

# Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Mass of Christmas Day, 10 am, December 25th, 2021

*\*Indicates an item sung solely by the Schola Cantorum.*

## **Prelude\***

*In Dulci Jubilo*

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

*In dulci júbilo, nun singet und seid froh! Unsers Herzens Wonne liegt  
in praesepio, und leuchtet als die Sonne Matris in gremio, Alpha es et O!  
O Jesu parvule nach dir ist mir so weh! Tröst' mir mein Gemüte O puer optime  
Durch alle deine Güte O princeps gloriae. Trahe me post te! O Patris caritas!  
O Nati lenitas! Wir wären all verdorben Per nostra crimina So hat er uns  
erworben Coelorum gaudia Eia, wären wir da! Ubi sunt gaudia Nirgend mehr  
denn da! Da die Engel singen Nova cantica, Und die Schellen klingen  
In regis curia. Eia, wären wir da!*

*In quiet joy now sing with hearts aglow! Our delight and pleasure lies in a  
manger like sunshine is our treasure in the mother's lap. Thou art Alpha and  
Omega. O tiny Jesus for thee I long alway; Comfort my heart's blindness,  
O best of boys with all Thy loving kindness, O Prince of glory draw me unto  
thee. O love of the Father, O gentleness of the Son, deeply were we stained  
through our sins but Thou for us hast gained the joy of heaven O that we were  
there! Where are joys in any place but there? There are angels singing new songs  
and there the bells are ringing in the king's court O that we were there!*

**Introit\***

Is. 9: 6; Ps. 97

*Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis: cuius impérium super  
húmerum eius: et vocábitur nomen eius, magni consílii Angelus.*

*Ps. Cantáte Dómino cánticum novum: quia mirabília fecit.*

*V. Glória Patri et Fílio, et Spirítui Sáncto.*

*Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

*Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Dominion is on his shoulder  
and his name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel.*

*Ps. Sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has accomplished wondrous deeds.*

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Kyrie**

*Missa VIII "De Angelis"*

St. Michael Hymnal #105

**Gloria**

*Missa VIII "De Angelis"*

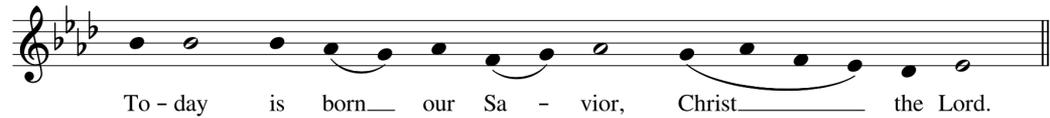
St. Michael Hymnal #106

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



*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands.*

*Sing to the Lord; bless his name. Announce his salvation, day after day.*

*Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. R.*

*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! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. R.*

*They shall exult before the Lord, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth.*

*He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy. R.*

Music: Samuel F. Rowe (b. 1994)

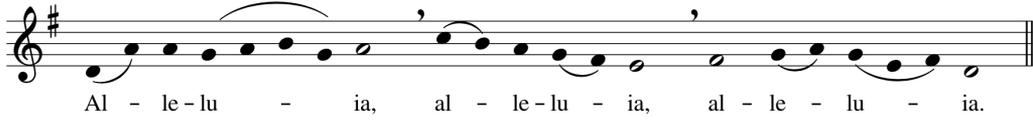
## Second Reading

Ti. 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

Lk. 2: 10-11



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

Music: Samuel F. Rowe (b. 1994)

## Gospel

Lk. 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

### Nicene Creed

St. Michael Hymnal p. 23

\*\*\*All kneel at the words *“and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”*

### Universal Prayer

### Offertory Motet

*Hodie Christus natus est*

Johann Donfrid (1585-1650)

*Hodie Christus natus est: Hodie Salvator apparuit: Hodie in terra canunt  
Angeli, laetantur Archangeli. Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia.*

*Today Christ is born. Today the Savior appeared. Today on Earth the Angels  
sing and Archangels rejoice. Today the righteous rejoice, saying:  
Glory to God in the Highest. Alleluia.*

Text: Magnificat antiphon, Christmas Day

**Sanctus**

*Missae VIII "De Angelis"*

St. Michael Hymnal #107

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Missae Jubilate Deo*

St. Michael Hymnal #102

**Agnus Dei**

*Missae VIII "De Angelis"*

St. Michael Hymnal #108

## Communion Antiphon

Ps. 97: 3cd

*Vidérunt omnes fines terrae salutáre Dei nostri.*

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation which comes from our God.*

## Communion Motet

*Ave Maris Stella*

Francesco Cavalli (1602-1676)

*Ave, maris stella, Dei Mater alma, atque semper Virgo, felix caeli porta.*

*Sumens illud Ave Gabrielis ore, funda nos in pace, mutans Euae nomen.*

*Solve vincla reis, profer lumen caecis, mala nostra pelle, bona cuncta posce.*

*Monstra te esse matrem sumat per te preces, qui pro nobis natus tulit esse tuus.*

*Sit laus Deo Patri, summo Christo decus Spiritui Sancto, tribus honor unus.*

*Amen.*

*Hail, star of the sea, loving Mother of God, and also always a virgin,  
happy gate of heaven. Receiving that Ave from Gabriel's mouth confirm us in  
peace, reversing Eva's name. Break the chains of sinners, bring light to the blind,  
drive away our evils, ask for all good. Show yourself to be a mother,  
may he accept prayers through you, he who, born for us, chose to be yours.  
Let there be praise to God the Father, glory to Christ in the highest,  
to the Holy Spirit, one honor to all three. Amen.*

## Marian Antiphon

*Alma Redemptóris Máter*

St. Michael Hymnal #423

## **St. Michael Prayer**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the  
Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil  
spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## **Recessional Hymn**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

St. Michael Hymnal #648

## **Postlude**

*Church Sonata No. 4, K. 144*

W. A. Mozart (1765-1791)

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