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

3:00 PM & 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Prelude

The congregation is requested to keep silence during the prelude.

Puer Natus Est
Pastorella
Still, Still, Still
In Thee is Gladness
Wexford Carol “Good People All”
Quand Jesus Naquit à Noel
He Whom Joyous Shepherds

Everett Titcomb
Godfrey Tomanek
arr. Mack Wilberg
arr. Donald Busarow
Robert Buckley Farlee
Claude Balbastre
arr. Gerald Near
Introductory Rites

Blessing of the Christmas Manger (3:00 Mass only)

Procesional Hymn

Once in royal David’s city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms he lay.
Christian children all should be
Kind, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood’s pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew.
And he feels for all our sadness,
And he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heav’n above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he has gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable
With the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God’s right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

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. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Refrain

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Deo
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

Refrain

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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.
Universal Prayer

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

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, 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 Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

tune: IN DULCI JUBILO
arr. Kenneth Kosche

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!

**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**

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

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*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

The Table of Emmanuel

As we taste the bread of heaven and the cup of love poured,
we proclaim your birth, Emmanuel, Child of Mary, Christ the Lord.


Instrumental Carols: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Brian Henkelmann

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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

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let e’ry heart prepare him room,
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.

Liturgical Ministries

3:00 Mass
Celebrant
Reverend Jan K. Schmidt
Cathedral Rector

Deacon
Deacon Francis Wagner

Acolytes
Nick Ciafardini
Michael Schwarz

Readers
Alan Sakalas
Patricia Darden

5:00 Mass
Celebrant
Reverend Raymond E. Larger
Parochial Vicar

Deacon
Deacon Tim Helmick
Deacon Francis Wagner

Acolytes
Nick Ciafardini
Michael Schwarz

Readers
Ramon Ruiz de Luzuriaga
Mary Schwarz

Music
Anthony J. DiCello, Cathedral Music Director
Blake Callahan, Organist
Simon Barrad, Cantor
Evelien Woolard, Flute
Lorraine Dorsey, Oboe
Carol Aufman, Bassoon

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.