

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day

25 December 2023 Anno Domini

INTROIT

(Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is.9:6)



For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
and his name shall be called **Wonderful | Counselor,***
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the |
nations.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL

(Ps.118: 26a, 27a, 23)

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.
This is the LORD'S | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

VERSE

(Liturgical Text)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

A holy day has dawned up | on us.*

Come, all you nations, and wor | ship the Lord. Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Old Testament:

Exodus 40:17-21

In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.