

## Recessional hymn

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 Lord;  
Late in time, behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel. *Refrain*

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die.  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*



# The Nativity of the Lord Mass at Midnight

Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Lander, Wyo.

# Caroling

## Joy to the World

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 earth! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

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.

## God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour  
Was born upon this day,

## Postcommunion



RANT US, we pray, O Lord our God,  
that we, who are gladdened by participation  
in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity,  
may through an honorable way of life  
become worthy of union with him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *R. Amen.*

## Solemn Blessing



AY THE GOD of infinite goodness,  
who by the Incarnation of his Son  
has driven darkness from the world  
and by that glorious Birth  
has illumined this most holy night,  
drive far from you the darkness of vice  
and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

*R. Amen.*

May God, who willed that the great joy  
of his Son's saving Birth  
be announced to shepherds by the Angel,  
fill your minds with the gladness he gives  
and make you heralds of his Gospel.

*R. Amen.*

And may God, who by the Incarnation  
brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,  
fill you with the gift of his peace and favor  
and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

*R. Amen.*

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

*R. Amen.*

While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise a song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.



To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray:  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name: *O tidings ...*

The shepherds at those tidings  
Rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding  
In tempest, storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway,  
This blessed Babe to find: *O tidings ...*

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth deface: *O tidings ...*

### **Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

Good Christian men, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
News! News! 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!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!

He has op'ed the heavenly door,  
and man is blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Peace! Peace! 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!

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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.

### ***Of the Father's Love Begotten***

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!

At His Word the worlds were framèd; He commanded; it was done:  
Heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;  
All that grows beneath the shining  
Of the moon and burning sun, evermore and evermore!

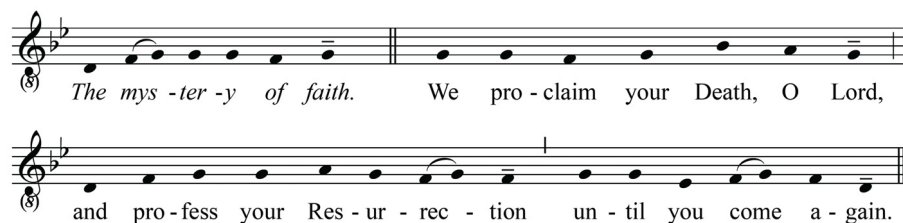
O that birth forever blessèd, when the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!

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!

### ***What Child is This***

What Child is this who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

## Memorial Acclamation



The mys - ter - y of faith. We pro - claim your Death, O Lord,  
and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

## Lamb of God

*Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Hymnal, 129)*

## Communion antiphon (John 1:14; Psalm 97:1-4)



HE WORD became flesh,  
and we have seen his glory.

☩ O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm  
have wrought salvation.

☩ The Lord has made known his salvation,  
he has revealed his justice in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his mercy and his truth  
towards the house of Israel.

☩ All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Sing joyfully to God, all the earth:  
make melody, rejoice and sing!

## Communion hymns

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.

## Gaudete

*Gaudete, gaudete! Christus est  
natus ex Maria virgine, gaudete!*

Tempus adest gratiæ  
Hoc quod optabamus,  
Carmina lætitiæ  
Devote reddamus.

Deus homo factus est  
Natura mirante,  
Mundus renovatus est  
A Christo regnante.

Ezechielis porta  
Clausā pertransitur,  
Unde lux est orta  
Salus invenitur.

Ergo nostra contio  
Psallat iam in lustro;  
Benedicat Domino:  
Salus Regi nostro.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born  
of the Virgin Mary, rejoice!*

The time of grace has come—  
what we have wished for,  
songs of joy  
Let us give back faithfully.

God has become man,  
(With) nature marvelling,  
The world has been renewed  
By Christ (who is) reigning.

The closed gate of Ezekiel  
Is passed through,  
Whence the light is raised,  
Salvation is found.

Therefore let our gathering  
Now sing in brightness  
Let it give praise to the Lord:  
Greeting to our King.

## The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,  
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.  
*Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom as white as lily flower,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet saviour. *Oh...*

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. *Oh...*

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the  
morn. *Oh...*

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall,  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all. *Oh...*

### In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak mid-winter  
Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
Snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter  
Long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak mid-winter  
A stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty,  
Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels  
May have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Thronged the air -  
But only His mother  
In her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved  
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part;  
Yet what I can, I give Him—  
Give my heart.

### Offertory antiphon (*Psalm 95:11*)



LET THE HEAVENS rejoice,  
and let the earth be glad  
before the face of the Lord:  
because he comes.

### Offertory 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.

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 feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in 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 is gone.

### Prayer over the Offerings



LET THE OBLATION of this day's feast  
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,  
that through this most holy exchange  
we may be found in the likeness of Christ,  
in whom our nature is united to you.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *℟. Amen.*

### Holy, Holy, Holy

*Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Hymnal, 129)*

### Epistle (*Titus 2:11-14*)



LOVED: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

### Alleluia (*Luke 2:10-11*)

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:  
today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

### Holy Gospel (*Luke 2:1-14*)



IN THOSE DAYS a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

### Sussex Carol

On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring. (*repeat*)  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad, (*repeat*)  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before His grace,  
Then life and health come in its place. (*repeat*)  
Angels and men with joy may sing  
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night: (*repeat*)  
“Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore, Amen!”

# Midnight Mass

## Entrance hymn

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 (thrice), Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
Glory to God, glory in the highest. *O come...*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *O come...*

## Entrance antiphon (Psalm 2:7)



THE LORD said to me:  
You are my Son.  
It is I who have begotten you  
this day.

## Kyrie & Glory to God

*Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Hymnal, 127)*

## Collect



GOD, who have made this most sacred night  
radiant with the splendor of the true light,  
grant, we pray, that we,  
who have known the mysteries  
of his light on earth,  
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **℟️ Amen.**

## Lesson (Isaiah 9:1-6)



THE PEOPLE who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

## Responsorial psalm (Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13)



O day is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **℟️**

Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **℟️**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and what fills it resound;  
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. **℟️**

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;  
for he comes to rule the earth.  
He shall rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with his constancy. **℟️**