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A Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

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# ❁ WORLD DAY OF PEACE ❁

*“Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night”* (First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians, 5:1-2).

With these words, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonian community to remain steadfast, their hearts and feet firmly planted and their gaze fixed on the world around them and the events of history, even as they awaited the Lord’s return. When tragic events seem to overwhelm our lives, and we feel plunged into a dark and difficult maelstrom of injustice and suffering, we are likewise called to keep our hearts open to hope and to trust in God, who makes himself present, accompanies us with tenderness, sustains us in our weariness and, above all, guides our path. For this reason, Saint Paul constantly exhorts the community to be vigilant, seeking goodness, justice and truth: *“So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober”* (5:6). His words are an invitation to remain alert and not to withdraw into fear, sorrow or resignation, or to yield to distraction or discouragement. Instead, we should be like sentinels keeping watch and ready to glimpse the first light of dawn, even at the darkest hour.

-From the MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH WORLD DAY OF PEACE (JANUARY 1, 2023)

## ❁ INTRODUCTORY RITES ❁

### PRELUDE

*Ave Maris Stella*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)  
from *Suite Latine*, Op. 86

### INTROIT

*Salve \* sancta Parens, enixa puerpera Regem,  
qui caelum terramque regit in saecula saeculorum.*

*Eruclavit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego opera mea regi.*

Hail holy Mother, the Child-Bearer  
who has brought forth the King, the ruler of heaven and earth for ever.  
My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my works to the King.

-Sedulius; Ps 44:2, 11, 12

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand as you are able.)

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly



1. Sing of Ma - ry, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin mo - ther  
 2. Sing of Mar - y, sing of Je - sus, Ho - ly Moth - er's  
 3. Joy - ful Moth - er, full of glad - ness, In your arms your  
 4. Glo - ry be to God the Fath - er, Glo - ry be to



un - de - filed, Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly,  
 ho - lier Son. From his throne in heav'n he sees us,  
 Lord was borne. Mourn - ful Moth - er, full of sad - ness,  
 God the Son; Glo - ry be to God the Spi - rit;



Who be - came her lit - tle child. Fair - est child of  
 There he calls us ev - 'ry one. Where he wel - comes  
 All your heart with pain was torn. Glo - ri - ous Moth - er,  
 Glo - ry to the Three in One. From the heart of



fair - est mo - ther, God the Lord who came to earth,  
 home his moth - er To a place at his right hand,  
 now re - ward - ed With a crown at Jes - sus' hand,  
 bless - ed Mar - y, From all saints the song as - cends,



Word made flesh, our ver - y broth - er,  
 There his faith - ful ser - vants gath - er,  
 Age to age your name re - cord - ed  
 And the Church the strain re - ech - oes



Takes our na - ture by his birth.  
 There the bless - ed vic - tors stand.  
 Shall be blest in ev - 'ry land.  
 Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

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## GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on  
earth peace to peo - ple 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. **Refrain**

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. **Final Refrain**

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on  
earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

A - men. A - men.

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## COLLECT

*After responding to "Amen" to the opening prayer, please be seated.*



# ✿ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✿

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

6:22-27

*So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.*

The LORD said to Moses: “Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

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| <i>Cantor:</i>  | <i>Assembly:</i>   |
|  |  |
| Ver - bum Do - mi - ni.   | De - o gra - ti - as.  |
| The word of the Lord.   | Thanks be to God.  |

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 67*

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| May God bless us in his mer - cy.  |

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us.  
So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation. **Refrain**

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on earth you guide. **Refrain**

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you!  
May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him! **Refrain**



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## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

4:4-7

*When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman.*

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

*Cantor:*  *Assembly:* 

*Ver - bum Do - mi - ni. De - o gra - ti - as.*  
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please stand as you are able.*)

  
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

  
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

In the past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;  
in these last days, he has spoken through his Son.

-Hebrews 1:1-2

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## A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

2:16-21

*They went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.*

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## GOSPEL RESPONSE

*Praise We Sing to Christ the Lord*

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir-gin's son, in - car-nate Word!

To the ho - ly Tri - ni - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly!

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o;

glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version  
*Les anges dans nos compagnes*; French, c. 18th c.; tr. from *Crown of Jesus Music*, London, 1862.  
Tune: GLORIA, 7777 with refrain; French traditional.

## HOMILY (Please be seated.)



## NICENE CREED *(Please stand as you are able.)*

*(At the words in bold, all bow.)*

**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.

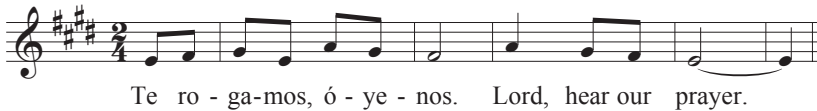
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

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.

## INTERCESSIONS

*(At the cantors bidding, please respond.)*



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## COLLECTION OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP *(Please be seated.)*



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# ✻ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✻

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR & THE GIFTS

*Please stand at the bidding of the priest.*

MEDITATION

*Virgin-born, We Bow Before You*



1. Vir - gin-born, we bow be-fore you: Bless - ed was the  
2. Bless-ed she by all cre - a - tion, Who brought forth the



womb that bore you; Mar - y, Moth - er meek and mild,  
world's sal - va - tion. Bless-ed they who ev - er blest,



Bless-ed was she in her Child. Bless-ed was the breast  
Love you most and serve you best. Vir - gin-born, we bow



that fed you; Bless-ed was the hand that led you; Bless-ed  
be - fore you; Bless-ed was the womb that bore you; Mar - y,



was the moth-er's eye Watch-ing o'er your in-fan - cy.  
Moth-er meek and mild, Bless - ed was she in her Child.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

Tune: MON DIEU PRETE MOI L'OREILLE, 88 77 D, attr. to Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-1561; harm. by Claude Goudimel, 1505-1572, alt.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- Priest: The Lord be with you.  
Assembly: **And with your spirit.**  
Priest: Lift up your hearts.  
Assembly: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
Assembly: **It is right and just.**

## PREFACE ACCLAMATION

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the  
high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and  
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

## GREAT AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The second staff has the same melody but ends with a double bar line.

Eucharistic Acclamations

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GREETING OF PEACE

# ✿ COMMUNION RITE ✿

### BREAKING OF BREAD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

*To repeat*

world, have mer-cy on us.

*Last time*

world, grant us peace.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The second staff has the same melody but ends with a double bar line. The third staff has the same melody but ends with a double bar line.

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*Please kneel as you are able.*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

# COMMUNION PROCESSION

## Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

1. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a  
2. An - gels sang a - bout his birth; Wise men sought and  
3. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a

man - ger. There he lay, the un - de - filed,  
found him. Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth,  
man - ger. He is still the un - de - filed,

To the world a stran - ger. Such a babe in  
Glo - ry all a - round him. Shep - herds saw the  
But no more a stran - ger. Son of God, of

such a place, "Can he be the Sav - ior?"  
won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing.  
hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race  
All the plains were lit that night;  
Praise his name in all the earth,

Who have found his fa - vor.  
All the hills were ring - ing.  
Hail the King of glo - ry!

Text: Joseph S. Cook, 1859-1933.

Tune: TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM, 7 6 7 6 D; *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; arr. by Ernest C. MacMillan, 1893-1973.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please stand as you are able.)*

# ✻ CONCLUDING RITE ✻

## BLESSING AND SENDING

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky*



1. The God whom earth and sea and sky A -
2. O Moth - er blest, the cho - sen shrine Where -
3. Blest in the mes - sage Ga - briel brought; Blest
4. O Lord, the Vir - gin - born, to you E -



dore and praise and mag - ni - fy, Whose might they claim, whose  
in the ar - chi - tect di - vine, Whose hand con - tains the  
by the work the Spir - it wrought; Most blest, to bring to  
ter - nal praise and laud are due, Whom with the Fa - ther



love they tell, In Mar - y's bod - y comes to dwell.  
earth and sky, Has come in hu - man flesh to lie!  
hu - man birth The long de - sired of all the earth.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: *Quem terra, pontus, aethera;* Venantius Fortunatus, c.530-609; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
Tune: EISENACH, LM; Johann H. Schein, 1586-1630; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750.

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata sur 'Ave Maris Stella'*

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)  
Op. 28



## ✿ IN HONOR ✿ IN MEMORY ✿

Soldiers and Civilians killed in war  
For those wounded or killed in mass shootings  
Those who died from natural & human-made disasters  
Those who have died from acts of all forms of violence  
Those who have died from their addictions  
Those who have died from suicide  
Those who have died due to neglect

# SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



IN THE YEAR OF SALVATION TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

THE BASILICA  
OF SAINT MARY



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025