



The **NATIVITY** *of the* **LORD**

I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord. – Luke 2:10-11

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WELCOME! Whether this is your church home or you are visiting friends and family during this joyous time of year, Fr. Moses and I are glad to welcome you to St. Theresa Catholic Church and to be able to wish you a very Merry Christmas. The Christmas season is often associated with magic and wonder. And yet Christmas is also marked with a desire to connect with the familiar, with home. Maybe this is why you've joined us today, there is something here that is both familiar and yet full of wonder.

This is where Christ meets us. The God who always was and always will be, beyond our understanding, meets us in the familiar, becoming one of us, living a life that we have all lived ourselves while also showing us how we can live and love. His vulnerability in coming as a small child shows his desire for intimacy with each of us. His life and death show us how to find the joy and fulfillment we all long for.

If you are looking to reconnect or connect for the first time with the Catholic faith, and want to know how to start, we at St. Theresa are here to walk with you on a journey of faith. If you're looking for a church family and would like more information about our parish community, please visit our website: www.sttaustin.org or call the parish office at (512) 451-5121. In addition to myself, any of these folks on our pastoral team would be happy to help you take your first steps. — Fr. Larry Covington, Pastor

Fr. Moses Iyogwoya, Associate Pastor

Deacon Tony Pynes

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Choral Prelude and Organ Prelude

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional Hymn — *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Please stand

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| 1. | 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; R. | 3. | Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; R. |
| 2. | God of God, Light of Light, Lo! He comes forth from the Virgin's womb. Our very God, begotten not created, R. | 4. | Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; R. |

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Invocation

Penitential Act—*Lord Have Mercy*, Palestrina, arr. Covington

Sung: **Kyrie Eleison,
Christe Eleison,
Kyrie Eleison**

Glory to God—*Christmas Gloria*, Daniel Girardot

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace to people of good will.

All Sing Refrain:



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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. Amen. *Refrain*



Collect

Please sit



The LITURGY of the WORD

First Reading—*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—*Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13*



*Phrase repeated final time.

1. Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD; bless his holy name.
2. Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among all the nations;
among all peoples
his marvelous deeds.
3. 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 be joyful.
Then let all the trees
of the forest rejoice.
4. They shall rejoice before the LORD,
who comes to govern the earth,
to govern the world with justice
and all the peoples with faithfulness.

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Second Reading—*Titus 2:11-14*

Beloved: 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.

Gospel Acclamation—*Festival Alleluia*, James Chepponis (Luke 2:10-11)

Please stand

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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."

Homily

Please sit

Nicene Creed

Please stand

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,

(All genuflect for the following words)

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

(All 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.

General Intercessions

Please sit

The LITURGY of the EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn — *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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| 1. Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!' Joyful, all you nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!' R. | 2. Christ, by highest heav'n 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 us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. R. | 3. Hail the heav'n born 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 we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth. R. |
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*Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King!'*

Offertory Anthem

O Holy Night, Adam, arr. Biery (4:00 p.m.)

Sussex Carol, arr. Kane (6:30 p.m.)

I Wonder as I Wander, Niles (10:00 a.m.)

Prayer over the Offerings

Invitation

Please stand

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

Assembly: 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy *from* Mass for St. Theresa, Covington

Please kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer, as you are able.

Memorial Acclamation *from* Mass for St. Theresa, Larry Covington

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Great Amen *from* Mass for St. Theresa, Covington

The COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God *from* Mass for St. Theresa, Covington

Please kneel as you are able.



Communion Antiphon

Congregational Refrain



Communion Hymn — *Silent Night*

1. 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.
2. 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!
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,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.



Communion Hymn – *What Child Is This?*

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

*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*

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

The CONCLUDING RITES

Hymn of Thanksgiving – *Joy to the World*

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, *(Repeat)*
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let us, our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills,
and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, *(Repeat)*
3. No more let sin and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, *(Repeat)*
4. He rules the world with truth and
grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, *(Repeat)*

Blessing

Dismissal

Organ Voluntary

