



*Solemnity of
Mary, Mother of God
December 31 – January 1*



Gathering Song:

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

REGENT SQUARE



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4. Though an in - fant now we view him, He shall fill his
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther,



1. all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
2. flocks by night, God on earth is now re - sid - ing;
3. beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of Na - tions,
4. Fa - ther's throne, Gath - er all the na - tions to him;
5. Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing,



1. Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: }
2. Yon - der shines the in - fant light: }
3. Ye have seen his na - tal star: } Come and wor - ship,
4. Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down: }
5. To the e - ter - nal Three - in - One: }



Text: 87 87 87; verses 1–3, James Montgomery, 1771–1854; verse 4, *Christmas Box*, 1825; verse 5, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879.

Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Act of Penitence

Gloria



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace, peace to
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord
God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je - sus
Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have



mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men, a - men.

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Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Reading I

Nm 6:22-27

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,

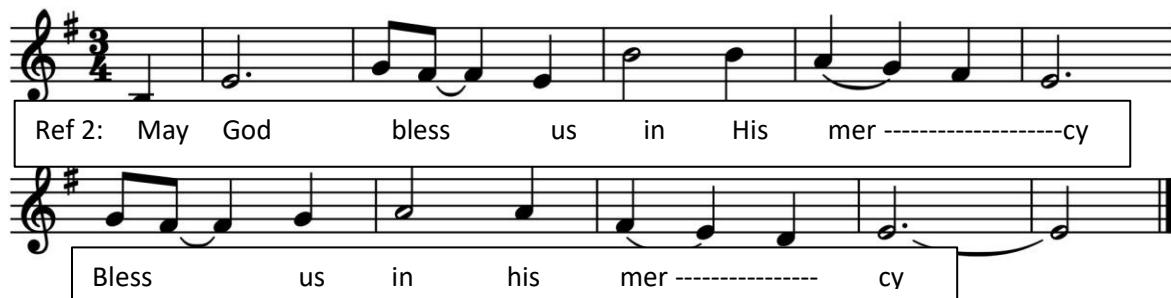
and I will bless them.”

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 67: O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS

Timothy R. Smith



1. Lord, look with favor on us;
show us your face.
Reveal to the faithful your way, Lord,
salvation for all the world.
2. May the nations sing and be glad,
for your word governs all the world.

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2. May the nations sing and be glad,
for your word governs all the world.
3. Lord, may we sing your praise;
may we sing to you all of our days.
O God, we ask you to bless us,
as we honor your name.

Reading II

Gal 4:4-7

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.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation



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

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Lk 2:16-21

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

Nicene Creed

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 and by the (all kneel) 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.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

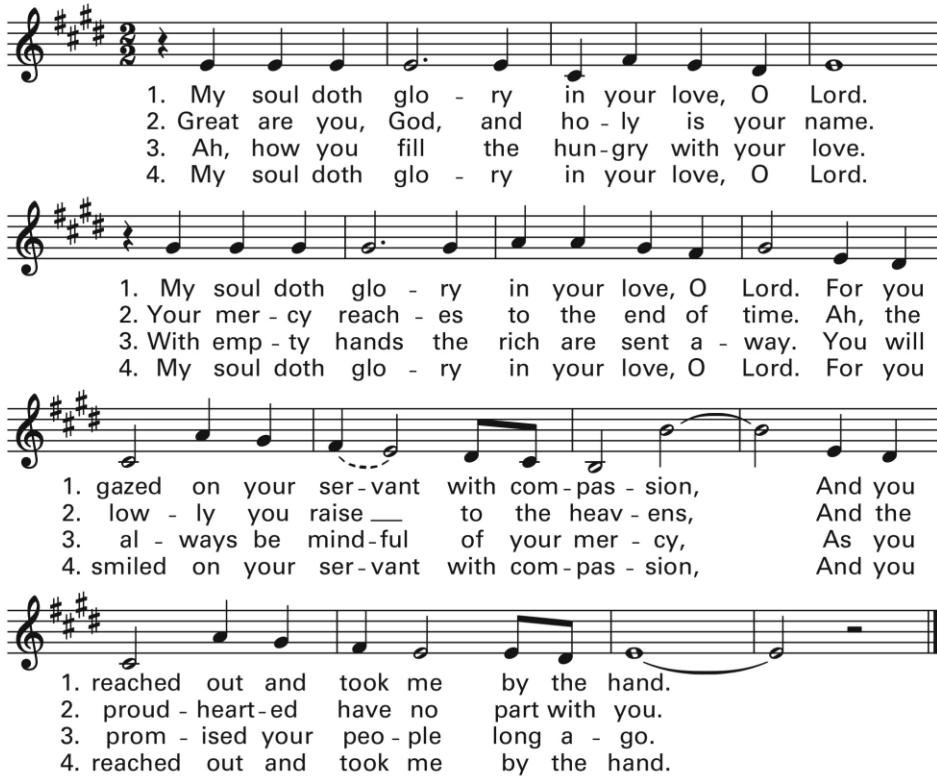
Please respond: Lord, Dwell with us.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

MARY'S SONG

Millie Rieth



1. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord.
2. Great are you, God, and ho - ly is your name.
3. Ah, how you fill the hun-gry with your love.
4. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord.

1. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord. For you
2. Your mer - cy reach - es to the end of time. Ah, the
3. With emp - ty hands the rich are sent a - way. You will
4. My soul doth glo - ry in your love, O Lord. For you

1. gazed on your ser - vant with com - pas - sion, And you
2. low - ly you raise — to the heav - ens, And the
3. al - ways be mind - ful of your mer - cy, As you
4. smiled on your ser - vant with com - pas - sion, And you

1. reached out and took me by the hand.
2. proud - heart-ed have no part with you.
3. prom - ised your peo - ple long a - go.
4. reached out and took me by the hand.

Text: *Magnificat*; based on Luke 1:46-55.

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Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: 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.

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations – Mass for Our Lady

Holy

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. 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.

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Memorial Acclamation

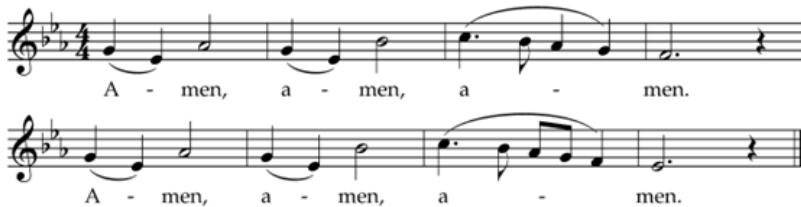
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -

claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

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Amen



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

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

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COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your Spirit

Breaking of the Bread



Cantor

All

A-gnus De - i, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Cantor

A-gnus De - i,

All

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, O grant us peace.

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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.

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

Communion Song:

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

Verses



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to



1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

Refrain



1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
3. lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,



haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

This song may be combined with *Child of the Poor*; use accompaniment and instructions found for *Child of the Poor*.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.

Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

Prayer After Communion

Announcements

Dismissal

Sending Song

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

MENDELSSOHN
Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847
Arr, by Jacob Dishman

*Alt.: with us in flesh to dwell

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