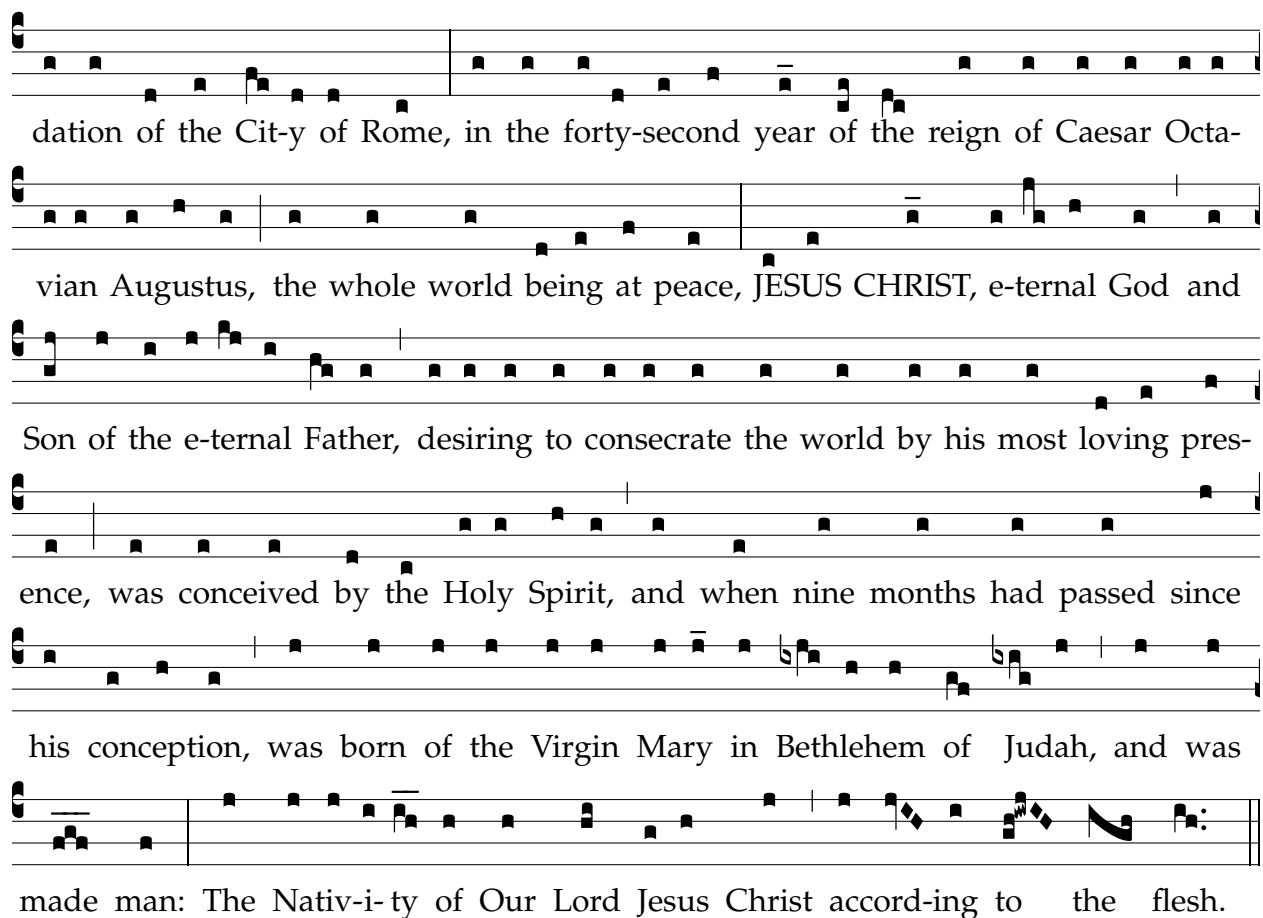


# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

2011 ICEL Translation set to the Latin *tonus solemnior*

**T** He twenty-fifth day of Decem-ber,  
when ages beyond number had run their course from the cre-ation of the world,  
when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own  
like-ness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow  
in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twen-  
ty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of the Ur of the Chal-  
dees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Is-ra-el were led by Moses in  
the Ex-odus from E- gypt; around the thousandth year since David was anoint-ed  
King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel: in the one hundred and  
ninety-fourth Olym-piad, in the year seven hundred and fif-ty-two since the foun-



dation of the Cit-y of Rome, in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace, JESUS CHRIST, e-ternal God and Son of the e-ternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativ-i-ty of Our Lord Jesus Christ accord-ing to the flesh.

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