

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2026

Entrance Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High - GLORIA

Verses

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

1. And the moun-tains in re-ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
3. Come, a - dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De-o!

Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

Gloria

Heritage Mass - Owen Alstott

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,
we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je-sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the
you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
sins of the world, re - ceive our — prayer;

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.
For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the Book of Numbers

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8



R. May God bless us in his mercy.

1. May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation. **R**
2. May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide. **R**
3. May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth fear him! **R**

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;

in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son. **R**

Gospel

Luke 2:16-21

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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 bow**) *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.

Offertory Hymn

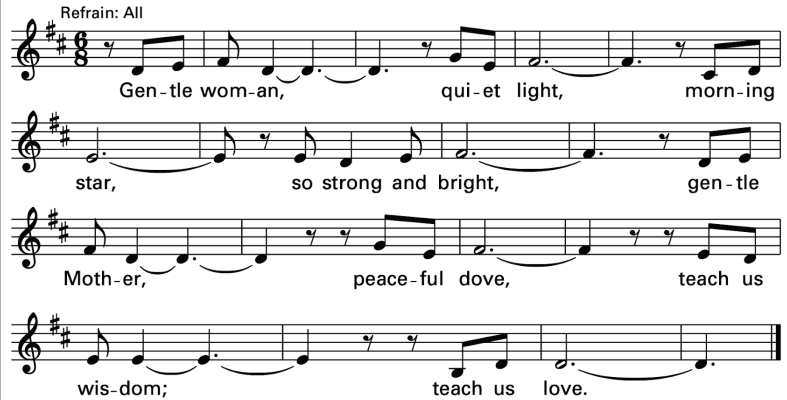
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman - Carey Landry

Intro: Cantor

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and
blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

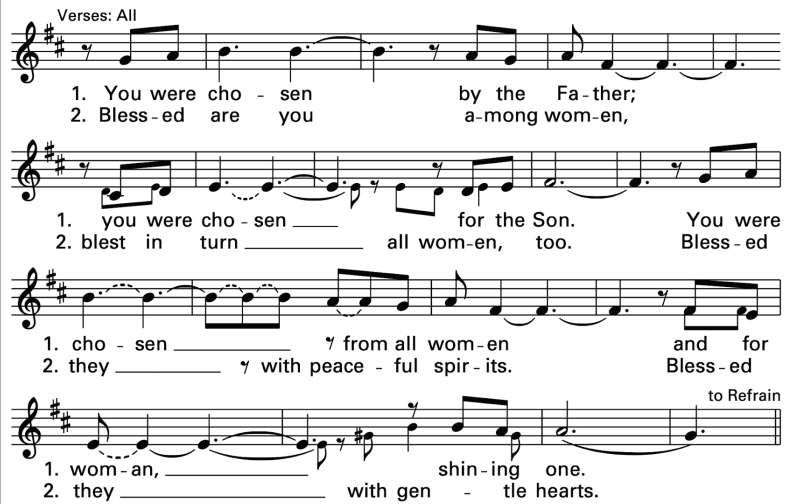
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain: All



Gen-tle wom-an, qui-et light, morn-ing
star, so strong and bright, gen-tle
Moth-er, peace-ful dove, teach us
wis-dom; teach us love.

Verses: All



1. You were cho-sen by the Fa-ther;
2. Bless-ed are you a-mong wom-en,
1. you were cho-sen for the Son. You were Bless-ed
2. blest in turn all wom-en, too. Bless-ed
1. cho-sen from all wom-en and for Bless-ed
2. they with peace-ful spir-its. Bless-ed to Refrain
1. wom-an, shin-ing one.
2. they with gen-tle hearts.



Communion Hymn Bread of Angels - Curtis Stephan

1. Bread of an - gels, we re - ceive you; with us
2. Cup of Mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing, fill us
3. Word in - car - nate, dwell with - in us; pierce our
4. Though un - wor - thy, we re - ceive you, sac - ra -

1. now a - bide. Pre - cious Je - sus, man - na of
2. with your grace; wine of pas - sion, O Son be -
3. hard - ened hearts. Ten - der Je - sus, Love so
4. ment di - vine. Bread of an - gels, ac - cept our

1. a - ges, with us now re - side.
2. got - ten, we flee to your em - brace.
3. gen - tle, nev - er let us part.
4. prais - es, let your glo - ry shine!

1. Pa - nis an - gé - li - cus fit pa - nis hó - mi - num,
2. O res mi - rá - bi - lis man - dú - cat Dó - mi - num,
3. Te, tri - na Dé - i - tas ú - na - que, pó - sci - mus,
4. Per tu - as sé - mi - tas duc nos quo tén - di - mus,

1, 3
1. Dat pa - nis cáe - li - cus fi - gú - ris tér - mi - num.
3. Sic nos tu ví - si - ta, si - cut te có - li - mus.

2, Final
2. Pau - per, Pau - per, ser - vus, et hú - mi - lis.
4. lu - cem, Ad lu - cem quam in - há - bi - tas.

Recessional Hymn Joy to the World - ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Stewardship Prayer Prayer written by Fr. Philip M. Forlano

Heavenly Father, we come to you in thanksgiving knowing that all we are and all we have are gifts from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will.

Speak your words into our hearts, that we may hear you clearly, and that our hearts may be conformed to the heart of your Son, Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we, as a parish family, may be united and renewed in your grace and reveal the face of Christ to the world. Kindle in us the fire of your love and the desire to be generous stewards in placing our time, talent, and treasure at the service of others.

Through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and St. Charles Borromeo, make us attentive to the needs of others, fervent in charity, and abounding in good works. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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