

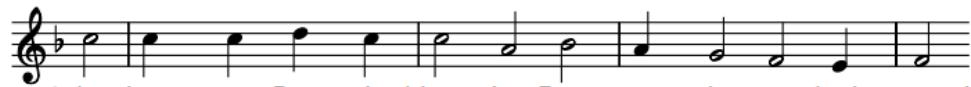


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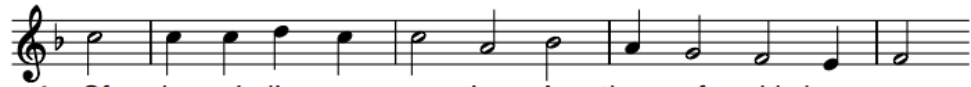
SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Gathering: “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Text: 76 76 6 76; based on Isaiah 11:1, Trad. German Carol, by Thodore Baker



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, This Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,



1. Of Jes-se's lin - eage com - ing, As those of old have sung.
2. With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
3. Dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry - where;



1. It came, a flow - er bright, A - mid the
2. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
3. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and



1. cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
2. us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
3. death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Penitential Act from *Missa Pacem*

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(Invocation)

Cantor, then all:
Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise: "Christmas Gloria"

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REFRAIN:

Glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo -

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

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Book of Numbers (6:22-27)

In this passage, God instructs Moses to tell Aaron and his sons to bless the Israelites with words that signify God's protection, favor, and peace upon the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 67 – "May God Bless Us in His Mercy"

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REFRAIN: Cantor, then All

May God bless us in his mer - cy,

may God bless us in his mer - cy.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (4:4-7)

Through Jesus Christ, believers are no longer slaves to the law but are adopted as God's children, receiving the status of heirs with full access to God's inheritance, allowing them to confidently call God "Father" due to their newfound relationship with God.

Christmas Gospel Acclamation

based on GESU BAMBINO, Pietro Yan, arr. by Paul Hillebrand © 2014, WLP

Refrain (Cantor, then All):



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

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

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (2:16-21)

After receiving an angelic message about the birth of Jesus, shepherds rush to Bethlehem, find Mary and Joseph with the baby in a manger, and share the news with everyone they meet.

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

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, [BOW] 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

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts: "Ave Maria" - choir

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Eucharistic Acclamations from *Missa Pacem*

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav'n 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, who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

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

LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

Lamb of God from *Missa Pacem*

Cantor or choir: *All:*

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

Repeat as needed

world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time *Cantor or choir:*

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

All:

world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Procession: “What Child is This”

Text: William Dix, Tune: Traditional English Melody, 16th cent.

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.

Recessional: "Sing of Mary"

Text: Roland F. Palmer, Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR, 8 7 8 7 D



1. Sing of Mar - y pure and low - ly, Vir - gin - moth - er
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Mar - y, In the home at
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to



un - de - filed, Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly,
Naz - a - reth. Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry
God the Son; Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it;



Who be - came her lit - tle child. Fair - est child of
Love en - dur - ing un - to death. Con - stant was the
Glo - ry to the Three in One. From the heart of



fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,
love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,
bless - ed Mar - y, From all saints the song as - cends,



Word made flesh, our ver - y broth - er,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer,
And the church the strain re - ech - oes



Takes our na - ture by his birth.
Till on Cal - va - ry he died.
Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.