, Jesus, to thee be glory giv’n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:

Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Deacon
Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:
Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy. R. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father:
Lord, have mercy. R. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to God

Refrain


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Collect

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-6

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12, 13 Howard Hughes, SM

To-day is born our Sav-ior, Christ the

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Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation Christmastime Alleluia James J. Chepponis

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Before the Gospel:
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.
V. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-14

At the end of the Gospel:
V. The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
make 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.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Choral Motet at the Offertory

A Babe is Born
William Mathias

A babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni creator spiritus.

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,
The child of bliss now born he was;
And him to serve God give us grace,
O lux beata Trinitas.
There came three kings out of the East,
To worship the King that is so free,
With gold and myrrh and frankincense,
A solis ortus cardine.

The angels came down with one cry,
A fair song that night sung they
In worship of that child:
Gloria tibi Domine. - Noël!

**Preparation of the Gifts**

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

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

**Sanctus**

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**Music from A Mass for the City**

The Mystery of Faith


Doxology


Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer for Peace • Sign of Peace

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

Litany for the Breaking of the Bread

Cantor/Choir

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

Priest

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

Away in a Manger

A way in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes, I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Choir Carol: Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
Michael Praetorius

Organ Postlude Joy to the World arr. David Cherwein

Congregation Carol: Silent Night
Tune: STILLE NACHT

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.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav’nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born.

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

Prayer After Communion

Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing and Dismissal

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.
V. May Almighty God bless you.... R. Amen.
V. Go forth, the Mass is ended. R. Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn
Tune: ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing.

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 the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy.

Organ Postlude Joy to the World arr. David Cherwein

A- men,
a- men,
a- men.
Prayer for Vocations

A lmighty 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.