

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass

December 24, 2025



Entrance Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful - ADESTE FIDELES

Verses

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,
 4. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -

1. come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2. Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 3. Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;
 4. ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem.

1. Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2. Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 3. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
 4. Na - tum ví - dé - te Re - gem an - ge - ló - rum.

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O
 Ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve - ní - te, a - do - ré - mus, ve -

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
 ní - te, a - do - ré - mus Dó - mi - num.

Dó-mi-ne De-us, A-gnus De - i, Fí - li - us Pa - tris.
 Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun - di, mi-se-ré - re no-bis.
 Qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun - di, sú-sci-pe de-pre-ca-ti - ó -
 nem no - stram. Qui se-des ad délix-te-ram Pa - tris,
 mi - se - ré - re no - bis. Quó - ni - am tu so - lus san - ctus.
 Tu so-lus Dó - mi - nus. Tu so-lus Al - tís - si-mus,
 Je - su Chri - ste. Cum San-cto Spí - ri - tu,
 in gló-ri - a De-i Pa - tris. A - men.

Gloria

Chant Mass

Priest All

Gló-ri - a in ex-cél-sis De - o. Et in ter-ra pax ho-mí-ni-bus
 bo - nae vo - lun - tá - tis. Lau - dá - mus te.
 Be - ne - dí - ci-mus te. A - do - rá - mus te.
 Glo - ri - fi - cá-mus te. Grá - ti - as á - gi-mus ti - bi
 pro-pter ma-gnam gló-ri - am tu - am. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae -
 lé - stis, De - us Pa - ter o - mní - pot - ens.
 Dó-mi-ne Fi - li - u - ni - gé - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste.

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

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

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29



R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations. **R**
2. Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
At your name they will rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted. **R**
3. He shall say of me, "You are my father,
my God, the rock, my savior."
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm. **R**

Second Reading Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

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

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
the Savior of the world will reign over us. **R**

Gospel

Matthew 1:1-25

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar

became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,*

which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

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

O Come, Little Children - IHR KINDERLEIN, KOMMET



1. O come, lit - tle chil - dren; come one and come
2. O see in the man - ger so meek and so
3. His bed, lit - tle chil - dren, a man - ger with



1. all, O come to the man - ger in Beth - le - hem's
2. mild, O see in the soft light the heav - en - ly
3. hay; His Moth - er and Jo - seph in ec - sta - sy



1. stall, And see what our Fa - ther in heav - en a -
2. Child, In swad - dling clothes fold - ed, his beau - ty more
3. pray, The shep - herds in won - der their glad wor - ship



1. bove Has sent to us all on this earth with his love.
2. sweet Than an - gels, whose voic - es his low - ly birth greet.
3. bring, While cho - rus of an - gels sweet Glo - ri - as sing.

Away in a Manger - MUELLER



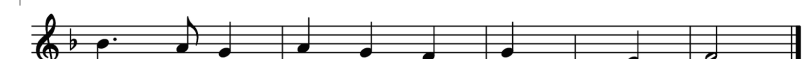
1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close



1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless



1. stars in the sky _____ looked down where he lay, The
2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And



- 3 1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Communion Hymn

Child of the Poor/What Child Is This? - Soper/GREENSLEEVES

Verses

1. Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly he lies, wrapped in the
 2. Who is the strang-er here in our midst, look-ing for
 3. Bring all the thirst-y, all who seek peace; bring those with

1. chill of mid-win-ter; comes now a-mong us, born in-to
 2. shel-ter a-mong us? Who is the out-cast? Who do we
 3. noth-ing to of-fer. Strength-en the fee-ble, say to the

1. pov-er-ty's em-brace, new life for the world.
 2. see a-mid the poor, the chil-dren of God?
 3. fright-ened heart: "Fear not: here is your God!"

Refrain

Who is this who lives with the low-ly, shar-ing their sor-rows,
 know-ing their hun-ger? This is Christ, re-vealed to the

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world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

Verses

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to

1. sleep-ing? Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, While
 2. feed-ing? Good Chris-tian, fear: for sin-ners here The
 3. own him; The King of kings sal-va-tion brings, Let

Refrain

1. shep-herds watch are keep-ing? This, this is Christ the
 2. si-lent Word is plead-ing.
 3. lov-ing hearts en-throne him.

King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing; Haste,
 haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma-ry.

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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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