

St. Charles Borromeo Church - Bensalem, PA

The Nativity of the Lord: Mass at Dawn

December 25, 2025

7:30 a.m. Mass



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 vi - 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 - mí - num.

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.

Dó - mi - ne De - us, A - gnus De - i, Fi - 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 dex - 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 - tis - si - mus,
Je - su Chri - ste. Cum San - cto Spí - ri - tu,
in gló - ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - men.

First Reading

Isaiah 62:11-12

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

See, the LORD proclaims to the ends of the earth: say to daughter Zion, your savior comes! Here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. They shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of the LORD, and you shall be called "Frequented," a city that is not forsaken.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12



R. A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

1. The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many isles be glad.
The heavens proclaim his justice,
and all peoples see his glory. **R**
2. Light dawns for the just;
and gladness, for the upright of heart.
Be glad in the LORD, you just,
and give thanks to his holy name. **R**

Second Reading

Titus 3:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus

Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to those
on whom his favor rests. **R**

Gospel

Luke 2:15-20

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste 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.

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

1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
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: ı 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
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.