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.
Christmas Prelude

Choir: *Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*  
Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
 Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne’er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
’Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

Text: Anon. New Hampshire, 1784

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Choir: *Sir Christèmas*  
William Mathias

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell  
Who is there that singeth so nowell, nowell, nowell?

I am here, Sir Christèmas  
Welcome, my lord Sir Christèmas  
Welcome to us all, both more and less  
Come near, nowell

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs,  
tidings I you bring:  
A maid hath borne a child full young  
which causeth you for to sing  
Nowell

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Organ Voluntary  
Puer Natus Est  
Everett Titcomb

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I’m weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Text: Anon. New Hampshire, 1784

**Ding dong! Merrily on high**

Ding dong! Merrily on high
In heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! Verily the sky
Is riven with angel singing.

_Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!_

E’en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,

**Choir: Ding! Dong! Merrily on High**

Arr. Mack Wilberg

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him, to welcome him.

The nobler part,
Of all the house here, is the heart,
Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour; who’s our King,
And Lord of all this reveling.

(What sweeter music can we bring,
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?)

_Robert Herrick_ (1591-1675)

**Choir: What Sweeter Music**

Arr. John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring,
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honour to this day
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter’s morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:

‘Tis he is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and lustre, public mirth,
To heaven, and the under-earth.

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Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
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**Choir: The Rose**

Arr. Ola Gjeilo

The lily has a smooth stalk,
Will never hurt your hand;
But the rose upon her brier
Is lady of the land.

There’s sweetness in an apple tree,
And profit in the corn;
But lady of all beauty
Is a rose upon a thorn.

When with moss and honey
She tips her bending brier,
And half unfolds her glowing heart,
She sets the world on fire.

_Text by Christina Rossetti_ (1830 - 1894)

**Choir: Silent Night**

Arr. Philip Stopford

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 first saw the sight:
Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

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

**Orchestra: Angels We Have Heard on High**

Arr. Kenneth Koseche

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Glories stream from heaven afar,
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:

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Sign of the Cross and Greeting

_Archbishop: _
Peace be with you. 

_R. _And with your spirit.

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Penitential Act

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

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Gloria  _Gloria de Noël_  

Thomas Niel

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Collect

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

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; let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
sing to the Lord, all you lands. let the sea and what fills it resound;
bless his name. let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
Announce his salvation, day after day. Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.
Tell his glory among the nations; They shall exult before the Lord, for he comes;
Among all the peoples, for he comes to rule the earth.
his wondrous deeds. He shall rule the world with justice
Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
and the peoples with his constancy.
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.

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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

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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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.
Liturgic of the Eucharist

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts
For Unto Us a Child is Born (Messiah)

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)
Georg Frideric Handel
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:
Prayer After 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 Hymn

The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's that was so deep:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;

And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:

Choir: O Magnum Mysterium

Tomás Luis da Victoria


Choir: Maria Wiegenlied

Max Reger
arr. Thomas Fielding

Mary sits in the rosegrove
Und wies'g ihr Jesukind,
Durch die Blätter leise
Weht der warme Sommerwind.

Zu ihren Füßen singt
Ein buntes Vöglein:
Schlaf, Kindlein, süße,
Schlaf nun ein!

Hold ist dein Lächeln,
Holder deines Schlumpers Lust,
Leg dein müdes Köpfchen
Fest an deiner Mutter Brust!
Schlaf, Kindlein, süße,
Schlaf nun ein!

At her feet sings
a colorful little bird:
Sleep, child, my sweet,
just go to sleep!

Mary sits the rosegrove
and rocks her child Jesus,
softly through the leaves
blows a warm summer wind.

Lovely is your smile,
lovely is your joy in slumber,
lay your tired little head
against your mother's breast!
Sleep, child, my sweet,
just go to sleep!

Prayer After Communion
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

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

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness.
And wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Words, ISAAC WATTS
Music, LOWELL MASON, based on HANDEL
arr. DAVID WILLCOCKS

Organ Postlude In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Sebastian Bach
Prayer for Vocations

Almighty 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.