

Mass at Home CHRISTMAS 2021 Year C

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for Christmas Day 11am is <https://youtu.be/ISAnzMmPLrM>



WELCOMING

Tonight/ today, we celebrate the birth of the Saviour. Our Lord Jesus Christ enters human history, the history of our world and of each and every human person. May the light of Christ be ever more incarnate in our life and the life of the Church

PENITENTIAL RITE

Let us prepare for this great feast by placing ourselves in the Lord's merciful presence

Lord Jesus, your coming into our world invites us to see life differently.
Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus, your willingness to share our experiences encourages us to follow your call Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus, your humble beginnings helps us to make courageous life choices,
Lord, have mercy

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray
O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen

First Reading

Is 9:1-7

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed
by fire.
For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his

shoulders; and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this. This the word of the Lord

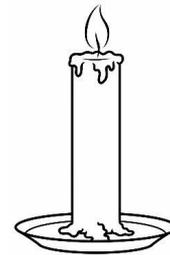
Responsorial Psalm

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.

With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth



Second Reading *Ti 2:11-14*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus.

He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

This the word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Good News and great joy to all the world:

today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 1: 39-45

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together 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 a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

This is the Word of God

Prayers of intercession

Presider

As we celebrate the feast of Christmas, remembering the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, we bring before the Lord our prayers of intercession in which we express our cares and concerns.

Reader:

For the Pope and for all religious leaders, we pray that they be bright candles of hope, bringing light and joy into the hearts and lives of the people they serve. Lord hear us

For the people of every nation, race, tribe and language,
we pray that Christmas bring a moment of peace, security and happiness into

their hearts. Lord hear us

For our self, we pray that the simplicity of the birth of Jesus teach us understanding and compassion for people whose life is a daily struggle.
Lord hear us

We pray for anyone who is experiencing tragedy during this Christmas time, especially the people of Devonport; may the birth of the Saviour bring them new hope.
Lord hear us

We pray for all families that they maybe united in love this Christmas and may their love for each other blossom throughout the coming year, giving them courage and strength to face life's challenges. Lord hear us

We pray for those who have lost someone they love during the past year and for that reason are finding Christmas difficult; and we remember all those who have died recently in our parish and anyone we knew personally. Lord hear us.

Parish prayer

God, Creator and Life-giver we thank you for the gift of one another in our Parish of St Paul Apostle. Bless us and our families with the power of your Spirit.

Inspired and motivated by St Paul's courage and commitment to the person of Christ, may we continue to be open to change and challenge!

Make us passionate and courageous in our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Presider:

God, may your Son be born in our hearts tonight. Help us to carry him in tenderness to everyone we meet. We make these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anima Christi Prayer (Spiritual Communion)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;

O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
From all harm protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; So that with your saints,
I may praise you forever and ever. Amen

Prayer after Communion:

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may draw new vigour from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

FINAL BLESSING

Presider:

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has brought light to the world. Illumined your hearts with the gift of faith
Amen

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherd 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.
Amen

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