Christmas Eve

The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains

In the City & Archdiocese of Cincinnati

3:00 & 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Prelude

The congregation is requested to keep silence during the prelude.

Selections for Trumpet, Organ, or Women’s Choir
Introductory Rites

Blessing of the Christmas Manger (3pm)

Procesional Hymn  
*tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

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:

*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 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  
*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. Refrain*

Refrain

*continued*
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Refrain

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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

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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.

Homily

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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

Hymn at the Offertory

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice; O give heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!

Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now you hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven’s door,
And we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now you need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

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

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Litany for the Breaking of the Bread

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

Away 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.

Communion Motet (5pm) Maria Wiegenlied

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: Repeat the sounding joy, He rules the world with truth and grace, Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Repeat the sounding joy, He rules the world with truth and grace,
Let earth receive her King; Repeat the sounding joy,
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room, Repeat the sounding joy,
And heaven and nature sing, Repeat the sounding joy,
And heaven and nature sing, Repeat the sounding joy,

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: The glories of his righteousness, Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: The glories of his righteousness,
Let us, our songs employ; And wonders of his love, While fields and floods, And wonders of his love, rocks, hills and plains; And wonders of his love.

Organ Postlude Joy to the World arr. David Cherwein
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.

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