

# The Christ Mass



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## *Saint Timothy's Catholic Church*

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# Solemn Mass - December 24, 2013

The order of service for the Mass is found in the Worship Manual on page 3.

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People:* In the name of Christ. *Amen.*

## Processional 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,*  
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*O Come. Let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

**2** God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
Ve-ry God, Be-  
- gotten not created; *Refrain*

**3** Sing, choirs of angel,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest; *Refrain*



**4** See how the shepherds,  
Summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
We too will thither  
Bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

**5** Child, for us sinners  
Poor and in the manger,  
We would embrace thee, with love  
and awe;  
Who would not love thee,  
Loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

**6** Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing; *Refrain, Amen.*

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The Introit: *The Lord said unto me: \*Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. Ps. Ibid. Why do the heathen so furiously rage together: \*and why do the people imagine a vain thing? Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. \*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.*

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*The Collect of the Day*

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the Birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with the sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge. Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

*Response: Amen.*

*Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7*

*(sit)*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- upon them light has shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Midian. For every violent taking of spoils, with tumult, and garment mingled with blood, shall be burnt, and be fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

*Psalm Reading: Psalm 96 1-2, 3, 11-12, 13*

**R. (Lk 2:11) Today 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.

**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

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

**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

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.

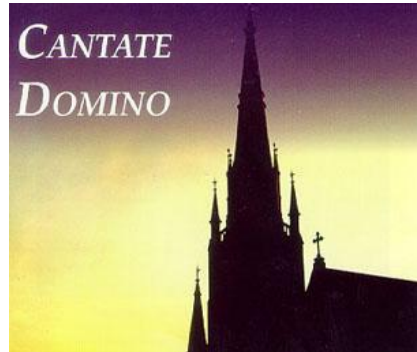
**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

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.

**R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

*Response: Thanks be to God.*



*The Epistle: Titus 2:11-14*

Dearly beloved: The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: who gave himself for us: that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works. These things speak; and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

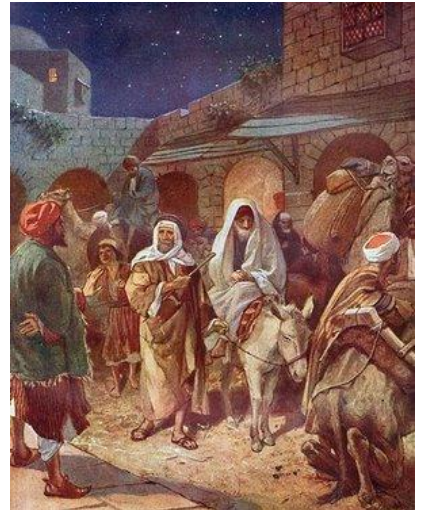
*Response: Thanks be to God.*

Gradual & Alleluia: *In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship: the dew of thy Birth is of the womb of the morning. The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand until I make my enemies thy footstool. Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord said unto me: Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. Alleluia.*

*The Gospel: Luke 2:1-14*

*(stand)*

And it came to pass in those days; That there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria: and all went to be taxed, every on into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and lineage of David: to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them: and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the Angel said unto them: “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”



*Response: Praise be to Thee O Christ*

**Hymn After the Gospel: Greensleeves**

**W**hat child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, 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.*

**2** Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

*Refrain*

**3** So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king, to own him,  
The King of Kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

*Refrain*



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The Offertory: *Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad before the Lord:  
for he is come.*

**Offertory Hymn: *Irby***

**O**NCE 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.

**2** 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.

**3** And, through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honor and obey,  
Love, and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms he lay;  
Christian children all must be  
Mild and obedient as he.

**4** 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.

**5** And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

**6** Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing round  
We shall see him; but in heaven,  
Where his saints his throne surround:  
Christ revealed to faithful eye,  
See at God's right hand on high.

**Offertory Hymn: *Oblation***

**W**herefore, O Father,  
We thy humble servants  
Here bring before thee  
Christ thy well beloved,  
All perfect Offering,  
Sacrifice immortal,  
Spotless oblation.

**2** See now the children  
Making intercession  
Through him our Savior,  
Son of God incarnate,  
For all thy people,  
Living and departed,  
Pleading before thee.

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Preparation of the Altar and gifts

*Priest:* Pray, brethren, that our Sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

*People:* May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and for the good of all His holy Church.

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Communion of the People

*(Note Communion Guidelines, page 31 of the Worship Manual.)*

As a reminder, St. Timothy's is a fully Roman Catholic Congregation, and that receiving communion at this mass satisfies the obligation for all Catholics. Please refer to the "Guidelines for receiving Holy Communion" on page 31 of the mass booklet.



**Hymn during Communion:** *Es ist ein Ros*

**L**o, how a rose e're blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

**2** Isaiah 'twas for told it,  
The Rose I have in mind,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

**3** O flower, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel in glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere;  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death now save us,  
And share our every load.

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*The Last Gospel John 1:1-14a*  
*(stand)*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light; that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and His own knew Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh nor the will of man, but of God. And the *(here kneel)* Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, *(arise)* and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*People: Thanks be to God*



The Angelus ..... page 29

## Procession to the Crèche

Hymn: *Mendelssohn*

**H**ARK! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
*Hark! The herald angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King!*

**2** Christ by highest heaven adored;  
Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Refrain*

**3** 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.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!  
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*



### Blessing of the Crèche

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.  
V. The lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
V. Let us pray.

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**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, who as on this night didst cause thine only-begotten Son to come down from heaven, and to be born of the blessed and glorious Ever-Virgin Mary for our salvation: vouchsafe we beseech thee, so to bless and hallow this Crib, Wherein are shewn forth the wonders of that sacred Birth; that all they, who beholding the same shall ponder and adore the mystery of his holy Incarnation, may be fulfilled with thy heavenly benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord.

*Response: Amen.*

*The celebrant then sprinkles the crèche with holy water and censes it. The Congregation then sings the following hymn.*

### **Hymn at the Crèche**

**S**ILENT 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. ||

**2** Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
|| Christ our Savior, is born! ||

**3** 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. ||

Organ Postlude ..... Tomi Godbee



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