Christmas Mass During the Night

The Cathedral Basilica
of
St. Peter in Chains
In the City and Archdiocese of Cincinnati
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.

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The Choir of St. Peter in Chains Cathedral Basilica  
Matthew J. Geerlings, *Cathedral Music Director*  
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| SuJean Kim, violin | Wesley Woolard, trumpet |
| Manami White, violin | Audrey Schmid, trumpet |
| Dorothy Han, viola | Amy Lassiter, horn |
| Michaela Hibbard, cello | Cristian Ganicenco, trombone |
| Andrew Stetson, bass | Sean McGhee, bass trombone |
| Heather Verbeck, flute | Daniel Frank, percussion |
| Loren Berzsenyi, oboe |               |
**Christmas Prelude**

**Choir: O Magnum Mysterium**


- **Tomás Luis d'Vittoria**
- *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.*

**Choir: Divinum Mysterium**

O 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 that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, overshadowed by the Spirit, bore the Savior of our race; and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

- **12th Century Chant**
- *Let the 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, ev'ry voice in concert ring evermore and evermore!*
- *Christ, to you, with God the Father, and the Spirit, One in Three, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory evermore and evermore!*

**Choir: A Babe is Born**

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.*

- **William Mathias**
- *The angels came down with one cry, A fair song that night sung they In worship of that child: Gloria tibi Domine.*
- *A babe is born all of a may, To bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day. Veni Creator Spiritus. O lux beata Trinitas. A solis ortus cardine. Gloria tibi Domine. Noel!*
holy night! the stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Saviour’s birth; Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand; So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the wise men from the Orient land.

Choir: O Holy Night

The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our friend; He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger; Behold your King! before him lowly bend! Truly he taught us to love one another; His law is love and his Gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, And in his Name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise his holy Name. Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we, His power and glory evermore proclaim.

Organ: Grand déi, ribon ribeine

Choir: In Dulci Jubilo

In quiet joy let us our homage show our heart’s joy reclining in a manger and like a bright star shines in the mother’s lap. You are Alpha and Omega.

Brass: Sussex Mummer’s Carol

Choir: Mary’s Magnificat

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Mary her song to Jesus Softly, serenely sings: ‘I will love you, I will serve you, May my lullaby glorify, magnify My King of kings.’

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Choir: Hodie Christus Natus Est

Today Christ is born. Today the Savior has appeared, Today the angels sing on earth, The archangels rejoice. Noël... Today the righteous are glad and say: Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

The Martyrology of the Nativity
Introductory Rites

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

Thomas Niel

Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Refrain


Collect
Liturgy of the Word

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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


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.

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

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.
Liturgy of the Eucharist

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*
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:

Communion Rite

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 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.

Communion Hymn

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: There is no Rose

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu, Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was Heaven and earth in little space. Resmiraanda.

By that rose we may well see There be one God in Persons Three: Pares forma.

Then leave we all this worldly mirth And follow this joyous birth: Transcameus.

Text: 15th century

Choir: Silent Night

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, Our Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Our Lord at thy birth.

Prayer After Communion

In splendoribus Ps. 109:3

Philip Stopford

arr. Stephen Paulus
Concluding Rites

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.

Words, C. WESLEY AND G. WHITEFIELD
Music, J. L. F. MENDELSSOHN-BARTHOLDY
arr. DAVID WILLCOCKS

Organ Postlude In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Sebastian Bach
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.