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The Nativity, painted by the Master of the Castello Nativity in Florence, ca. 1450

+ THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD + 24 DECEMBER 2020 + 3:00PM & 5:00PM

+Due to the health risks associated with singing, we cannot in good conscience promote communal singing of the carols at this time. However, we invite you to listen to these beloved carols and participate with your mind and soul, even if, for the time being, you cannot at lift your voice.+

CAROL PRELUDE

-Beginning at 30 minutes before the start of Mass-

ORGAN PRELUDE R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Fantasia on Greensleeves arr. S. Backman

CAROL GREENSLEEVES

What Child Is This?

CAROL IRBY

Once In Royal David's City

CAROL THE FIRST NOWELL

The First Nowell

ORGAN J. Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Puer Nobis Nascitur

CAROL GOD REST YE MERRY

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

CAROL Adolphe Adams (1803-1856)

O Holy Night

CAROL IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

CAROL GDY SIE CHRYSZTUS RODZI

Gdy się Chrystus Rodzi

+HOLY MASS+

-Please silence electronic devices-

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Mode VI – Ex. 16:6-7

Eodie scietis, quia veniet Dominus, et salvabit nos, et mane videbitis gloriam eius. V. Domini est terra, et plenitudo eius: Benedixisti, Domine, orbis terrarum, et universi qui habitant in eo.

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory. V. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and all those who dwell therein.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

PENITENTIAL ACT

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,

Striking their breast, the faithful say:

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.

KYRIE

Missa Jubilate Deo – ICEL

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA

Congregational Mass-J. Lee

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the Lord. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the Lord delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Sung by Cantor/Schola alone

℟. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations. **℟.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O Lord, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted. **℟.**

He shall say of me, "You are my father,
my God, the rock, my savior."
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm. **℟.**

SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found

David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by Cantor/Schola alone

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
the Savior of the world will reign over us.

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 first-born 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."

HOMILY

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, **+Kneel+** and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. **+Stand+** 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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND OBLATION

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OFFERTORY HYMN

GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard On High

SANCTUS

Mass in Honor of St. Ralph Sherwin – J. Ostrowski

Sung by Cantor/Schola alone

Loly, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Sung by Cantor/Schola alone

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

DOXOLOGY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Mass in Honor of St. Ralph Sherwin – J. Ostrowski

Sung by Cantor/Schola alone

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION RITE

HOLY COMMUNION

Practicing Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing. Please do your part to maintain social distancing, using the markings on the floor as reference points.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mode V – Is. 40:5

Revelabitur gloria Domini: et videbit omnis caro salutare Dei nostri.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see the salvation which comes from our God .

COMMUNION HYMNS

Dzisiaj w Betlejem

DZISIAJ W BETLEJEM

Away in a Manger

KIRKPATRICK

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

POSTLUDE

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Finale, from *Symphony #6*

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A CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM OUR PASTOR

Christmas Greetings to one and all!



Perhaps with all the happenings of 2020, we need the hope which Christmas brings into our lives more than ever. On behalf of our clergy and parish staff, I especially welcome all visitors who are with us this year for Christmas, either in person or praying from a distance.

The poinsettias in the sanctuary remind us of the many loved ones in whose honor and memory they were offered. We remember them and all of our loved ones in this Holy Mass. We remember in a particular way our beloved family members and friends who have died throughout this past year.

Thank you for your generosity in our Christmas collection, which is one of the real ways the Lord provides for our parish mission. If you wish to make an online contribution, please visit OurHolyCross.org/donate for access to our *Simplified Giving* portal.

Even throughout the challenges our world and nation face, our God reveals Himself as Emmanuel, God-with-us. It is our desire that this parish be a spiritual home and a place where people can grow, wherever they are along the arc of life. We will still be here this coming weekend and the weekend after that. Let's continue to build upon the traditions of Northeast Catholicism which have been going strong for over 170 years, since the establishment of St. Anthony of Padua as the first parish of Minneapolis in 1849.

Along with Fr. Cyprian Czop, OMI, and on behalf of our Polish community which is such a vital part of our parish, I express my heartfelt greetings in the Polish language, **Wesołych Świąt! Bożego Narodzenia!**

May our celebration of Christmas find us ready to welcome Christ,

~Fr. Spencer Howe,

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