



Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st December 2017

Father Simon Gillespie

Please STAND as the Procession enters the church.

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of all things that are and have been and that future years shall see:
Evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created; he commanded, it was done:
heaven and earth and depth of ocean, universe of three in one,
all that grows beneath the shining of the light of moon and sun:
Evermore and evermore.

Blesséd was the day for ever when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Saviour of our race,
and the child, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face:
Evermore and evermore.

O, ye heights of heaven, adore him, angels and archangels sing!
Every creature bow before him singing praise to God our King;
let no earthly tongue be silent, all the world with homage ring:
Evermore and evermore.

He, by prophets sung, is here now, promised since the world began,
now on earth in flesh descended to atone for sins of man.
All creation praise its Master, see fulfilment of his plan:
Evermore and evermore.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, persons three, yet Godhead one.
Glory be from all creation while eternal ages run:
Evermore and evermore.

Aurelius C. Prudentius (348-413) translated J.M. Neale (1818-66), H.W. Baker (1823-77), and others

Entrance Rites

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I
have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have
done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my
fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

Amen.

The common of the Mass is taken from the missa De Angelis



Ky-ri - e e - le-i-son: Ky-ri - e e - le-i-son.



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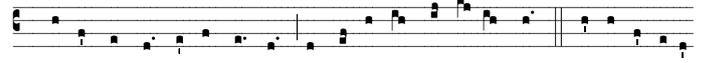
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae volunta-



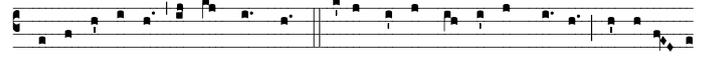
tis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus



te. Gratias agimus ti-bi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Do-



mine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omni-po-tens. Domine Fi-li



u-ni-ge-ni-te Ie-su Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fi-li-us Pa-



tris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, misere - re nobis. Qui tollis pecca-



ta mundi, suscipe deprecati-onem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexter-



am Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu



solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto



Spiritu, in glori-a Dei Patris. A - men.

At the end of the Collect all respond:

... who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

All SIT.

Liturgy of the Word

*The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis (15:1-6. 21:1-3);
Your heir shall be your own flesh and blood.*

The word of the Lord.

Amen.

The responsorial is taken from Psalm 104 (verses 1-6, 8-9)

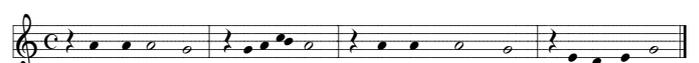
He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

*The second reading is taken from the letter to the Hebrews (11:8.
11-12. 17-19); The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.*

The word of the Lord.

Amen.

*All STAND for the Gospel, taken from Saint Luke (2:22-40); The child
grew, filled with wisdom.*



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| Word of gladness, Alleluia. | Fill our hearts now. | Maranatha. |
| Promised Saviour, Alleluia. | True Messiah. | Maranatha. |
| Light of nations, Alleluia. | Light in darkness. | Maranatha. |
| Here among us, Alleluia. | Living in us. | Maranatha. |

Bernadette Farrell

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel all respond:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All SIT for the homily, preached by Father Simon.

All STAND as we profess our 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, 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.

The response to the Prayer of the Faithful is:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray to Our Lady:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

All SIT as the altar is prepared and the gifts are brought forward.

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 Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honour and obey,
love, and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

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 heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-95)

All STAND.

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

After the Prayer over the Offerings the Preface begins:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

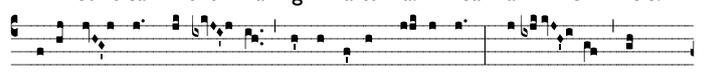
At the end of the Preface all sing:



Sanc - tus, Sanctus, Sanc - tus, Do - minus Deus Sa - baoth.



Pleni sunt caeli et ter - ra glori - a tu - a. Hosanna in excel - sis.



Benedic - tus qui ve - nit in nomine Domine. Hosan - na in



excel - sis.

All KNEEL for the Eucharistic Prayer, the central part of the Mass, during which the bread and wine offered become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. During the Prayer we acclaim:

The mystery of the Faith:



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,



we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

At the end of the Prayer we affirm our belief:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. Amen.

All STAND.

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

... and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

After offering the Sign of Peace we all sing:



A-gnus De-i qui tollis peccá-ta mundi: mi-se- ré- re no-bis
Agnus Dei, qui tol-lis peccá- ta mundi: mi-se- ré- re no- bis. A-
gnus De - i qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi: dona no-bis pa-cem

All KNEEL.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Towards the end of the distribution of Holy Communion, we'll sing:

See, amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years.

*Hail, thou ever-blesséd morn,
hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies;
he who, throned in heights sublime,
sits amid the cherubim.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
what your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?

'As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels, singing peace on earth,
told us of the Saviour's birth.'

Sacred infant, all divine,
what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss,
down to such a world as this!

Virgin mother, Mary blest,
by the joys that fill thy breast,
pray for us, that we may prove
worthy of the Saviour's love.

Edward Caswall (1814-78)

All STAND for the Prayer after Communion, at the end of which all respond:

... for ever and ever.
Amen.

Concluding Rites

After announcements have been made:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illuminated this most holy day, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illuminate your hearts with the light of virtue.

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.

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

Go in peace!

Thanks be to God!

We conclude by singing together:

Child in the manger, infant of Mary;
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;
child who inherits all our transgressions,
all our demerits on him fall.

Once the most holy child of salvation
gently and lowly lived below;
now as our glorious mighty Redeemer,
see him victorious o'er each foe.

Prophets foretold him, infant of wonder;
angels behold him on his throne:
worthy our Saviour of all their praises;
happy for ever are his own.

Mary Macdonald (1789-1872), translated Lachlan MacBean (1853-1931)

**Wishing you all, and to all your families,
a truly happy, peaceful and joy-filled Christmas**

