

St Joseph's Subiaco 2025

9pm Christmas Eve Carols

Bethlehem of Noblest Cities

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Bethlehem, of noblest cities
none can once with thee compare;
thou alone the Lord from heaven
didst for us Incarnate bear.

Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth;
to the lands their God announcing,
seen in human form, on earth.

By its peerless beauty guided
see the eastern kings appear
bowing low, their gifts they offer
gifts of incense, gold and myrrh

sacred gift of mystic meaning!
Incense doth the God disclose;
gold the king of kings proclaimeth;
myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

Emmanuel

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Chorus

**Come, come, Emmanuel
Son of God appear Heaven and earth rejoice
Salvation is drawing near
Salvation is drawing near**

O come O Wisdom from on high
Who ordered all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go

Chorus

O come Desire of nations bind
In one the hearts of humankind
Make all our sad divisions cease
And be for us the King of Peace!

Chorus

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Text: 87 8787 7; Verses 1-4, Corde natus ex parentis; MarcusAurelius Clemens Prudentius; tr. By John M. Neale & Henry W. Baker, alt.; verse 5, Horatius Bonar. Music: Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; Chant, Mode V; adapt. Fr.Piae Cantiones;; ©2004,2013, CurtisStephan. Published by Spirit & Song, a division of OCP. Reprinted under One License #A640714. All rights reserved.

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,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

This is He whom seers in old time
chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of Heav'n adore Him!
Angel hosts His praises sing!
All dominions bow before Him
And exalt our God and King.
Let no tongue on Earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

Christ! To thee with God the Father,
and O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory -
evermore and evermore.



Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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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 Lordo,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see.
Hail, the incarnate deity!
Pleased on earth with us 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 Son 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.

We Three Kings

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We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**



Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown Him again;
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. **Refrain**

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh,
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshipping God most high. **Refrain**

When A Child is Born

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A ray of hope flickers in the sky
A tiny star lights up way up high
All across the land, dawns a brand new morn
This comes to pass when a child is born

A silent wish sails the seven seas
The winds of change whisper in the trees
And the walls of doubt crumble, tossed and torn
This comes to pass when a child is born

A rosy hue settles all around
You've got to feel you're on solid ground
For a spell or two, no one seems forlorn
This comes to pass when a child is born

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

Do You Hear What I Hear?

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Said the night wind to the little lamb,
do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
do you see what I see?
A star, a star,
dancing in the night with a tail as big as a kite,
with a tail as big as a kite.
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
do you hear what I hear?
Ringin' through the sky, shepherd boy,
do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the trees
with a voice as big as the sea,
with a voice as big as the sea.
Said the king to the people everywhere,
Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people, everywhere,
Listen to what I say!
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night,
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light.

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains;
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strain prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing:
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

The First Nowell

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The first Nowell the angels 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 night that was so deep.

Refrain:

**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 by day and by night. ***Refrain***

And by the light of that same star,
three wise men came from countries far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went: ***Refrain***

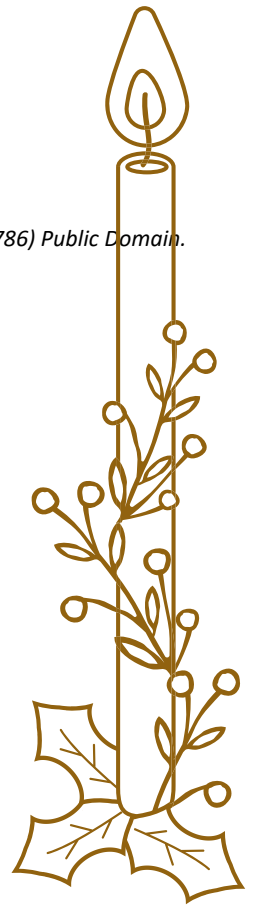
9pm Solemn Christmas Night Mass

PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

ENTRANCE HYMN: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

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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 comes forth from the virgin's womb.
Son of the Father, begotten not created.
**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.
**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**
Yea, Lord we greet Thee,
born this happy morning.
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**



GLORIA: *Mass Shalom*

Refrain

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9: 1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on the inhabitants of a country in a land of deep shadow a light has blazed forth.

You have enlarged the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest time, as they exult when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that weighed on it, the bar across its shoulders, the rod of its oppressor, these you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the foot gear clanking over the ground and all the clothing rolled in blood, will be burnt, will be food for the flames.

For a son has been born for us, a son has been given to us, and dominion has been laid on his shoulders; and this is the name he has been given, 'Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace'.

Wide is his dominion in boundless peace, over the throne of David and over his kingdom to make it secure and sustain it in fair judgement and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord God of Hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95: 1-3, 11-13

Response: Today is born our Saviour, Jesus Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Response

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Response

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.

Response

With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth.

Response

SECOND READING

Titus 2: 11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.

You see, God's grace has been revealed to save the whole human race;
it has taught us that we should give up everything
contrary to true religion and all our worldly passions;
we must be self-restrained and live upright and religious lives in this present world,
waiting in hope for the blessing which will come
with the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Christ Jesus.

He offered himself for us
in order to ransom us from all our faults
and to purify a people to be his very own
and eager to do good.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Celtic Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Good news and great joy to all the world:
Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 2: 1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be made of the whole inhabited world.

This census -- the first -- took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee for Judaea, to David's town called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Now it happened that, while they were there,
the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born.
She wrapped him in swaddling clothes
and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds out in the fields keeping guard over their sheep, during the watches of the night. An angel of the Lord stood over them and the glory of the Lord shone round them.

They were terrified, but the angel said,
'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy,
a joy to be shared by the whole people.
Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born to you;
he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you:
you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'

And all at once with the angel there was a great throng
of the hosts of heaven, praising God with the words:
"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace for those who enjoy his favour."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Once In Royal David's City

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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 Saviour holy.

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;
there his children gather round
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

SANCTUS: *Mass Benedictus Qui Venit*

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Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus
Sanctus Dominus Deus.
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.
Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus
Sanctus Dominus Deus.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God of hosts.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: *Mass Shalom*

Save us, save us, saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

LAMB OF GOD: *Mass Benedictus Qui Venit*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Miserere nobis, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Miserere nobis, miserere nobis. *(Repeat)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Dona nobis pacem.

Grant us, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Candlelight Carol

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How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother?
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Refrain

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow

Shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Angels are singing "The Christ child is born"

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him,
Seraphim 'round him, their vigil will keep;
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Saviour,
but Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. **Refrain**

Find him in Bethlehem laid in a manger,
Christ our redeemer, asleep in the hay;
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation,
a child with his mother that first Christmas Day. **Refrain**

O Holy Night

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O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Refrain:

Fall on your knees,

Oh hear the angel voices!

O night divine!

O night when Christ was born.

O night divine! O night, o night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another;

His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;

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! **Refrain**

Silent Night

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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 saviour is born

Christ the saviour 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMNS

Joy to the World

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Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
Let all 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.

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains;
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strain prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Thank you for joining us for our Parish Christmas celebration.
May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you and your family.



MASS TIMES
27 DECEMBER TO 25 JANUARY

Saturday Vigil:	5pm
Sunday Morning:	9am
Tuesday:	5.30pm
Wednesday:	9am
Thursday:	9am
Friday:	9am

PLEASE NOTE: NO 5pm Sunday Mass during late December and January

Archbishop Costelloe's Christmas Message is available on the Parish website.

It can also be viewed on YouTube at youtube.com/watch?v=6CkQpWFR6tg